SOUTH HILL TOWN COUNCIL



BUDGET WORK SESSION 1 MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025, 3:00 P.M.

The South Hill Town Council met for a work session on Monday, March 17, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the South Hill Town Hall Temporary Location at 111 E. Danville Street, South Hill, Virginia 23970. The work session was held to review the Town's proposed budget for FY25-26. Proposed budget details were distributed to Council beforehand for review. Town Clerk Leanne Patrick took minutes of the work session.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Honorable Mike Moody called the work session to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Moody called upon Town Clerk Leanne Patrick to call the roll, which was as follows:

A. Council Members

Randy Crocker Jenifer Freeman-Hite Ashley Hardee Gavin Honeycutt Carl Sasser, Jr.

Councilors Lillie Feggins-Boone, Delores Luster, and Michael Smith were absent from the work session.

B. Staff in Attendance

Keli Reekes, Town Manager Dahlis Morrow, Dir. of Finance and Admin. Brent Morris, Business Dev. Manager Jason Houchins, Parks, Fac. & Grounds Supt. Leanne Patrick, Town Clerk Kristine Martin, HR Manager David Hash, Code Compliance Official

3. DISCUSSION

Agenda items of discussion included the following:

- A. Revenues, Rates, Fees, and Benefits
- B. Mayor and Town Council
- C. Finance and Administration Dahlis Morrow
- D. Town Manager Department Keli Reekes
- E. Business Development Department Brent Morris
- F. Human Resources Kristine Martin

- G. Code Compliance Department David Hash
- H. Non-Departmental
- I. Facilities and Maintenance Jason Houchins
- J. Parks and Grounds Jason Houchins
- K. Library Jason Houchins

Discussions included:

- An anticipated rate increase of health insurance premiums.
- Annual wage increases for employees.
- A proposal for a full-time IT professional.
- Holding property owners of dilapidated buildings accountable for timely improvements.
- Continued improvements to Centennial and Parker Parks that include lighting and fencing.
- Equipment upgrades for Parks, Facilities, and Grounds.

As a follow up to discussions, staff will look into providing Council with the following:

- Research into the Town's rights to enforce penalties on owners of dilapidated properties.
- Additional details regarding lighting requests for Centennial and Parker Parks.
- Revisit FY24-25 Budget to assess if there are any leftover funds to fulfill an equipment request made by Parks, Facilities, and Grounds.

No public comment was received and no matters were voted upon during the work session.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business matters before the South Hill Town Council, Mayor Moody adjourned the work session at 4:26 p.m.

VALIDATION

Minutes approved this 14Tday of APRIL, 20 25.

Leanne Patrick, Town Clerk

V.M. Moody, Mayor