

Minutes
York County Council Workshop
May 23, 2023
6 South Congress Street, York, SC
Council Chambers
6:00pm

The York County Council met on the above date for a York County Council Workshop at 6:00pm located at 6 South Congress Street, York, South Carolina. The following Council members were present: Council member Tommy Adkins, Council member Tom Audette, Council member Allison Love, Chairwoman Christi Cox, and Council member Debi Cloninger. Also present were County Manager, David Hudspeth, Assistant County Manager, Mike Moore, Assistant County Manager, Kevin Madden, County Attorney, Michael Kendree, and Clerk to Council, Karen Brogdon.

Chairwoman Christi Cox called the meeting to order.

There being no further discussion, a motion to adjourn was made by Council member William “Bump” Roddey and seconded by Council member Debi Cloninger. Motion Carried.

Julie Ward, Executive Director of the York County Library presented information regarding the libraries services from May 2022 through April 2023. Ms. Ward explained that there are 210,478 library card holders, 3,874 mobile hotspots borrowed, 97, 929 total program attendance, 54,985 YouTube views and over 1,275,098 total items borrowed.

Lee Smith, York County Library Finance Manager reviewed the proposed FY23/24 budget request. Ms. Smith explained that there are minor changes to the budget to utilize the new value of a mil. Ms. Smith reviewed the revenue and expenditures with Council and explained that employees would be in line with the County to receive a 3.5% pay increase.

Sabrina Gast, York County Coroner presented information regarding the Coroner’s proposed FY 23/24 budget and her request for staffing. Ms. Gast has requested 2 additional full time deputies and 1 full time investigator. Ms. Gast reported that she is understaffed compared to other counties similar to York County’s size and demographics. Ms. Gast requested that Council reconsider her employee request to at least have 1 of the positions requested.

Chair, Christi Cox requested that Management put together a response for Council to the Coroner’s request and the reason for denial.

Lori Robishaw, Executive Director of the Arts Council presented information regarding the programming and services that the Arts Council provides. Ms. Robishaw reported that in the past the Arts Council received Hospitality Tax funding and Accommodations Tax funding but in the past 3 years, they have received zero funding from Hospitality Tax and \$2,500 in FY 2023 from Accommodations Tax. Ms. Robishaw requested \$75,000 from York County for FY 23/24. \$60,000 for year-round programming and marketing support and \$15,000 for small grants to replace state funding from SC Arts Commission.

York County Manager, David Hudspeth reviewed the history of the funding for recreation tax. Mr. Hudspeth explained that the County is recommending that the funding percentages remain the same for FY 23/24. However, the value of a mil will increase the available recreation funds \$90,000 for fiscal year 2024.

Recreation Funding Allocation			
Entity	FY 2023 Approved Allocation	\$90,000 Increase in Value of Mill	FY 2024 Recommended Allocation
York	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 6,598.00	\$ 116,598
Hickory Grove	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 10,600
McConnells	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 10,600
Sharon	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 10,600
Smyrna	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 10,600
Clover	\$ 201,300.00	\$ 12,074.00	\$ 213,374
Field Day Park	\$ 361,899.00	\$ 21,707.00	\$ 383,606
Rock Hill	\$ 431,500.00	\$ 25,881.00	\$ 457,381
Fort Mill	\$ 177,900.50	\$ 10,670.00	\$ 188,571
Tega Cay	\$ 177,900.50	\$ 10,670.00	\$ 188,571
TOTAL	\$ 1,500,500	\$ 90,000	\$ 1,590,500

Joey Blethen, Deputy City Manager for the City of Tega Cay addressed Council on behalf of the Recreation Tax Committee and provided a proposal for funding. (Below is the proposal from the Recreation Tax Committee).

Mr. Blethen stated that a Lake Wylie representative was not included in the discussions and the committee is only representing the municipalities.

School District	Municipality	Unincorporated Population *	% of Unincorporated Population	FY2023 Distribution	FY 2024 County Staff Recommended Distribution	% of Total Funding	FY 2024 Municipal Rec Association Requested Distribution	% of Total Funding
1	York	25,027	16.40%	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 116,598.00	7%	\$ 208,733.32	13%
	Hickory Grove			\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,600.00	1%	\$ 13,045.83	1%
	McConnells			\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,600.00	1%	\$ 13,045.83	1%
	Sharon			\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,600.00	1%	\$ 13,045.83	1%
	Smyrna			\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,600.00	1%	\$ 13,045.83	1%
	Total			\$ 150,000.00	\$ 158,998.00	11%	\$ 260,916.64	17%
2	Clover	38,735	25.39%	\$ 201,300.00	\$ 213,374.00	13%	\$ 201,914.06	13%
	York County (Lake Wylie)			\$ 361,899.00	\$ 383,606.00	24%	\$ 201,914.06	13%
	Total			\$ 563,199.00	\$ 596,980.00	37%	\$ 403,828.12	26%
3	Rock Hill	44,823	29.38%	\$ 431,500.00	\$ 457,381.00	29%	\$ 467,297.99	29%
	Total			\$ 431,500.00	\$ 457,381.00	29%	\$ 467,297.99	29%
4	Ft. Mill	43,975	28.82%	\$ 177,900.50	\$ 188,571.00	12%	\$ 229,228.62	14%
	Tega Cay			\$ 177,900.50	\$ 188,571.00	12%	\$ 229,228.62	14%
	Total			\$ 355,801.00	\$ 377,142.00	24%	\$ 458,457.24	28%
TOTALS		152,560	100.00%	\$ 1,500,500.00	\$ 1,590,501.00	100%	\$ 1,590,499.99	100%

Balance of Recreation Funds from York County	\$ 1,590,500.00
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* "Source: 2020 Census American Community Survey 2020 5-year Estimate" via Catawba Regional Council of Governments

Chairwoman Christ Cox requested that all municipalities provide their annual funding report to Council as soon as possible, if they have not done so already.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Allison Love to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.