

MINUTES
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
OCTOBER 8, 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
SID CATES
BUTCH KIRVEN
WILLIS MEADOWS

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

JIM BURNS

STAFF PRESENT:

BROOKE FERGUSON, PLANNING
JOHN HANSLEY, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
SHANNON HERMAN, ASSISTANT TO COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JOE KERNELL, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JOHN OWINGS, PLANNING
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 Meadows moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 24, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

GRANT APPLICATION:

2013 SC DHEC - EMS GRANT IN AID:

This is the 2013 SC DHEC EMS Grant In Aid in the amount of \$33,849. The grant will allow the Emergency Medical Services Division to acquire basic life support equipment, communications equipment, other supplies, and provide funds for training. This grant requires a County match of \$1,861.70.

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

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the 2013 SC DHEC – EMS Grant In Aid in the amount of \$33,849. The motion carried unanimously.

JEDA BONDS – BON SECOURS HEALTH SYSTEM, INC.:

This is a resolution in support of the issuance by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its Economic Development Revenue Bonds (Bon Secours Health System, Inc.) in an amount not to exceed \$277,000,000.

Jim Price, Nexsen Pruet, LLC, was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the resolution in support of the issuance by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its Economic Development Revenue Bonds for Bon Secours Health System, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$277,000,000. The motion carried unanimously.

ENHANCEMENT GRANT – POINSETT CORRIDOR REVITALIZATION PROJECT:

Greenville County has \$902,465 allocated in Enhancement Funds, which may only be used for non-vehicular transportation projects. This is a request for permission to submit a grant proposal to use those funds to conduct streetscape improvements to Poinsett Highway

Joe Kernell, County Administrator and Shannon Herman, Assistant to County Administrator and were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the submission of a grant proposal for the use of \$902,465 in Enhancement Funds to be used to conduct streetscape improvements to Poinsett Highway. The motion carried unanimously.

SCIO DIAMOND (PROJECT GEM) – FILOT:

This is an ordinance authorizing a fee in lieu of tax arrangement for the benefit of SCIO Diamond Technology Corporation and Greenville County.

Tony Smith, GADC was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the ordinance authorizing a fee in lieu of tax arrangement for the benefit of SCIO Diamond Technology Corporation and Greenville County. The motion carried unanimously.

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FY2012-2013 ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDING ALLOCATION:

This is a request to approve FY2012-2013 Accommodations Tax funding as recommended by the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee.

Byron Rucker, Chairman, Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee was present to answer questions of the committee.

After some discussion, Councilor Kirven moved to reallocate funds recommended to three organizations/projects: GADC (Mini World of Trains) - \$16,500, Metropolitan Arts Council (Greenville Open Studios) - \$12,500 and South Carolina Children’s Theatre - \$2,000. A total of \$31,000 would be reallocated. Councilor Kirven requested the committee have some recommendations ready for the next Finance Committee meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

CONTINUATION OF MILLAGE – DUNKLIN FIRE DISTRICT:

This is a resolution to provide for a continuation of current ad valorem property tax to be levied by the Dunklin Fire District which represents no increase in taxes or millage rate.

John Hansley was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the resolution to provide for a continuation of current ad valorem property tax to be levied by the Dunklin Fire District which represents no increase in taxes or millage rate. The motion carried unanimously.

PROJECT PAINT MCIP REQUEST:

This is an ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated Industrial/Business Park in conjunction with Anderson County as it relates to Project Paint.

Mark Tollison, County Attorney was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated Industrial/Business Park in conjunction with Anderson County as it relates to Project Paint. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Finance Committee, Councilor Kirven moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:35. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Payne
Executive Assistant