

**Minutes**  
**York County Council Workshop**  
**April 9, 2019**  
**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, Council Chambers, York, South Carolina. The following Council members were present: Council member William “Bump” Roddey, Council member Joel Hamilton, Council member Allison Love, Vice-Chairwoman Christi Cox, Council member Robert Winkler, Council member Britt Blackwell and Chairman, Michael Johnson. Also present were County Manager, Bill Shanahan, Assistant County Manager, David Harmon, Assistant County Manager, Andy Merriman, Assistant County Manager/Finance Director, Kevin Madden, County Attorney Michael Kendree and Clerk to Council, Karen Brogdon.

Chairman, Michael Johnson called the workshop to order.

1. Coroner, Sabrina Gast addressed Council regarding her proposed 2019/2020 budget requests. Currently, the Coroner’s Office has 9 full time employees and due to the increase in deaths in York County and additional duties required by the Coroner’s Office, the Coroner stated that she needs 2 additional full time employees. However, these positions were not recommended by County Management.

Council members took the request into consideration and will make a final determination at a later date.

2. Jennifer Riddle, Chairwoman of the Bethel Fire Tax District addressed Council regarding their proposed 2019/2020 budget request. Mrs. Riddle stated that the Bethel Fire Department requested to purchase a pumper tanker for approximately \$800,000 to assist the department in efficiently assisting citizens with fire calls. Chairwoman Riddle explained that there would be no impact to tax payers and this would be paid from the \$1.4M fund balance. However, this request was not recommended by County Management.

Council members took the request into consideration and will make a final determination at a later date.

3. Council held a general discussion regarding the proposed public hearing process for rezonings. Staff has proposed the following:
  - a. Planning Commission first with no public comment
  - b. 1<sup>st</sup> reading and public hearing with County Council
  - c. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading with County Council
  - d. 3<sup>rd</sup> reading with County Council

Some Council members felt that having the public hearing at first reading was too soon and does not allow enough time for citizens to be notified of the rezoning. Some Council members felt that having the public hearing at 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> reading was too late. It was proposed to have public hearing at Planning Commission. However, that was at the discretion of the Planning Commission Chairman and currently the Chairman does not allow public comment at the Planning Commission during rezoning.

Chairman Johnson requested staff to put this on the next County Council agenda for additional discussion.

4. Eric Rekitt, Public Works Director provided an update on the solid waste rate study and tipping rate recommendations with a proposed rate increase beginning July 1, 2019.

|                                  | <b>Current</b> |  | <b>Proposed<br/>FY 2020</b> |  | <b>Proposed<br/>FY 2021</b> |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| MSW                              | \$ 39.50       |  | \$ 42.00                    |  | \$ 43.00                    |
| Concrete, Brick, Block & Asphalt | 27.50          |  | 32.00                       |  | 34.00                       |
| Brush                            | 27.50          |  | 32.00                       |  | 34.00                       |
| C&D                              | 27.50          |  | 34.00                       |  | 38.00                       |
| Tires - Regular                  | 75.00          |  | 75.00                       |  | 75.00                       |
| Tires - Off Road                 | 175.00         |  | 175.00                      |  | 175.00                      |
| Metal                            | 20.00          |  | 20.00                       |  | 20.00                       |

This was for notification purposes only. This item will be before Council for approval at a later date.

There being no further discussion, the Council Workshop was adjourned.