

A special budget meeting of the James Island Public Service District (JIPSD) Commission was held at 7:00 p.m. on June 17, 2019, in the conference room of the JIPSD offices located at 1739 Signal Point Road, James Island, South Carolina.

Present at the meeting were the following members: Alan Laughlin, Chair, who presided; Inez BrownCrouch, Marilyn Clifford, Sandi Engelman, Eugene Platt, Meredith Poston and Kathy Woolsey.

Also present were: Helen McFadden, Parliamentarian; Sam Howell, Bond Attorney; John Canney, Financial Advisor; Bob George, District Engineer; Thomas Rhodes, Attorney; Mayor Bill Woolsey, Town of James Island; Robert Wise, Administrator; James Game, Interim CFO; Tamara White, Administrative Coordinator; Chris Seabolt, Fire Chief; Tom Glick, Deputy Fire Chief; Steve Aden, Director of Fleet Services; Walter Desmond, Director of Solid Waste Services; David Hoffman, Director of Wastewater Services; David Major, Facilities Maintenance Specialist and Officer Alan Ali, Charleston County Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Laughlin called the meeting to order.

Mr. Laughlin led the invocation, followed by the pledge to the flag of the United States of America.

1. The Freedom of Information Act Report – 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. The roll was called.
3. Ordinance No. 2019-002 to Adopt a Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020 – First Reading
 - A. **Mr. Laughlin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-002 to adopt a budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020 – first reading, seconded by Ms. Engelman.** Discussion followed about the budget. **Ms. Woolsey moved to amend the budget to reduce expenditures for street signs and lighting (line number 528.01) by \$5,000 to zero, seconded by Ms. Clifford.** **Mr. Platt moved to close the debate on the amendment seconded by Ms. Engelman.** **A roll call vote was taken, and the motion failed 3 to 4 as follows:**

Ms. BrownCrouch	Nay
Ms. Clifford	Nay
Ms. Engelman	Aye
Mr. Laughlin	Aye
Mr. Platt	Aye
Ms. Poston	Nay
Ms. Woolsey	Nay

- B. The debate continued. **Ms. Woolsey's motion to amend the budget to reduce expenditures for street signs and lighting (line number 528.01) by \$5,000 to zero carried 4 to 3 as follows:**

Ms. BrownCrouch	Aye
Ms. Clifford	Aye
Ms. Engelman	Nay
Mr. Laughlin	Nay
Mr. Platt	Nay
Ms. Poston	Aye
Ms. Woolsey	Aye

- C. Mr. Platt moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Engelman. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion failed 2 to 5 as follows:

Ms. BrownCrouch	Nay
Ms. Clifford	Nay
Ms. Engelman	Aye
Mr. Laughlin	Nay
Mr. Platt	Aye
Ms. Poston	Nay
Ms. Woolsey	Nay

- D. Further discussion followed. Ms. Woolsey moved to amend the 2020 budget to reduce total expenditures on Fire Station 1 replacement project by 10%, seconded by Ms. BrownCrouch. Discussion followed. Ms. Woolsey withdrew her motion. Ms. Woolsey moved to amend the 2020 budget to reduce total expenditures on Fire Station 1 replacement project by 5%, seconded by Ms. BrownCrouch. Further discussion followed. Ms. Woolsey stated for the record that she talked to the architect in October and told them that she was adamantly against a wood sided fire station using exotic Brazilian rain forest wood. She [the architecture] also wanted to put a deck, out of exotic wood that is high priced, and she didn't listen to them. Mr. Wise explained that the architect is not using exotic wood and is coming up with alternatives to be presented to the Commission. Discussion followed. Ms. Engelman moved to close the debate, seconded by Ms. BrownCrouch. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Woolsey's motion to amend the 2020 budget to reduce total expenditures on Fire Station 1 replacement project by 5% failed 2 to 5 as follows:

Ms. BrownCrouch	Aye
Ms. Clifford	Nay
Ms. Engelman	Nay
Mr. Laughlin	Nay
Mr. Platt	Nay
Ms. Poston	Nay
Ms. Woolsey	Aye

- E. Mr. Laughlin's main motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-002 to adopt a budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020 - first reading failed 2 to 5 as follows:

Ms. BrownCrouch	Nay
Ms. Clifford	Nay
Ms. Engelman	Aye
Mr. Laughlin	Aye
Mr. Platt	Nay
Ms. Poston	Nay
Ms. Woolsey	Nay

- F. Ms. Woolsey moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Platt. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion failed 3 to 4 as follows:

Ms. BrownCrouch	Aye	
Ms. Clifford		Nay
Ms. Engelman	Aye	
Mr. Laughlin		Nay
Mr. Platt	Aye	
Ms. Poston		Nay
Ms. Woolsey		Nay

- G. A discussion followed about the ramifications of not passing the budget. Mr. Laughlin moved to reconsider the vote to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-002 to adopt a budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020 - first reading. Ms. Clifford seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 6 to 1 as follows:

Ms. BrownCrouch	Aye	
Ms. Clifford	Aye	
Ms. Engelman	Aye	
Mr. Laughlin	Aye	
Mr. Platt		Nay
Ms. Poston	Aye	
Ms. Woolsey	Aye	

- H. Ms. Woolsey moved to amend the 2020 budget to reduce the debt service fund for the projected expense, reducing the net change in the debt service fund from \$128,933 to zero, leaving the ending balance in the fund equal to the beginning balance. A lengthy discussion followed. Mr. Platt moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Engelman. Ms. McFadden stated that Mr. Platt was not recognized when he made the motion to adjourn. Discussion continued. Mr. Laughlin moved to close debate, seconded by Ms. Engelman. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Woolsey's motion to amend the 2020 budget to reduce the debt service fund failed 1 to 6 as follows:

Ms. BrownCrouch		Nay
Ms. Clifford		Nay
Ms. Engelman		Nay
Mr. Laughlin		Nay
Mr. Platt		Nay
Ms. Poston		Nay
Ms. Woolsey	Aye	

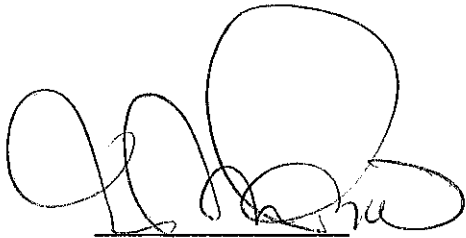
- I. Ms. Woolsey asked for another copy of the proposed budget. Mr. Laughlin directed Ms. White to call the roll to vote on Mr. Platt's previous motion to adjourn. The voting was interrupted. Mr. Laughlin asked Ms. White to call the roll one more time because Ms. Engelman requested to change her vote. Ms. White called the roll for adjournment. **Mr. Platt's motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Engelman failed 2 to 5 as follows:**

Ms. BrownCrouch	Aye
Ms. Clifford	Nay
Ms. Engelman	Nay
Mr. Laughlin	Nay
Mr. Platt	Aye
Ms. Poston	Nay
Ms. Woolsey	Nay

- J. Mr. Laughlin moved again, to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-002 to adopt a budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020 – first reading, seconded by Ms. Engelman. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 5 to 2 as follows:

Ms. BrownCrouch	Nay
Ms. Clifford	Aye
Ms. Engelman	Aye
Mr. Laughlin	Aye
Mr. Platt	Nay
Ms. Poston	Aye
Ms. Woolsey	Aye

4. Mr. Laughlin moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Woolsey. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.
5. Mr. Laughlin adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m.



Meredith Poston
Secretary
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