

Minutes
York County Council Workshop
March 26, 2024
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, Council member Watts Huckabee, and Council member Debi Cloninger. Also present were 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.

Trish Startup, Director of Special Projects reviewed the budget calendar, what staff has accomplished so far, and the process moving forward.

Council would like to amend the calendar to be more specific about the topics on each date, allow the recreation entities to make a presentation on April 16, the agency/non-profit requests on May 14 and the Public Hearing to be held on May 28.

Mr. Madden reported that staff would amend the calendar and place it on the April 1 agenda for approval by Council.

York County Assistant Manager, Kevin Madden reviewed the history of the funding for recreation tax. Mr. Madden stated that Management is continuing to recommend that the Recreation Tax end as they feel it has run its course. However, this is not Council's wish. It was instructed by County Council in 2023 for staff to come up with a formula to determine the best distribution of the funds between the municipalities.

Mr. Madden presented a recommendation that is based off total population with a millage levied at .9 mils Countywide.

School District	Municipality	FY 2024 Approved Allocation 7.17.23 Motion	FY 2024 Based on Population Map		Difference
1	York	\$ 126,598	9.14%	\$ 145,372	\$ 18,774
	Hickory Grove	\$ 10,600	0.57%	\$ 9,066	\$ (1,534)
	McConnells	\$ 10,600	1.66%	\$ 26,402	\$ 15,802
	Sharon	\$ 10,600	0.68%	\$ 10,815	\$ 215
	Smyrna	\$ 10,600	0.40%	\$ 6,362	\$ (4,238)
2	Clover	\$ 163,374	5.70%	\$ 90,659	\$ (72,715)
	Lake Wylie	\$ 383,605	11.47%	\$ 182,430	\$ (201,175)
3	Rock Hill	\$ 467,381	41.41%	\$ 658,626	\$ 191,245
4	Fort Mill	\$ 203,571	19.58%	\$ 311,420	\$ 107,849
	Tega Cay	\$ 203,571	9.39%	\$ 149,348	\$ (54,223)
TOTAL		\$ 1,590,500	100.00%	\$ 1,590,500	

Several Council members reported that they are not in favor of discontinuing the recreation tax but they do not support the proposal presented by Mr. Madden either.

Chairwoman Cox opened the floor to allow speakers from the audience.

Brown Simpson with the Town of Fort Mill stated that the municipalities were caught off guard about this meeting and this is the first time seeing the proposal by management. Mr. Brown requested time to review the proposal with the coalition members and come back to Council with their own recommendation.

Council members requested that the coalition provide their proposal to all Council members prior to the meeting so they have time to review.

Perry Johnston, Lake Wylie also stated that he was caught off guard by the meeting and management's proposal. Mr. Johnston stated that currently, Lake Wylie is being excluded from the coalition's proposals and requested the he be included in future discussions.

Michelle Bolin, Clover resident asked questions of Council regarding citizens from other areas of the County using the parks in Lake Wylie that the Lake Wylie/Clover residents are being taxed for.

Tom Smith, Clover, South Carolina stated that the Lake Wylie Athletic Association was created because Lake Wylie is unincorporated and York County does not have a children's league and the children did not have anywhere to play.

Council requested that they be given an opportunity to digest the information that was presented and a follow up discussion be held at the April 16 budget workshop. This will also be the workshop that the recreation coalition will be able to make their presentation.

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