

MINUTES  
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
JUNE 29, 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:**

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

**INVOCATION**

Chairman Norris provided the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilor Burns moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 8, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

**GRANT APPLICATIONS:**

**2015 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM:**

This is the 2015 Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$144,008. This grant will fund public safety, law enforcement, and judicial support programs with the objective of enhancing and continuing programs established by the Sheriff's Office, Public Safety Department, and Circuit Solicitor's Office. Funding in the amount of \$144,008 is being requested for Sheriff's Office equipment, part-time temporary staff for the Records Division, training and technology upgrades for the Forensics Division, and adult and juvenile drug court funds for the Solicitor's Office. This grant does not require a County match.

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

Councilor Norris moved to approve the 2015 Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$144,008. The motion carried unanimously.

**FY2015 DNA CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT AND BACKLOG REDUCTION PROGRAM:**

This is the FY2015 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program Grant in the amount of \$170,748. This grant would fund overtime, associated benefits, and equipment for the DNA Lab to (1) continue to offer forensic biology/DNA services to regional upstate SC agencies at a no-cost basis; (2) reduce backlog of forensic biology/DNA cases; and (3) purchase the AB3500 Genetic Analyzer to meet new requirements. This grant does not require a County match.

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

Councilor Norris moved to approve the FY2015 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program Grant in the amount of \$170,748. The motion carried unanimously.

**2015 SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM:**

This is the 2015 Summer Food Service Program Grant in the amount of \$26,642. This grant will be used by Parks, Recreation and Tourism to provide snacks for the Summer Food Program. This grant does require a County match.

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

Councilor Norris moved to approve the 2015 Summer Food Service Program Grant in the amount of \$26,642. The motion carried unanimously.

**MASTER LEASE – VEHICLE REPLACEMENT:**

This is a resolution authorizing the Master Lease Agreement in the principal amount of not exceeding \$3,084,500 relating to the financing of equipment for public purposes.

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

Councilor Ballard moved to approve the resolution authorizing the Master Lease Agreement in the principal amount of not exceeding \$3,084,500. The motion carried unanimously.

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## **COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATIONS:**

There are three Community Project Applications requesting funds for various projects. The City of Greer is requesting \$5,456 to install guardrails to both sides of the bridge in Blue Ridge Plantation. The City of Fountain Inn is requesting \$17,829 to assist with the installation of a fountain to be dedicated in the name of Dan Powell at a new City park. Greenville County Public Works are requesting \$5,600 to improve storm drainage on Forestdale Drive.

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

Eddie Case, Fountain Inn City Administrator and Mayor Long were present to answer questions of the committee regarding the City of Fountain Inn request.

Councilor Burns moved to approve the Community Project Application for the City of Greer in the amount of \$5,456. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Burns moved to approve the Community Project Application for the City of Fountain Inn in the amount of \$17,829. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Cates moved to add the Community Project Application request from Greenville County Public Works that was omitted from the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Cates moved to approve the Community Project for the Greenville County Public Works in the amount of \$5,600. The motion carried unanimously.

## **FY2016 ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDING GUIDELINES:**

This request was referred back to the Finance Committee to discuss the guidelines for Accommodations Tax Funding.

The Finance Committee discussed the FY2016 Accommodations Tax Funding Guidelines as it relates to the signature event.

Councilor Ballard called for question. The motion carried with a vote of 4-1, Councilor Norris was opposed.

After some discussion, Councilor Burns moved to keep the funding recommendations the same as the Advisory Committee recommended and approved by the Finance Committee at the last meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

## **BRANDON MILL:**

This is a resolution to approve an extended special assessment period under Section 7-13 of the Greenville County Code for a parcel of improved real property known as the Brandon Mill and a resolution to determine eligibility of the facility located at 25 Draper Street as an abandoned textile mill site pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 65, as amended, known as the 'South Carolina Textile Communities Revitalization Act'.

Pace Burt and Chris Rogers gave a presentation of the renovation of Brandon Mill and answered questions of the committee.

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**BRANDON MILL CON'T:**

Councilor Norris moved to approve the resolution which extends a special assessment period under Section 7-13 of the Greenville County Code for a parcel of improved real property known as the Brandon Mill and a resolution to determine eligibility of the facility located at 25 Draper Street as an abandoned textile mill site pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 65, as amended, known as the 'South Carolina Textile Communities Revitalization Act". The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no other business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:03.

Respectfully submitted,



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Vanessa Payne  
Executive Assistant