



**MINUTES OF  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
CITY HALL  
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024  
– 6:00 PM**

**PRESENT**

**MAYOR**

**MICHAEL E. SUGGS**

**COUNCIL**

**ANDREA COLEMAN  
JOAN GAUSE  
KELLI GERALD  
LEWIS C. HARDEE  
CARROLL D. PADGETT, JR.  
TONYA F. SYKES**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Budget Workshop was called to order by Mayor Suggs at 6:00pm on Tuesday, May 14, 2024.

**ROLL CALL:**

The roll was called by City Clerk Graham.

**1. BUSINESS**

- A. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE FY 2024-2025 CITY BUDGET-** Administrator Young presented the Council with a budget worksheet outlining the budget timeline. Also included in the council packet were proposed budgets for the General Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, and Hospitality Fund. Council reviewed the provided information. First Reading of Ordinances 04-24 and 05-24 to establish a budget for the City of Loris will be on the agenda of the June 3, 2024, Regular Council Meeting.

**ATTEST:**

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**BRANDY GRAHAM  
CITY CLERK**

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**CITY OF LORIS**  
**BUDGET HEARING PRESENTATION**  
**FY 2024-2025**

The purpose of this hearing is to inform the citizens of Loris of the proposed revenues and expenditures for the budget year and to comply with state law by holding a budget hearing on the Fiscal Year 2024—2025 Proposed Budget covering the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

The advertisement for this hearing was published in the Wednesday, June 5, 2024, edition of the Loris Scene Newspaper, page A-3 and read in part as follows:

Pursuant to Section 6-1-80 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the City of Loris will hold a public Hearing on Monday, June 24, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. The location will be at City Hall, 4101 Walnut Street, Loris, South Carolina 29569, in City Council Chambers. The purpose of this hearing is to obtain written and oral comments from the public concerning the ordinances (04-24) and (05-24) establishing the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 City Budgets, General Fund, Water and Sewer Fund and Hospitality Tax Fund.

At the time and place fixed for said public hearing, all interested persons who appear will be given an opportunity to express their views for or against the ordinances. Person requiring special arrangements to attend this meeting due to physical disabilities should contact the Interim City Administrator’s Office at (843) 756-4004 at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

The **General Fund Budget** is in the amount of **\$3,939,768.00** which is made up of the following Departments:

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| 1. Mayor and Council: | \$ 32, 940.00 |
| 2. Administration:    | \$ 818,040.00 |
| 3. Attorney:          | \$ 29,600.00  |

4. Code Enforcement:	\$ 44,800.00
5. Planning & Zoning:	\$ 37,500.00
6. Court:	\$ 75,560.00
7. Police:	\$ 1,477,029.00
8. Fire:	\$ 225,060.00
9. Street & Sanitation	\$ 794,693.00
10. Recreation:	\$ 351,350.00
11. Debt Service-Public Safety Building:	\$ 53,196.00

**Grand Total General Fund: \$3,939,768.00**

**EXPENDITURES IN THE GENERAL FUND consist of the following:**

1. Personal Services which include salaries, workers' compensation, FICA Tax, retirement and health insurance
2. Operating Expenses include supplies, repairs and equipment maintenance.
3. Contractual Services include auditing, engineering, legal and other outside services.
4. Principal and Interest Payments on capital improvements.
5. Insurance on vehicles, equipment, personal property, tort liability and fidelity bonds.
6. Capital Purchases of equipment.
7. Principal and interest payments on the Public Safety Building.

**REVENUE SOURCES TO SUPPORT THE EXPENDITURES ARE:**

1. Real estate and personal property taxes.
2. Business License.
3. Franchise Fees.
4. Local government state aid.
5. Sanitation and tipping fees.
6. Fines and court related fees.
7. Fire Impact fees.
8. Permits (Building and yard sale).
9. Rent (Recreation Fields)
10. Recreation fees and sponsorships.
11. Fire Contract with Horry County
12. SRO revenue from Horry County School District
13. Small miscellaneous sources of revenue.

## **WATER AND SEWER FUND BUDGET**

The **Water and Sewer Fund Budget** totals **\$1,962,916.00**.

**Revenue Sources to Support the Expenditures are:**

1. Base charges and Sale of Water.
2. Base Charges and Sewer Use Charges.
3. Connection Fees for both water and sewer.
4. Penalties and Reconnect Fees.
5. Impact Fees for both water and sewer.
6. Rental income.

**Expenditures consist of the purchase of water and treatment of sewage as well as the same type items that were mentioned in the General Fund** and include salaries, FICA tax, retirement, workers compensation and health insurance, operation and maintenance expenses, contractual services, insurance o equipment and personal property, tort liability, fidelity bonds, capital purchases and miscellaneous items.

**HOSPITALITY FUND**

The **Hospitality Fund Budget** is in the amount of **\$350,000.00**.

**Expenditures** include Advertising and Promotion, Professional and Contractual Services, Supplies, Beautification and Streetscape and General Hospitality Fund Expenditures allowed under South Carolina Law.

There is no tax millage increase planned in the General Fund.

Millage for the General Operating Budget is 105.8 mills.

Millage for bonded indebtedness is 5.0 mills. This is the debt associated with the public safety building which was approved by the voters in a bond referendum prior to construction of the Public Safety Building.

This is a reassessment year and upon receipt of the revised property values from Horry County, we will be required to roll back our millage rate to comply with South Carolina State Law.

Residential Garbage Collection Fees will increase by \$1.00 per month, per cart and Commercial Garbage Collection fees will increase by approximately 3% based on fee increases from the collection company.

There is no increase planned at this time for water and sewer rates.