

Minutes
York County Council Budget Workshop
May 8, 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 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 Executive Assistant to the County Manager, Linda Norris.

Chairman, Michael Johnson called the workshop to order.

1. Finance Director/Assistant County Manager, Kevin Madden provided Council with a 2019/2020 budget overview.
 - a. No need for an additional mil to be levied in the 2020 budget to be able to pay the debt off in 2024.
 - i. Council transferred surplus from the General Fund fund balance to make this possible.
2. Saving for future facility for Sheriff – fulfillment of promise made to taxpayers in prior year
 - a. Transfer of \$2million from the General Fund fund balance
 - i. This brings us to 25% in unassigned fund balance – we cannot go below this.
 - b. 2 mils levied in Sheriff’s budget to be transferred to a capital projects fund and committed for future facility
3. Threats to County’s finances and ability to not raise millage
 - a. Using the County’s operating millage for things other than County operations
 - i. Landfill
 - ii. Recycling Centers
 - iii. Nonprofits
 - b. State continuing to raise retirement contributions for County
 - c. Health and Tort Insurance
 - d. Economy slowing

Council requested from staff the following information:

- The last 3 years of profits and loss from the landfill and the top list of customers at the landfill.
- Personnel request summary

MILLAGE CALCULATION FY 2019-2020								
	Recommended Budget	Recommended Taxes to be Levied	Value of a Mill	FY 2017 Millage	FY 2018 Millage	FY 2019 Millage	Recommended Increase/ (Decrease) Over FY 2019	Recommended FY 2020 Millage
FUNDS AND MILLAGE RATES APPLICABLE THROUGHOUT YORK COUNTY								
County Operations-General Fund	70,682,705	39,128,000	1,340,000	52.5	26.4	29.2		29.2
County Operations-Sheriff	38,311,288	34,974,000	1,340,000	0.0	24.1	24.1	2.0	26.1
County Operations-Solicitor	7,447,202	5,092,000	1,340,000	0.0	3.8	3.8		3.8
<i>County Bonds - NOT DETERMINED BY COUNCIL</i>	<i>15,550,082</i>	<i>15,276,000</i>	<i>1,340,000</i>	<i>9.4</i>	<i>9.4</i>	<i>11.4</i>		<i>11.4</i>
Capital Projects - Reserve Fund	4,342,506	3,886,000	1,340,000	0.0	0.1	3.6	(0.7)	2.9
Library	6,542,000	6,432,000	1,340,000	4.6	4.7	4.8		4.8
Culture & Heritage	3,549,000	3,484,000	1,340,000	2.6	2.6	2.6		2.6
York Tech Operations (4)	5,145,500	5,050,500	1,365,000	3.7	3.7	3.7		3.7
COUNTYWIDE FUND AND MILLAGE TOTALS	151,570,283	113,322,500		72.8	74.8	83.2	1.3	84.5
FUNDS AND MILLAGE RATES APPLICABLE ONLY IN UNINCORPORATED AREA								
Rural Fire Board	3,941,047	3,772,000	820,000	4.6	4.6	4.6	-	4.6
Solid Waste Collection	4,139,575	3,362,000	820,000	3.5	3.7	3.9	0.2	4.1
Recreation	1,249,500	1,230,000	820,000	1.5	1.5	1.5	-	1.5
UNINCORPORATED AREA SUBTOTALS	9,330,122	8,364,000		9.6	9.8	10.0	0.2	10.2
TOTAL TAX RATE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA *	160,900,405	121,686,500		82.4	84.6	93.2	1.5	94.7
SPECIAL TAX DISTRICTS:								
Bethel (1)	974,866	769,500	285,000	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.3	2.7
Bethesda	89,250	87,750	22,500	3.9	3.9	3.9	-	3.9
Flint Hill (1)	1,864,070	1,850,000	185,000	7.3	8.8	9.6	0.4	10.0
Lesslie (1)	384,020	367,500	75,000	2.5	4.6	4.6	0.3	4.9
Newport	420,750	414,000	90,000	4.1	4.6	4.6	-	4.6
Oakdale (2)	131,800	70,000	14,000	5.0	5.0	5.0	-	5.0
Riverview	404,308	385,594	68,856	5.6	5.6	6.0	(0.4)	5.6
Lake Wylie Recreation (3)	11,871,782	1,462,500	292,500	0.0	4.5	4.5	0.5	5.0
*Does not include special tax district millage.								
(1) These Fire Districts are requesting funds in excess of the General Limitations, but the exception is stated in SC Code of Laws Section 6-1-320 Subsection F.								
(2) Oakdale's maximum millage allowed per the ordinance creating the tax district is 5.0 mills.								
(3) Lake Wylie Recreation has a capped millage of 10.0. This was done under referendum.								
(4) York Tech's value of a mill differs from the other incorporated areas of the County because industrial abatements are not considered in the calculation. Amount determined by Auditor.								

1. Assistant County Manager, Andy Merriman present the Fire Safety budget requests.

- a. Fitch study is ongoing with special attention being given to Oakdale Fire Station because the Pennies for Progress expansion that will negatively impact Oakdale Fire Station.
- b. Capital Improvement Plan should be final in the next couple of weeks. The following is being considered in the plan:
 - i. Type
 - ii. Frequency
 - iii. Assignment to station
 - iv. Millage impact
- c. There are millage cap concerns with Oakdale at 5 mils and Lesslie at 4.9 mils. Options could be a financial district consolidation between Lesslie and Oakdale or a referendum to the voters.
- d. Staff is recommending a .6 mil increase for the rural fire district to fund a volunteer incentive program for shift work, which would be allocated between all 16 departments, based on call volume.

Council requested that staff have a meeting with the Chief's Advisory Committee and the Justice and Public Safety Committee to discuss this information and report back to Council the outcome.