



**Special City Council Budget Workshop Meeting  
Wednesday, July 23, 2025**

*Philip T. Glennon Center – Council Chambers  
15077 Molokai Drive, Tega Cay, SC*

**Councilmembers Present:** *Mayor Christopher T. Gray, Mayor Pro Tem Carmen Miller, Councilmember Brian D. Carter, Councilmember Scott G. Shirley (present after Golf Budget presented) and Councilmember Thomas S. Hyslip. A quorum was present.*

**Councilmembers Absent:** *None*

**Staff Present:** *Charlie Funderburk, City Manager; Joey Blethen, Deputy City Manager; Joey Crosby, Police Chief; Glyn Hasty, Fire Chief; Kebra Simpson, Chief Municipal Judge; Dora Perry, Human Resources Manager; Bob Bartkin, Finance Director; Dana Overlay, Budget Analyst; Dustin Overton, Parks and Recreation Director; Nick Cauthen, Development Services Director; Janet Broome, IT Director; and Casey O'Brien, Municipal Clerk.*

**The public and media were duly notified of the date, time, and place of the meeting.**

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Mayor Gray called the regular Council meeting to order at 6:01 P.M., led the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence.

**ITEM 1 BUDGET WORKSHOP**

City Manager Funderburk advised the workshop is covering the Tega Cay Golf Club as well as General Fund which encompasses revenues, Municipal Council, City Administration, Development Service, Public Works, Police, Fire, Parks and Recreation, and Non-Departmental. It was further noted that the budget is in relation to a 9-month budget therefore, most line items will have a decrease in the amounts being requested in comparison to a full 12-month budget.

With regards to the Golf Budget, Dale Radcliffe and Ty presented the 9-month budget and highlighted the need for turf equipment including a utility vehicle for \$62,000 and a rough mower for \$113,346. Additionally, it was noted that two surplus vehicles would be sold as long as enough utility vehicles are in the fleet. With regards to capital improvements, projects were noted for 2025-2027 to include a #10, #18 green renovation with additional tree work included at #18 and chipping green renovation occurring at #1 cove tee. Additional projects include cart path replacement, tree work along the cart path, 4 cove drainage, and new gold tee at hole #16 and the overall pavilion/pro shop renovation with a total cost of \$2,143,000. Projects were proposed to be implemented in the budget year of 2026-2027 to include cart path, tree project along the cart path, green renovation on the cove course, bunker renovation and survey/marketing the entire property. It was highlighted that sod has been ordered for croquet areas and the drainage in the croquet green has been an issue. However, the slope going down to the drains can be feathered out and will be in August of this year.

With regards to revenues, it was highlighted that there is a significant reduction in the franchise fee line item which is collected as this is related to TCUD. The transfer typically occurs in September, however, in FY 26-27 it will be done at the end of Quarter 1. York County Recreation is no longer providing funding to the city.

With regards to Development Services, it was highlighted that the software maintenance line item has significantly decreased as in the current fiscal year the expense includes the setup of the Evolve software modules (permitting, BL, Code Enforcement). However, now going forward the line item is only the maintenance fee for the software. Additionally, the comprehensive plan is conducted every ten years thus the line item is not being requested.

With regards to Public Works, it was highlighted that the street maintenance line item has significantly decreased as the amount shown reflects the continuation of our street sign replacements and normal patching of potholes that staff does. It was clarified that sidewalk repairs and large street patching

generally don't happen until July/August time frame. Pennies for Progress will be resurfacing Stonecrest Blvd from the roundabout at Hubert Graham Way to Dam Rd. According to the PFP director, the County has that scheduled to be completed in Quarter 3 of our fiscal year (Quarter 4 of the County's fiscal year) at the latest. Once resurfaced, the "Main St" development group will be responsible for any repairs need to that section of road as their project nears completion. Tree care was additionally discussed including

With regards to the Police Department, it was highlighted that the overtime budget has been increased due to the loss of a dispatcher, the increase in medical leave, and community events as well as the k9 program. The medical expense line item has increased as a result of potential pre-employment screenings for new hires, if approved. The uniforms line item decreased as replacements are not needed at this time. Salary projections were discussed and included market trends of pay in the surrounding areas, prior employees reasoning for leaving, and applicant numbers vs hired numbers. It was asked by Chief Crosby to allow the department to increase their starting salaries and do the same increase by benchmarks that certified is starting at \$63,100 uncertified at \$59,954 and make adjustments throughout the organization.

With regards to the Fire Department, it was highlighted that the uniform line has significantly increased due to safety equipment needs for all firefighters.

With regards to the Parks and Recreation Department, the number of uniforms has increased as this includes all personnel wear and PPE items. The number of park attendants has decreased as the invoice is not typically received until the end of September. Additionally, sports uniforms and recreation equipment have decreased as the sports seasons are split into fall and spring, and this only reflects one season within the budget. Repairs and Maintenance equipment has increased as the equipment is aging. Discussion ensued in relation to capital requests, including mowers. Revenue with regards to recreation ensued including sponsorships.

City Manager Funderburk noted that non-departmental line items include all bond payments specifically which are happening in the 9-month budget, and RFATS have increased as a result of population within the City which is generated by RFATS. However, significant decreases were noted in property insurance as the payment is split into two and only one is applicable in this budget. Wildlife management, which is both sterilization and culling, it was noted that \$200,000 is for sterilization with 125-175 deer and \$420 per deer to cull 160 deer and \$130 to process with most of the processing previously having been covered by the Catawba Indian Nation. Councilmember Hyslip, Mayor Gray & Councilmember Shirley noted not be in favor of sterilization due to expense. Culling only was discussed which Councilmember Carter was not in favor of. Mayor Pro Tem Miller expressed being for reducing the budget, however, is wanting to see the counts from the recent spotlighting activities.

Personnel/Capital requests were discussed. Parks and Recreation highlighted to include \$42,000 of a park action plan, \$40,000 to Windward median, and the rip rap of Windjammer for \$90,000 for phase 2. A personnel request for Administration was made regarding adding a human resources analyst. A personnel request for Police was made regarding the need for an additional dispatcher. Personnel request for Fire was made regarding the need for three additional fire fighters. All Council clarified being okay with 3 personnel for fire, an HR analyst, and one dispatcher being added. An millage rollback of 2 % was discussed to increase by 12.5% and \$18 more per month on a value of an average of a \$500,000 home.

## **ITEM 2     ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION**

There being no further business, Mayor Gray motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Hyslip and it was approved unanimously.

*The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 P.M.  
Signature Page to Follow*

Respectfully Submitted

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Casey O'Brien, Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

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Christopher T. Gray  
APPROVAL DATE: August 18 2025

