



**York County
County Council
Minutes
May 13, 2025**

**Special Called
Meeting
Budget Public
Hearing**

**York County Government Center
6 South Congress Street
York, SC 29745**

5:30 PM

Call to Order

Christi Cox, Chairwoman

Public Hearing(s)

1. Council to hold a public hearing on an ordinance TO ESTABLISH THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF YORK COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2025; TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR YORK COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2025; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF TAX REVENUES AND OTHER COUNTY FUNDS; TO ESTABLISH A CONSOLIDATED FEE SCHEDULE FOR ALL EXISTING COUNTY FEES RELATIVE TO THE OPERATION OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT, ITS BOARDS, AGENCIES, AND DEPARTMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Executive Summary: The FY 26 Budget Public Hearing provides taxpayers and residents of York County and other interested persons the opportunity to appear before the Council and express their views for or against the FY 26 proposed budget ordinance and comment on all aspects of the budget.

(5:33pm) Jim Bradford, 12 Wright Avenue, York, South Carolina addressed the Council regarding his opposition to the proposed recreation tax ordinance.

(5:36pm) Rick Lee, 623 Meadowbrook Lane, Rock Hill, South Carolina, addressed the Council regarding his opposition to the proposed recreation tax ordinance.

(5:40pm) Forrest Stone, (address unknown), Fort Mill, South Carolina, addressed the Council regarding his opposition to the proposed recreation tax ordinance.

(5:43pm) Katherine Wright, 508 Buttercup Lane, Fort Mill, South Carolina, addressed the Council regarding her request for an increase in funding to the York Soil and Water Conservation District to the amount of \$15,000.

(5:45pm) Laura Booth, 109 West Summersby, Fort Mill, South Carolina requested that the Council designate funding for the York County Library to obtain a needs assessment.

(5:49pm) Mayor Gwynn Savage, 109 Springbranch Lane, Fort Mill, South Carolina, addressed the Council regarding her opposition to the proposed recreation tax ordinance.

(5:55pm) Gary Lemel, 936 Ashford Way, Fort Mill, South Carolina requested that the request from Miracle Park for funding from Accommodations Tax be honored by the Council.

(5:58pm) Scott Couchenour, 122 West Oak Street, Fort Mill, South Carolina, addressed the Council regarding his opposition to the proposed recreation tax ordinance. Mr. Couchenour also stated that there is an opportunity to purchase property in Fort Mill that could be used for a Library site and could be funded the same way the County funded Catawba Bend Preserve.

(6:02pm) Charlie Funderburk, City of Tega Cay, addressed the Council regarding his opposition to the proposed recreation tax ordinance.

(6:12pm) Jason Gillam, 548 Spring Landing Drive, Rock Hill, South Carolina, addressed Council regarding his opposition to the proposed recreation tax ordinance.

(6:18pm) Greg Abbracciamento, 1520 Benjamin Latrobe Circle, Fort Mill, South Carolina, addressed the Council regarding his opposition to the proposed recreation tax ordinance.

(6:19pm) Dave Broucek, 415 Presidio Drive, Rock Hill, South Carolina, addressed the Council regarding his opposition to the proposed recreation tax ordinance.

(6:22pm) Charles Brewer, 1899 Rainforest Drive, York, South Carolina, addressed the Council regarding his opposition to the proposed recreation tax ordinance.

(6:26pm) Mayor of Tega Cay, Chris Gray, addressed the Council regarding his opposition to the proposed recreation tax ordinance.

(6:28pm) David Angel, 3098 Lake Wylie Drive, Rock Hill, South Carolina, addressed the Council regarding his request that fees are not charged at County parks. Mr. Angel also stated his concerns about the traffic that will be coming to Ebenezer Park.

(6:30pm) Name Unknown, addressed Council regarding her opposition to the proposed recreation tax ordinance.

(6:32pm) Lisa Cook, 1590 Von Callahan Drive, Fort Mill, South Carolina, addressed the Council regarding her opposition to the proposed recreation tax ordinance.

(6:34pm) There being no one else interested in speaking for or against the proposed ordinance, a motion was made by Council member William "Bump" Roddey and seconded by Council member Watts Huckabee to close the public hearing.

Passed Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0

MOVANT:	William Bump Roddey
SECOND:	Ansel Watts Huckabee Sr
AYES:	Tom Audette, Andy Litten, Tommy Adkins, William Bump Roddey, Christi Cox, Ansel Watts Huckabee Sr, Debi Cloninger
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	
RECUSED:	None

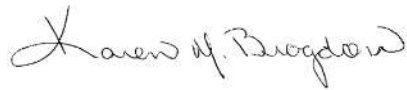
At Council member Roddey's request, County Manager, Josh Edwards, provided the reasoning why the County has proposed this recreation tax proposal. Mr. Edwards explained that this was a recommendation in the Parks Masterplan for the County and this is an opportunity for the County to fund the current and future parks it has.

Executive Session

Matters for consideration following Executive Session

Adjourn

(6:47pm) There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Karen M. Brogdon, Clerk to Council