

A Ways & Means Committee meeting of the James Island Public Service District Commission was held at 6:30 p.m. on March 2, 2009, in the Conference Room of the District Offices, 1739 Signal Point Road, James Island, South Carolina.

Present at the meeting were the following members of the Committee: June Waring, Chair, who presided; Donald Hollingsworth, Inez BrownCrouch, Eugene Platt, Karen Clark Thompson, Rod Welch and Gene Woodall.

Also present were: Robert Wise, District Manager; Susan Gladden, Deputy Manager/CFO; Sarah Haig, Assistant Financial Officer; Tamara Eberhart, Administrative Assistant; Kristen Champagne, Wastewater Superintendent; John Singleton, Human Resources Director; Tony Cervino, Safety Director; Phillip Johnson, Solid Waste Superintendent; Henry Haskell, Maintenance Superintendent; Chris Seabolt, Fire Chief and Matt Rhoton, Deputy Fire Chief.

Ms. Waring called the meeting to order.

1. The Freedom of Information Act – In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting and its agenda were provided to all news media and persons requesting notification.
2. Roll was called.
3. General, Debt Service & Proprietary Funds Budget Discussion – FY2010
  - A. Mr. Wise provided the Committee with corrections to page 2 of the proposed budget.
  - B. Ms. Waring read her written thoughts about the budgets and thanked the staff for the many reductions made to the budgets. Discussion followed. **Mr. Welch moved to approve the staff recommended revised General Fund budget with a 1.9% tax increase with no merit raise, seconded by Mr. Hollingsworth.** Members of the Committee further voiced their concerns. Members of the management team voiced their concerns. Mr. Welch closed the debate. For the record, Mr. Hollingsworth stated they are looking at 1.9 % with or without the merit and that does not calculate in his mind. He further stated that they are listening to the Fire Chief, CFO and Department Head and wanted to know why could they not bring the merit down to a cap and keep it [in the budget] because he has a hard time voting for it. **The motion passed 4 to 3 as follows:**

Ms. BrownCrouch	Nay
Mr. Hollingsworth	Nay
Mr. Platt	Aye
Ms. Clark Thompson	Aye
Ms. Waring	Aye
Mr. Welch	Aye
Mr. Woodall	Nay

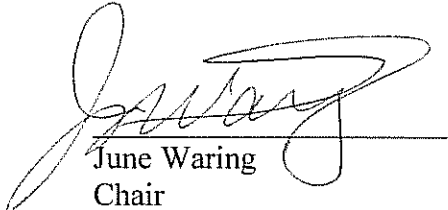
- C. **Mr. Welch moved to approve the Debt Service Fund budget with a .5 millage increase, seconded by Mr. Hollingsworth. The motion passed unanimously as follows:**

Ms. BrownCrouch	Aye
Mr. Hollingsworth	Aye
Mr. Platt	Aye
Ms. Clark Thompson	Aye
Ms. Waring	Aye
Mr. Welch	Aye
Mr. Woodall	Aye

**D. Mr. Hollingsworth moved to accept the Proprietary Fund budget as presented by staff, seconded by Mr. Welch. The motion passed unanimously as follows:**

Ms. BrownCrouch	Aye
Mr. Hollingsworth	Aye
Mr. Platt	Aye
Ms. Clark Thompson	Aye
Ms. Waring	Aye
Mr. Welch	Aye
Mr. Woodall	Aye

- 4. Mr. Welch moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Clark Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.**
5. Ms. Waring adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.



June Waring  
Chair

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