



County Council Committee Minutes

Personnel and Finance Committee April 15, 2019

The Personnel and Finance Committee of Spartanburg County Council met on Monday, April 15, 2019, in County Council Chambers of the County Administrative Office Building. In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting was provided in advance to the local news media and other interested parties. The following were in attendance: Honorable Bob Walker, Chairman; and Honorables Jack Mabry and Whitney Farr, Committee Members; along with Honorables Manning Lynch, Michael Brown, David Britt, and Roger Nutt, Council Members. Also attending were Cole Alverson, County Administrator; Jim Hipp, Deputy County Administrator; John Harris, County Attorney; and Ginny Dupont, County Attorney.

I.

Chairman Walker called the meeting to order.

II.

- A. Mr. Robert Hall, Chief Public Defender for Spartanburg, presented information in reference to a request from the Public Defender's Office to reclassify Position 1076 from Senior Assistant Public Defender (Grade 85) to Assistant Public Defender (Grade 84). Mr. Hall stated that the Public Defender's Office has an open position. The person they are hiring for the position is being hired at a Grade 84 rather than a Grade 85. The savings for this year will be \$976.50. The savings for the next fiscal year will be \$5,859. Motion made by Mr. Mabry to approve this reclassification request. Motion seconded by Mr. Farr and carried.
- B. County Administrator Cole Alverson presented the Preliminary Budget Presentation and Budget Calendar. (Presentation included in backup) Information was provided on preliminary revenues, requested expenditures, initial gap, drivers of each of those numbers and a proposed calendar that gets us to a balanced budget before June 30th. General Fund Revenues are expected to be about \$5 million higher

than FY19 original budget excluding budgeted capital reserve. Estimated Revenues for FY20 are \$105,963,615 for the General Fund. Requested expenditures were \$118,356,272. This gives us a Beginning Gap of about \$12.4 million. From a practical standpoint, Staff has already been working on this problem for many months now. Mr. Alverson stated that he anticipates bringing Council a balanced Budget around the beginning of May that would balance out Council's priorities, begin to address some of our deferred capital, and alleviate some service pressures that we are feeling across the County as a byproduct of growth. The Budget Calendar was presented as follows: Departmental Final Review is scheduled for May 1, 2019; Budget Work Session and First Reading are scheduled for May 6, 2019; Second Reading and Public Hearing are scheduled for May 20, 2019; and Third Reading is scheduled for June 17, 2019. Motion made by Mr. Farr to adopt the Budget Calendar. Motion seconded by Mr. Mabry and carried.

C. Updated financial data and personnel vacancy reports were received.

Meeting adjourned.