



REPORT

CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNCIL FINANCE, AUDIT, BUDGET COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, April 16ND 2019 – 8:30 AM

2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM – CITY HALL – 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE

Council Committee Members:

Chair Andrews
Mayor Pennington
Bernice Wilson – Absent

Executive Staff:

City Manager Zeigler
Finance Director Caulder
Finance Accountant Laughter

Others Present:

Councilmember Tre Gammage
Intern from Pee Dee Coalition

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Chair Andrews called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

DISCUSSIONS

1. Budget 2019-2020 Revenues

Finance Director Caulder presented preliminary general fund budget reporting that \$400K shortfall at this point in the budgeting process. The committee reviewed in depth the individual revenue line items. Estimates of Darlington County tax receipts have not been received. Reassessment year, so there is a likelihood of increased revenues. SRO revenue was increased to cover actual cost. Utility fund transfer based on Raftelis Rate Study from 1.1M to 1.2M. Budgets for Accommodation and Hospitality tax will remain flat with no anticipated increases. Business License rates updated this year based on NAICS codes with a budgeted increase. Building Permits expected to be flat. Discussion about the Parks and Rec revenue. FEMA revenue not expected in the budget. Finance will continue review of revenues to find potential increases.

2. Budget 2019-2020 Expenditures

Finance Director Caulder reported on the increases in payroll related benefits Workers Compensation, Health Insurance, Pension Funding an increase of \$180K. The Committee focused on the two areas that had the largest increases in expenditures Police and Fire and Capital purchases. Continue review to find potential expense decreases to close the budget gap.

3. Adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

This is our report and recommendations to the full Council.

Johnny Andrews, Chair

Date