

MINUTES
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
APRIL 27, 2015
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, BUTCH KIRVEN
LYNN BALLARD
JIM BURNS
SID CATES
XANTHENE NORRIS

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

NONE

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

FRED PAYNE

STAFF PRESENT:

JOHN HANSLEY, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
RUTH PARRIS, BUDGET MANAGER
VANESSA PAYNE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
KIM WUNDER, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Chairman Kirven provided the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Norris moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 13, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – FY2015 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND 2015-2019 CONSOLIDATED PLAN:

Martin Livingston, Executive Director and Imma Nwobodu, Program Manager, were present to give an overview of the FY2015 Annual Action Plan and the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan.

The Redevelopment Authority is required to get approval from County Council prior to submitting documents to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for approval.

Councilor Burns moved to approve the FY2015 Annual Action Plan and the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for the Redevelopment Authority. The motion carried unanimously.

TIGER GRANT BRIEFING:

Keith Brockington, Planning and Development was present to brief the committee on the TIGER Grant. The City of Greenville, Greenlink and Greenville County are leading a collaborative effort to apply this June for more than \$12 million in TIGER Discretionary Grant funding from the United States Department of Transportation. This grant application brings together more than 40 regional partners including municipalities, private corporations, non-profit organizations, business associations and others to address one of the region's biggest barriers to economic and workforce development.

The Finance Committee accepted this briefing as information, no action was taken.

Councilor Burns left the meeting at 6:16.

GLASSY MOUNTAIN FIRE DISTRICT – MILLAGE REQUEST:

Glassy Mountain Fire is requesting a 2.8 mill increase in the FAS's tax rate which represents a look back CPI of 8.31% and population growth of 7.1% as allowed per Section 6-1-320A of the South Carolina Code of Laws. Glassy Mountain Fire is also requesting approval to refund existing General Obligations Bonds.

Dwight Hammack, Chairman, Bob Staples, Fire Chief, Dick Baker, Treasurer and Teressa Cawley, Southern Municipal Advisors were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Ballard moved to approve the 2.8 millage increase for Glassy Mountain Fire Service Area. The motion carried of vote of 3 in favor and 1 abstention (Cates).

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE – MILLAGE REQUEST:

The City of Simpsonville is requesting a 3.9 mill increase in the FAS's tax rate for operations which represents a look back CPI of 8.31% and population growth of 7.1% as allowed per Section 6-1-320 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. The City is also requesting a debt millage adjustment of 4.6 mills.

David Dyrhaug, City Administrator, Fire Chief, Wesley Williams and Teressa Cawley, Southern Municipal Advisors were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Ballard moved to hold the millage request for the City of Simpsonville to obtain additional information. The motion carried unanimously.

CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN – MILLAGE REQUEST:

The City of Fountain Inn requests a 3.9 mill increase in the FSA's tax rate for operations which represents a look back CPI of 8.31% and population growth of 7.1% as allowed per Section 6-1-320 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. The City also requests an additional mill for debt service.

Eddie Case, City Administrator, Ken Kerber, Fire Chief and Teresa Cawley, Southern Municipal Advisors were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Ballard moved to approve a 3.9 mill increase for the City of Fountain Inn. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:42.

Respectfully submitted,



Vanessa Payne
Executive Assistant