

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL AS A WHOLE REPORT

Council Members:

Roy Costner, Chairman
Chris Bowers, Vice Chairman
Wes Hendricks, Vice Chairman Pro-Tem
Carl Hudson
Trey Whitehurst
Ensley Feemster

Staff in Attendance:

Gerald Wilson, County Administrator
Meagan Bradford, Clerk to Council
Ken Roper, County Attorney

The Committee of the Whole met in the Main Conference Room, at the Pickens County Administration Facility, on Monday, May 20, 2019 at 6:00 PM. All members of the committee were in attendance, with Chairman Roy Costner presiding.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Roy Costner called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order. Councilman Ensley Feemster led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

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Chairman Roy Costner stated we will begin with *Log No. 121* – Reassessment Process.

Reassessment Process – Log No. 121

- Mr. David Day, Tax Assessor, presented to Council a presentation on the Reassessment Process. Please see link below to view the presentation:
 - https://www.co.pickens.sc.us/_fileUploads/agendas/2019ReassessmentProgram.pdf
 - Mr. David Day had detailed discussion to include, but not limited to: Pickens County Reassessment History, the 2019 Assessment Notices, Key Reassessment dates, account types, real property-taxable assessed value increase by district from 2018 to 2019, the appraisal process, valuation approaches, Pickens County Reassessment Appeal History, statutory appeal timelines, the appeal method, discussion on 15% Cap Law, millage rate, property tax equation, rollback millage rate, County Board of Assessment and Appeals (CBOAA), etc.
 - Administrator Gerald Wilson stated if Council or the public had any questions regarding the Reassessment Process, to please let staff know and they will get with Mr. Day to get the questions answered and back to everyone in a timely matter.
- ❖ No action taken by Committee.

Speed Bump Ordinance – Log No. 117

- Mr. Wilson stated in years past, Council wanted to bring all speed bump requests back before council before installing any type of speed bumps. He stated our County Engineer, Clay Baldwin, and our Roads and Bridges Director, Michael Clark, are present this evening and have a proposed ordinance for speed bumps for council to look at and consider.
- Chairman Roy Costner asked if we currently only have a policy on speed bumps, and no ordinance.
- Administrator Wilson stated that's correct, staff was told in years past that if we install speed bumps in the county, we would have to come back Council and get guidance before installing.
- Councilman Wes Hendricks asked if the county has ever installed roman strips.

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- Administrator Wilson stated yes, the county just installed the roman strips on Senora Drive a couple weeks ago.
 - After more discussion, Chairman Costner asked Councilman Trey Whitehurst if he knew what the reasoning was for Council not having an ordinance on speed bumps in the past.
 - Councilman Trey Whitehurst stated no, he feels this is a tricky subject you run into. He stated there are places where it has been appropriate for people to slow down but you have to be very careful about it. He stated different people come in to make the comments and you can figure out if it is just a dispute in the neighborhood or not.
 - Administrator Wilson stated staff is seeking guidance from council on how to move forward with this policy. He stated there are three neighborhoods requesting speed bumps.
 - Councilman Wes Hendricks asked who is liable if someone tears their car up on the speed bump the county installed.
 - Administrator Wilson stated we do have liability on situations that occur. He deferred to Michael Hayes, Risk Manager.
 - Mr. Hayes stated it goes in the same category as a pothole on the road. He stated the county gets so much time to be notified on a pothole before being liable. He stated we would know about the speed bump because we would install them, so we have no way of getting out of that. He stated if a highway patrolman instigates the accident and says they are speeding, we would have facts, but we are still liable for the road condition.
 - After much more discussion, Vice Chairman Chris Bowers asked Mr. Baldwin to explain the question regarding #6 on the proposed ordinance, which was “No traffic study has been performed in the last 2 years.”
 - Mr. Baldwin stated if you go to section D on this proposed ordinance, it will state that if the minimum qualifications 1-8 are met, the engineering department will conduct a traffic study to determine if minimum qualification 9 is met. He stated this is just doing a process of going out to collect all traffic data to see if speed bumps are warranted.
 - Vice Chairman Chris Bowers stated this is saying if you don’t have a traffic study, and you meet all the qualifications, then we will do a traffic study for you.
 - Mr. Baldwin stated that is correct.
- Vice Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to take this out of Committee to constitute the 1st Reading of this Ordinance, then return to Committee for further review. Motion was seconded by Councilman Trey Whitehurst and carried unanimously (6-0).

Recreation Funding Requests – Log No. 88

- The Committee reviewed the recommendations for recreation funding provided by the Recreation Funding Advisory Board. Robert Furr, of the Advisory Board, was present to answer any questions.
- Administrator Gerald Wilson reviewed the available Recreation Funding Budget with each district for this Fiscal Year up until June 30, 2019. He stated there will be another \$50,000 deposited to each District on July 1st, 2019, if Council decides to leave the budget the same.

Council District	Available Budget
1	\$ 50,000.00
2	\$ 34,807.32
3	\$ 119,415.24
4	\$ 66,591.61
5	\$ 54,087.00
6	\$ 61,250.88

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- Councilman Ensley Feemster recommends approving the following disbursements from the recreation fund account for District 1.

Council District	Ref No.	Name of Organization	Approved Amount	Additional Recommendations
1	1	City of Clemson Parks & Recreation Department	\$ 40,000.00	
1	2	Clemson Aquatic Team	\$ 3,000.00	
1	3	Clemson Area Chamber of Commerce	\$ 7,000.00	
DISTRICT 1 TOTAL:			\$ 50,000.00	

- Councilman Trey Whitehurst recommends approving the following disbursements from the recreation fund account for District 2.

Council District	Ref No.	Name of Organization	Approved Amount	Additional Recommendations
2	4	Town of Central Parks & Rec	\$ 17,640.00	
2	5	Town of Norris	\$ 3,000.00	
2	6	Town of Six Mile	\$ 21,941.00	
DISTRICT 2 TOTAL:			\$ 42,581.00	

- Councilman Wes Hendricks recommends approving the following disbursements from the recreation fund for District 3.

Council District	Ref No.	Name of Organization	Approved Amount	Additional Recommendations
3	7	City of Pickens	\$ 57,000.00	
3	8	Hagood Mill Historic Site & Folklife Center	\$ 7,200.00	
3	9	Pickens County YMCA (Pickens)	\$ 2,750.00	
DISTRICT 3 TOTAL:			\$ 66,950.00	

- Chairman Roy Costner requested more information from the City of Liberty Recreation Department before approving any other disbursements from the recreation fund for District 4.

Council District	Ref No.	Name of Organization	Approved Amount	Additional Recommendations
4	10	City of Liberty	\$ 5,000.00	
DISTRICT 4 TOTAL:			\$ 5,000.00	

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- Vice Chairman Chris Bowers recommends approving the following disbursements from the recreation fund for District 5. He requested more information from the City of Easley Parks and Rec before approving any disbursement.

Council District	Ref No.	Name of Organization	Approved Amount	Additional Recommendations
5	9	Pickens County YMCA (Easley)	\$ 2,750.00	
5	14	City of Easley Parks & Rec	\$ 0	
DISTRICT 5 TOTAL:			\$ 2,750.00	

- Councilman Carl Hudson recommends approving the following disbursements from the recreation fund for District 6.

Council District	Ref No.	Name of Organization	Approved Amount	Additional Recommendations
6	11	Dacusville Recreation	\$ 23,006.85	
6	12	Dacusville Community Club	\$ 4,302.00	
6	13	Dacusville Recreation (2 nd Request)	\$ 4,118.00	
DISTRICT 6 TOTAL:			\$ 31,426.85	

- Vice Chairman made a motion to approve the recommended disbursements as identified. Motion was seconded by Councilman Trey Whitehurst and carried unanimously (6-0).

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Committee business, Chairman Roy Costner called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Trey Whitehurst, seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously (6-0). The Budget Work Session followed this meeting.