

Minutes
Special Meeting
Sumter County Council
Tuesday, June 29, 1999 - 9:30 a.m.
Sumter County Council Chambers
County Administration Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: James A. Campbell, Chairman; Louis Fleming, Vice Chairman; Carol Burr, Charles T. Edens, Naomi Sanders, Rudy Singleton, and Frank E. Williams, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: William T. Noonan, Mary W. Lewis, Jeanette Mixon, Carolina Richardson, Lorraine Washington-Dennis, Anthony Dennis, Lath Harris, Gary Mixon, Dick Booth, JoMarie Crocker, Elizabeth Hair, Janice Rearden, and Eddie Newman.

MEDIA PRESENT: The Item

PUBLIC PRESENT: Approximately 90 members of the public were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Campbell, and Councilman Frank E. Williams, Jr. gave the invocation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Budget Discussions for the 1999-2000 Operational, Schools, College, University, Career Center, Other Agencies and Boards, and All Other Matters Relating Thereto.

- **Third Reading -- An Ordinance To Provide For A Levy Of Taxes For County Purposes Of Sumter County, S. C., For The Fiscal Year Of Said County Beginning July 1, 1999, To Direct The Expenditures Of Said Taxes And Other Revenues Of Said County, And To Provide For Other Matters Related Thereto.**

The Chairman introduced this proposed ordinance for third reading. He inquired if any of the Council members had comments concerning this matter.

Councilman Singleton made the following suggestions in the form of a motion.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Singleton to reduce the County's operation budget by five percent which would generate \$574,877, cut the non-mandated agencies by ten percent which would generate \$211,112, and consider the \$650,000 of School District #17's bonds maturing which would provide a revenue of \$2,435,989, and use \$100,000 of this money to be used for the Spectrum. This matter died for a lack of a second.

Councilman Burr asked Council to consider amending the agenda to handle the budgets of both school districts and then take action on the County's Operational budget..

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Councilman Singleton, and unanimously carried by Council to amend the June 29, 1999, agenda of County Council by taking action on School District #2 and School District #17's budgets prior to Council taking action on its proposed operational budget ordinance for 1999-2000.

- A Resolution Approving the 1999-2000 Budget of Sumter County School District #2.

After the Chairman introduced this resolution, the Superintendent of School District #2, Dr. J. Frank Baker, answered questions from Council. After all comments, questions, and discussions, Council took the following action on School District #2's 1999-2000 budget resolution.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Singleton, that Council fund School District #2 \$1,268,000 of new funds which is \$931,603 above the state mandate of \$336,397. Vice Chairman Fleming seconded the motion. Council members Burr, Sanders, Williams, Edens, and Campbell were in opposition to the motion. Councilmen Singleton and Vice Chairman Fleming voted in the affirmative. The motion did not carry.

ACTION: MOTION was then made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Councilman Edens and carried by Council to grant School District #2 \$750,000 of new funds which includes the state mandate (\$336,397) giving School District #2 a total of \$10,008,411 for the 1999-2000 fiscal year. Councilman Singleton voted nay based on his research that \$750,000 was not enough funds for School District #2.

- A Resolution Approving the 1999-2000 Budget of Sumter County School District #17.

After the Chairman introduced this resolution, the Superintendent of School District #17, Dr. Andrena Ray, answered questions from Council. After all discussions, Council took the following action on School District #17's 1999-2000 budget resolution.

ACTION: MOTION was then made by Councilman Singleton and seconded by Councilwoman Sanders to fund School District #17 \$1,067,989, which is \$896,523 above the state mandate of \$171,466.00. The maker of the motion and the person granting the second withdrew the motion in order that Councilman Edens could make another motion.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Singleton, and carried by Council to grant School District #17 with a total of \$1,107,540 of additional funds for fiscal year 1999-2000 (\$482,540 from debt service and an additional \$625,000) for a total of \$12,049,097. Councilwoman Sanders voted in opposition. The motion carried.

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The Administrator informed Council of all changes made to the ordinance since first and second reading:

Development Board	\$ 25,624
Pee Dee Regional Landfill	\$60,000
Santee Cooper Regional Water	\$21,000
Sumter County Library	\$ 20,493
Total	\$127,117

Fund Balance From 1998-99 Revenue \$750,000
 Recommended to place \$600,000 into the reserve and allow the remaining \$100,000 to be used to fund the aforementioned items.

The Chairman presented the proposed ordinance to Council and asked that Council entertain a motion to amend the ordinance to accept all changes made since first and second reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Burr, and unanimously carried by Council to amend the budget as presented by the County Administrator.

ACTION: Councilman Williams asked whether or not the maker of the motion and the person granting the second would agree to including in the motion Councilman Eden's suggestion of placing \$500,000 into the County's reserve fund from the proposed fund balance and use the \$100,000 of the fund balance for the Spectrum?

ACTION: MOTION was restated by Vice Chairman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Burr, and unanimously carried by Council to amend the budget as presented at first and second reading by adding \$227,117 to the 1999-2000 budget and placing \$500,000 in Council's reserve. .

ACTION: MOTION was then made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Burr to approve the 1999-2000 budget as amended. Prior to taking receive the votes on this matter, Councilman Singleton made a Substitute Motion.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Singleton that \$31,497,544 County Operational budget for 1999-2000 be cut by five percent and those agencies and boards that are not mandated for funding by State Law cut their funding by ten percent. The motion dies for a lack of a second

ACTION: MOTION was then restated by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Burr to approve the 1999-2000 budget as amended. Prior to taking receive the votes on this

Requests From Council Members:

- Councilman Singleton: The Administrator was asked to provide legal documentation indicating whether or not it is legal for the County to allow non-mandated items to be listed within the County's operational budget ordinance.
- Vice Chairman Fleming: It was requested by the Vice Chairman that integrated planning be accomplished prior to budget deliberations. This planning would include County and City officials, other elected officials, School Board Trustees and Superintendents, and other state and local agencies and boards.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary W. Lewis
Clerk, Sumter County Council

Approved: _____