

AGENDA
EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
County Council Chambers
June 2, 2020
6:00 PM

Council's meetings shall be conducted pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, Council's Rules and Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, in the event Council's Rules do not cover the procedural issue at hand. This agenda may be modified prior to or during the meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Invocation
Pledge of Allegiance

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. May 1, 2020 Called Meeting of Council – Via Zoom
2. May 5, 2020 Meeting of Council – Via Zoom

IV. GUEST SPEAKERS

V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Agenda Items other than Public Hearing Matters

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VI. REPORTS

Monthly reports for April 2020
(See Departmental Reports)

Agenda/Minutes of the following meetings:

Edgefield County Hospital.....11/26/2018
Edgefield County Hospital.....01/08/2019
Edgefield County Hospital.....05/13/2019

(See Reports)

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing of Ordinance Number 19-20-768, “An Ordinance Providing for the FY 2020-2021 General Operating Budget and Establishing Ancillary Budgets for Debt Service, E-911 Administration, Industrial Park, Solid Waste Disposal, Victims’ Bill of Rights, Emergency Medical Services, Road Maintenance, Tri-County Solicitor, Assistant Solicitor, School Resource Officer #1, School Resource Officer #2, School Resource Officer #3, School Resource Officer #4, School Resource Officer #5, Event Security, Sheriff Grants, Clerk of Court Grants, Pre Trial Intervention, SRO Grant, and Criminal Domestic Violence.”

The FY 2020-2021 General Operating budget and revenue fund budgets are included for your review. The proposed General Fund budget is \$11,221,093 which includes hospital and recreation funding. The County is anticipating the use of \$258,462 from the fund balance for general operations in order to balance our expenditures and revenue budgets for the general fund. This budget will still leave 4.6 months of

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operating expenditures in our reserves. However, proposed changes by staff, if approved by Council, will increase the fund balance brought forward to \$452,530 of which \$197,267 will be carryover money from FY 2019-20 and leave a fund balance of \$4,108,059 or 4.32 months.

2. Public Hearing of Ordinance Number 19-20-769, “An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of a General Obligation Bond, Series 2020, or such other Appropriate Series Designation, of Edgefield County, South Carolina, in the Principal Amount of Not Exceeding \$750,000; Fixing the Form and Details of the Bond; Authorizing the County Administrator or his Lawfully Authorized Designee to Determine Certain Matters Relating to the Bond; Providing for the Payment of the Bond and the Disposition of the Proceeds Thereof; and Other Matters Relating Thereto.”

Edgefield County has a \$750,000 bond for vehicle purchases that will be paid in full after the last payment to be made in July 2020. The proposed \$750,000 bond would be to continue to purchase and pay for vehicles for the next five years. The bond payment for the proposed bond will be payable starting in July 2021 and should be a similar payment resulting in the bond not requiring an increase in taxes.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance Number 19-20-769, “An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of a General Obligation Bond, Series 2020, or such other Appropriate Series Designation, of Edgefield County, South Carolina, in the Principal Amount of Not Exceeding \$750,000; Fixing the Form and Details of the Bond; Authorizing the County Administrator or his Lawfully Authorized Designee to Determine Certain Matters Relating to the Bond; Providing for the Payment of the Bond and the Disposition of the Proceeds Thereof; and Other Matters Relating Thereto.”

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(Exhibit I)

2. Consideration of Approval of the Third Reading of Ordinance Number 19-20-768, “An Ordinance Providing for the FY 2020-2021 General Operating Budget and Establishing Ancillary Budgets for Debt Service, E-911 Administration, Industrial Park, Solid Waste Disposal, Victims’ Bill of Rights, Emergency Medical Services, Road Maintenance, Tri-County Solicitor, Assistant Solicitor, School Resource Officer #1, School Resource Officer #2, School Resource Officer #3, School Resource Officer #4, School Resource Officer #5, Event Security, Sheriff Grants, Clerk of Court Grants, Pre Trial Intervention, SRO Grant, and Criminal Domestic Violence”

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(Exhibit II)

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Appointment to the Employee Grievance Committee.
Shanda Cameron.....3 Year Term

2. Presentation regarding the Space Needs Study for an Edgefield County Law Enforcement Center.
Council authorized a Space Needs Study to be conducted for the detention center, Sheriff's Office and Magistrate Court by Mosely Architects at their July 2019 meeting. The building to house these facilities would need to be approximately 65,000 square-feet. Mosely Architects will be presenting their report to Council for information purposes.

(Exhibit III)

3. Consideration of Authorizing the County Administrator to move the remaining balance of the \$45,000 budgeted for FY 2019-2020 to an Escrow Account to continue to Purchase Replacement Computers for County Staff.
In the FY 2019-2020 budget, Council budgeted \$45,000 to start the replacement of computers for staff. Many computers have been replaced but Ms. Gilley has requested the remaining money be moved into an escrow account to put towards more computers. The remaining balance is \$2,572.51.

4. Consideration of Authorization for the County Council Chair to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the South Carolina Works Centers.
Edgefield County's participation with the SC Works System needs to be renewed. Federal funds come to the state of South Carolina and then are distributed to consortiums of Counties. The seven counties of Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry and Saluda together form the Upper Savannah Workforce Development Area. County Councils appoint board members and the board makes funding decisions about physical workforce centers. The MOU agreement does not commit the county to spend any money; it is simply an agreement for organizations inside the centers to share costs. It is the same document which has been reviewed and signed three times previously.

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5. Consideration of Approval of First Reading of Ordinance Number 19-20-770, “An Ordinance to Impose, Subject to Referendum Approval and Pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, a One Percent (1%) Sales and Use Tax (The “Tax”) within Edgefield County for not more than Eight (8) Years; To Order A County-Wide Referendum on the Question of Imposing the Tax and to Prescribe the Contents of the Ballot Question; to Specify the Purposes for Which the Proceeds from the Tax are to be Used, the Maximum Time for the Imposition of the Tax; and to Provide for Other Matters Relating Thereto.”

On February 4th, Council passed Resolution Number 19-20-1070 to create a Capital Project Sales Tax Commission. The Commission was established with one representative each from the Towns of Johnston, Trenton, and Edgefield. Three members were appointed by EC Council. Based on advise of our financial advisor, the funding we should anticipate would be \$10,097,269. The Committee recommended that all of the \$10,097,269 be spent for a Law Enforcement Center. The passage of this ordinance is necessary for the question to be placed on the November, 2020 general election ballot.

(Exhibit V)

X. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

All additional comments

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XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Actions may be taken in public session on matters discussed in Executive Session including contractual matters.

XII. ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO REPORT BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

XIII. COMMENTS BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIR

XIV. ADJOURN

To watch the County Council Meeting live via YouTube:

A few minutes prior to the meeting, a link will be published on the website on the County Council Page (<https://edgefieldcounty.sc.gov/county-council/>) and the County Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/CountyOfEdgefield/?ref=bookmarks>). This link will take you to the county’s YouTube page. You will be able to watch the meeting live.