

MINUTES
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
AUGUST 27, 2012
CONFERENCE ROOM D
5:30 P.M.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Council Office and made available to the newspapers, radio stations and television stations and concerned citizens.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN, BOB TAYLOR
JIM BURNS
SID CATES
BUTCH KIRVEN

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

WILLIS MEADOWS

STAFF PRESENT:

JOHN HANSLEY, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
RUTH PARRIS, BUDGET MANAGER
VANESSA PAYNE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
MARK TOLLISON, COUNTY ATTORNEY

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Taylor called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Kirven provided the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Burns moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 20, 2012. The motion carried.

GRANT APPLICATIONS:

FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT – CARDIAC MONITORS:

This is the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant – Cardiac Monitors in the amount of \$358,600. The grant would allow the Emergency Medical Services Division to acquire ten 12-lead cardiac monitor defibrillators. There is a 20% County match in the amount of \$71,720 which will come from the FY2013 Matching Grants Account.

Ruth Parris, Budget Director was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant – Cardiac Monitors in the amount of \$358,600. The motion carried.

FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT - VEHICLES:

This is the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant – Vehicles in the amount of \$510,040. The grant would allow the Emergency Medical Services Division to (1) acquire one mass casualty vehicle to transport medical emergency supplies and (2) refurbish five ALS transport vehicles that are currently in service. There is a 20% County match in the amount of \$102,008 which will come from the FY2013 Matching Grants Account.

Ruth Parris, Budget Director was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Kirven moved to approve FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant – Vehicles in the amount of \$510,040. The motion carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS – APPLICANTS:

The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee has one vacancy and received applications from B. J. Koonce and Byron Rucker.

Ms. Koonce was in attendance and gave a brief summary of her interest in serving on the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee. Mr. Rucker was not present at the meeting.

By a show of hands, the Finance Committee voted unanimously to forward to full council B. J. Koonce as the nominee for appointment to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee. The motion carried.

CANEBRAKE FIRE SERVICE AREA (MILLAGE INCREASE):

This is a request from Canebroke Fire Service Area requesting an increase in their millage rate. The fire service area is requesting a rate increase from 17.1 to 17.9 mills which equates to a 0.8 mill increase. The increase will allow the Fire Service Area to continue to position itself to hire additional staff in future years.

After some discussion, Councilor Kirven moved to deny approval of the millage increase for the Canebroke Fire Service Area. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Finance Committee went into executive session at 5:53 to discuss a contractual matter. The committee came out of executive session at 6:09.

PROJECT WORTHWHILE:

Councilor Burns moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of one or more incentive agreement by and between Greenville County and a company known as Project Worthwhile to provide for a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement, inclusion in a Multi-County Park and provide for Special Source Revenue Credits.

There being no further business to come before the Finance Committee, Councilor Cates moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:14. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Payne
Executive Assistant