

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL AS A WHOLE REPORT

Council Members:

Chris Bowers, Chairman
Roy Costner, Vice Chairman
Trey Whitehurst
Alex Saitta
Henry Wilson
Ensley Feemster

Staff in Attendance:

Ken Roper, County Administrator
Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council
Les Hendricks, Contract Attorney

The Committee of the Whole met in Council Chambers, at the Pickens County Administration Facility, on Monday, August 15, 2022. All members of the committee were in attendance, with Chairman Chris Bowers presiding.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:00 P.M., and Councilman Alex Saitta led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS AND LIMITATIONS ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENT ON THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 11 SCENIC BYWAY AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO— *Log No. 205*

- The Committee had very detailed discussion on this Ordinance. Discussion was included but was not limited to:
 - Setback Discussion from Ordinance
 - Ned Nicholson, Attorney, addressed Council on the Ordinance.
 - Limitations to rights when owning private property
 - Discussion on other similar court cases
 - Discussion on Section 1: Definitions
 - Code Enforcement
 - Appalachian Council of Government Highway 11 Corridor Study
 - Personal Property Rights
 - Agritourism
 - Discussion and Presentation of Highway 11 Corridor Map Unprotected Lands (1,000 Feet on each side of Highway 11)
- After much discussion between Council & Staff, this log item will stay in Committee for further discussion at the next Committee of the Whole meeting

❖ **No Action Taken by the Committee.**

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2022 RECREATION FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS – Log No. 197

- The Committee reviewed the 2022 Recreation Funding Recommendations provided by the Recreation Funding Advisory Board and had detailed discussion. Council had detailed discussion on the definition of recreation and how they have spent money in the past years.
- The Committee reviewed the available Recreation Funding Budget with each district for this Fiscal Year up until June 30, 2022. There will be another \$50,000 deposited to each District on July 1st, 2022, if Council decides to leave the budget the same.
- After detailed discussion between District 1’s applications and recommendations, Councilman Ensley Feemster recommends approving the following disbursements from the recreation fund account for District 1.

Council District	Name of Organization	Approved Amount	Additional Recommendations /Comments
1	Clemson Adaptive	\$ 6,503.00	
1	Issaquenna Composite	\$ 12,000.00	
DISTRICT 1 TOTAL:		\$ 18,503.00	

- After detailed discussion between District 2’s application and recommendations, Councilman Trey Whitehurst he would like to approve the following disbursements from the recreation fund account for District 2.

Council District	Name of Organization	Approved Amount	Additional Recommendations /Comments
2	Issaqueena Composite	\$ 7,000.00	
2	Town of Central Parks & Recreation	\$ 37,931.00	
2	Town of Six Mile	\$ 2,900.00	
DISTRICT 2 TOTAL:		\$ 47,831.00	

- After detailed discussion between District 3’s applications and recommendations, Councilman Alex Saitta would like to approve the following disbursements from the recreation fund account for District 3.

Council District	Name of Organization	Approved Amount	Additional Recommendations /Comments
3	Pickens County YMCA	\$ 2,500.00	
DISTRICT 2 TOTAL:		\$ 2,500.00	

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- After detailed discussion between District 4’s applications and recommendations, Vice Chairman Roy Costner recommends approving the following disbursements from the recreation fund account for District 4. Vice Chairman Costner would like to save the remaining of District 4’s balance to be reserved.

Council District	Name of Organization	Approved Amount	Additional Recommendations /Comments
4	City of Liberty Recreation	\$ 37,160.25	*netting
DISTRICT 4 TOTAL:		\$ 37,160.25	

- After detailed discussion between District 5’s applications and recommendations, Chairman Chris Bowers recommends approving the following disbursements from the recreation fund for District 5.

Council District	Name of Organization	Approved Amount	Additional Recommendations /Comments
5	Pickens County YMCA	\$ 2,500.00	
5	City of Easley Parks & Rec	\$ 43,189.78	
DISTRICT 5 TOTAL:		\$ 45,689.78	

- After detailed discussion between District 6’s applications and recommendations, Councilman Henry Wilson recommends approving the following disbursements from the recreation fund for District 6.

Council District	Name of Organization	Approved Amount	Additional Recommendations
6	Dacusville Recreation	\$ 54,000.00	*Option 2 Playground (Purchase and Install)
DISTRICT 6 TOTAL:		\$ 54,000.00	

- ❖ Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to adopt the following recommendations as amended, and to roll the remaining balances over in the recreation funding account. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried unanimously (6-0).

2022 ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS – Log No. 198

- Mrs. Allison Fowler, PRT Director, attend the meeting this evening to answer any questions that Council may have. She stated the ATAX money that Council will be discussing this evening is the 60% money that we are required to hand out to outside Organizations or Accommodations Tax.
- Council & Staff had detailed discussion on these Accommodations Tax Applications that included:

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- Definition of what Accommodations Tax funding can be spent on
 - ATAX Application Format
 - Cruz Outdoors – Clemson Paddle Jam Information
 - The Sanctuary/Jason Griffin Racing Information
 - Table Rock Tea Company Information
- After much more discussion between Council, Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to allocate Accommodations Tax Funding to the following organizations. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried unanimously (6-0):

Ref No.	Name of Organization	Name of Project	Recommended Amount	Comments
1	Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail	Promotion of Pickens County through the Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail	\$ 4,602.00	
2	Six Mile Issaqueena Festival	Six Mile Issaqueena Festival	\$ 5,000.00	
3	Cruz Outdoors	Clemson Paddle Jam	\$ 0	*Requested June 2022 Event Data/Info
4	The Sanctuary/Jason Griffin Racing	The Sanctuary	\$ 0	*Requested more information
5	Central Main Street	Central Main Street Farmers Market Improvements	\$ 0	
6	Hagood Mill Foundation	Blacksmithing/Woodworking	\$ 0	
7	Hagood Mill Foundation	Selugada – Native American Celebration	\$ 10,000.00	
8	Saluda Saunter	Saluda Saunter	\$ 0	
9	Table Rock Tea Company	Visitor Center Restroom Facilities	\$ 0	
10	Pickens County Veteran Affairs	The Wall that Heals	\$ 23,000.00	
11	Pickens County PRT	Host Compliance	\$ 17,000.00	
12	Clemson Aquatic Team	Clemson Aquatic Team Meets	\$ 13,690.00	
13	Central Parks & Rec Department	HUK Disc Golf Tournament	\$ 4,000.00	
14	Senior League World Series	Senior League Baseball World Series Tournament	\$ 30,000.00	

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TOTAL	\$ 107,292.00
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SOLID WASTE DISCUSSION – Log No. 206

- Mr. Steve Raines, Solid Waste Director, briefed Council on a Solid Waste Progress Report.
- Council and staff had discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - Timeline of Landfill
 - Shredding to Create Commodities
 - Tire Vendors are short of drivers
 - Purchase of Shredder has helped to be able to shred some of these tires to allow us the options to either transfer, place it in our landfill or sell the shredded tires
 - Shred and bale white waste for a premium price
 - Discussion on Landfill Expansion (Piggy Backing)
 - Discussion on Recycling – Baler
 - Discussion on Recycling Education
 - Discussion on requested needs for Solid Waste
 - Second C&D Shredder to allow for shredding of tires and white waste
 - Landfill Expansion, to include a landfill compactor and GPS equipment
 - Tipping Fee charges
 - Suspending acceptance of glass due to cost and lack of vendor support
 - Recycling Funding
- Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion that the Solid Waste Adhoc Committee meet to discuss the requested needs for Solid Waste. Motion was seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson and carried unanimously (6-0).
- ❖ **Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion that the Solid Waste Adhoc Committee meet to discuss the requested needs for Solid Waste. Motion was seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson and carried unanimously (6-0).**

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Committee business, Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Henry Wilson, seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried unanimously (6-0). Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.