

**Richland County Recreation Commission
Special Call Board Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2016
5:00PM**

Commissioners in Attendance:

J. Marie Green, Chair
Barbara Mickens, Vice Chair
Wilbert Lewis
Weston A. Furgess, Jr.
Thomas Clark

RCRC Staff in Attendance:

James Brown, III
Andrea Fripp James
Tara Dickerson
David Stringer
Bryan Crider
Robert Hickman
Cornelia Watts

1. Call to Order:

Chair Green called the meeting to order at 5:02p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion to adopt the agenda made by Commissioner Furgess and second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Mickens, Furgess, Clark and Lewis.

3. Budget Presentation FY 2016-2017

Ms. Andrea Fripp James, Financial Operations, presented budget as outlined.

Ms. James reported that she has compiled the numbers that were given to her for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Ms. James stated that it appears to her to be a flat budget, like the budget from last year with the exception of including the CAP which was based on the number given to her from the projected mills.

Commissioner Furgess stated that the writing on the first page is small and Ms. James advised that she would make it bigger before sending to County.

Ms. James pointed out that there is a typo on page 2, the number for JUMPS is a hard number for the current year and she will correct it before sending to County. Ms. James added that in terms of speaking about any upcoming financial plans that the Agency may have, she stated that she could not speak about but she can defer the questions and they can be answered.

Commissioner Lewis stated that there are several pages in red, what does that represent. Ms. James stated that it is a color that they have been using for years and it represents nothing. She added that this year she would use black so there would be no confusion, only projected numbers, no negatives.

Commissioner Lewis stated that he sent out an email this afternoon indicating that all he had was the numbers presented and each year I made note that I believe a budget should be driven by a specific plan that we want to put in place and he cannot make that determination from the information that he has before him. Commissioner Lewis stated that he noted in his email that he would like to ask for a work session prior to approval and he knows that there is a deadline of next week.

Chair Green asked for any discussion.

Commissioner Furgess asked if Commissioner Lewis wanted to see a breakdown.

Commissioner Lewis stated that he would like to have a discussion/work session, as we have done in previous years as he recalls, that would give us the opportunity to ask all questions that we want to ask to see exactly where the priorities are and what drives the numbers.

Ms. James stated that she would have to defer to the Executive Department; she added that she has not been included in any financial plans that relates to the Agency, she was charged this year with putting the numbers together that were given to her.

Commissioner Clark stated that after reading over the budget he thought the red numbers were negative and Ms. James apologized and David added that its last fiscal year compared to this fiscal year.

Chair Green stated that she would think that if you prepared the budget that you would give us everything that we would need and if he's asking for something else; adding that she has never participated in a workshop to discuss the budget. Chair Green asked that perhaps you can elaborate your objective in detail so that we can understand what you are talking about because she has never participated in a budget workshop.

Commissioner Lewis stated as he recalls in previous years we've had work sessions where the budget is presented and we are given the opportunity to discuss the specifics.

Discussion on previous workshops.

Commissioner Lewis stated that if nobody else has that need, its fine but it is a need that he has to move forward with the budget.

Chair Green suggested that it be put to a motion. Commissioner Furgess stated that the deadline is next week and this should have been done last week and trying to schedule something now is unreal.

Mr. Stringer added that if you look at page 4, Mr. Brown could go over what the new equipment is and what the park improvements are which, is the change in the budget.

Mr. Brown reviewed those changes.

Motion made by Commissioner Lewis to schedule a work session for the Board on the budget prior to submitting to County Council. No second, Motion dies.

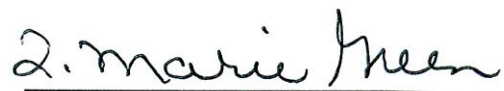
Budget discussion.

Motion made by Commissioner Furgess to accept the RCRC budget for FY 2016-2017 to be presented to County Council, second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved 4 yea (Green, Mickens, Furgess and Clark), 1 nay (Lewis). Vote carried.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Lewis, Mickens and Clark.

5. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 5:28p.m.



J. Marie Green, Chair

Minutes approved on this 16th day of May 2016.