

MINUTES
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
JUNE 8, 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:

WILLIS MEADOWS

STAFF PRESENT:

JOHN HANSLEY, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
VANESSA PAYNE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
MARK TOLLISON, COUNTY ATTORNEY

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Chairman Cates provided the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Norris moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 11, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

FY2016 ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDING RECOMMENDATION:

This is a request to approve the FY2015-2016 Accommodations Tax Funding as recommended by the Advisory Committee.

Michael Heater, Chairman, Advisory Committee was present to answer questions of the committee. The committee recommended allocating \$160,000 to events based on their ability to directly promote tourism and positively impact the quality of life in Greenville County.

Councilor Burns moved to approve the funding recommendation of the Advisory Committee and forward to full council. The motion carried unanimously. (See attached spreadsheet)

TIGERVILLE FIRE DISTRICTS:

Tigerville Fire District is requesting a 0.8 mill increase in the District's tax rate which represents a change in CPI of 1.62% and population growth of 1.8% as allowed per Section 6-1-320A of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

Chief Ledford and Jim Blackwell, Treasurer were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Cates moved to approve the 0.8 mill increase for the Tigerville Fire District. The motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS – CONTINUATION OF CURRENT MILLAGE RATE:

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

John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Ballard moved to approve the resolution to provide for the continuation of current ad valorem property tax to be levied by the Lake Cunningham Fire District, the Dunklin Fire District and the Boiling Springs Fire District which represents no increase in taxes or millage rate. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATIONS:

There are six Community Project Applications requesting funds for various projects. Greenville County Public Works will be installing speed humps in the Westcliff area at a cost of \$13,500. The City of Travelers Rest is requesting \$16,936 to assist with the opening ceremonies of the Scottish Games. Canebrake Fire Department is requesting to replace radios for a system upgrade at a cost of \$5,000. Duncan Chapel Fire District is requesting \$5,000 to update scene lighting. Slater-Marietta Fire Department is requesting \$5,000 for signage throughout the Slater-Marietta communities.

John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator was present to answer questions of the committee. Mr. Hansley made a correction to the Westcliff project, the amount should be \$10,956 rather than \$13,500. There is also a correction to Mr. Payne's contribution on the Slater-Marietta request, it should be \$100 rather than \$2,500.

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COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATIONS CONT'D:

Councilor Norris moved to approve all of the Community Project Applications and forward them to full council. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Finance Committee went into executive session at 6:12 to discuss contractual matters. The committee came out of executive session at 6:38.

PROJECT HERITAGE:

Councilor Burns moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a First Amendment to a Fee in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes and an Incentive Agreement to provide a Fee In Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes, Infrastructure Credits and other incentives necessary to induce Project Heritage to locate in Greenville County and to authorize the sale of real property which is a portion of a parcel currently known as Map# 0409000100103 to Project Heritage. The motion carried unanimously.

PROJECT MOVE:

Councilor Burns moved to approve a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement with Project Move with respect to an Office Project in the County whereby Project Move will be provided certain credits against fee payments in reimbursement on investment in qualified infrastructure. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:19.

Respectfully submitted,



Vanessa Payne
Executive Assistant