

MINUTES
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
AUGUST 8, 2016
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:

STAFF PRESENT:

LAWANDA CURRY, PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM
JOHN HANSLEY, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JAY MARRETT, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
VANESSA PAYNE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
SHELLY SIMMONS, ANIMAL CARE
MARK TOLLISON, 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 Ballard moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 11, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

GRANT APPLICATIONS:

FY2016 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT:

This is the FY2016 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$329,451. This grant will fund contractual services and various equipment and supplies for the Sheriff's Office. This grant requires an in-kind match which will come from budgeted salaries and benefits in the Emergency Management Division.

John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator and Jay Marrett, Emergency Management were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Norris moved to approve the FY2016 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$329,451. The motion carried unanimously.

FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT:

This is the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Grant in the amount of \$24,910. This grant will be used toward the purchase of a rescue boat for the Emergency Management Division. This grant does not require a County match.

John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator and Jay Marrett, Emergency Management were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Norris moved to approve the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Grant in the amount of \$24,910. The motion carried unanimously.

ASPCA GRANT:

This is the ASPCA Grant in the amount of \$40,000. This grant will be used to start up a Surrender Prevention Medical Care Fund to help pet owner(s) keep their pets who would otherwise have to surrender them to Animal Care because they cannot afford spaying/neutering and other veterinary care for their pet(s). This grant does not require a County match.

John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator and Shelley Simmons, Animal Care were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Norris moved to approve the ASPCA Grant in the amount of \$40,000. The motion carried unanimously.

SUMMER FOOD SERVICES PROGRAM (2016) GRANT:

This is the Summer Food Services Program (2016) Grant which provides snacks for the summer food program through Parks, Recreation and Tourism. The grant amount equates to \$0.82 per snack. This grant does not require a County match.

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

Councilor Norris moved to approve the Summer Food Services Program (2016) Grant. The motion carried unanimously.

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CELL TOWER LEASE – GREENVILLE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION:

Jennifer Bond, Milestone Communications gave a presentation regarding the lease of County property for the construction and operation of a cellular communication tower which will generate revenue for the County. The tower will be located on property at the Parks & Recreation headquarters.

Councilor Burns moved to approve the lease process for the construction and operation of a cellular communication tower to be located at the headquarters of Parks and Recreation. The motion carried unanimously.

CAESAR’S HEAD FIRE SERVICE AREA – CEDAR MOUNTAIN FIRE RESCUE MILLAGE REQUEST:

This an ordinance providing for an increase in the Caesar’s Head FSA operating millage of 0.8 mill, which represents the 2016 CPI and Growth (2.04%) and 2015 look-back (3.42%) as allowed per Section 6-1-320(A)(1)&(2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, and an increase of 5.0 mills for the maintenance of a reserve as allowed per Section 6-1-320(D). The approval of this request raises the millage rate by 5.8 mills from 16.3 to 22.1. The increase will equalize taxes paid by property owners in Greenville County, SC, with those in Transylvania County, NC, and allow for the delivery of fire protection service through Cedar Mountain Fire/Rescue.

Jimmy Jones, President, Cedar Mountain Fire Rescue was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Cates moved to approve and forward to full council an ordinance which provides a 5.8 mill increase for the Caesar’s Head Fire Service Area – Cedar Mountain Fire Rescue. The motion carried unanimously. This item will be referred back to the Finance Committee.

GREENVILLE – LAURENS COUNTY MCIP:

This is an ordinance to amend the Park Agreement authorized by Ordinance #2560 relating to the Multi-County Industrial Business Park of Greenville and Laurens County so as to provide for the continuation of the Park.

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

Councilor Burns moved to amend the Park Agreement authorized by Ordinance #2560 relating to the Multi-County Industrial Business Park of Greenville and Laurens County so as to provide for the continuation of the Park. The motion carried unanimously.

LAKE CUNNINGHAM FIRE DISTRICT AND DUNKLIN FIRE DISTRICT – MILLAGE CONTINUATION:

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

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

**LAKE CUNNINGHAM FIRE DISTRICT AND DUNKLIN FIRE DISTRICT – MILLAGE CONTINUATION
CON'T:**

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 and the Dunklin Fire District. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilor Burns moved to go into executive session at 6:37 to discuss contractual matters related to Project Vigil, Project Strike and Infrastructure Tax – Matrix Park. The motion carried unanimously. The committee came out of executive session at 7:01.

PROJECT VIGIL:

Councilor Burns moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee-in-lieu-of tax agreement by and between Greenville County and Project Vigil. The motion carried unanimously.

PROJECT STRIKE:

Councilor Ballard moved to approve an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the Park. The motion carried unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE TAX CREDIT – MATRIX PARK:

Councilor Burns moved to amend Ordinance #3606 in order to authorize an amended and restated Infrastructure Tax Credit (Matrix Project), authorizing the execution and delivery of an amended and restated Infrastructure Credit Agreement and authorizing the entering into of certain covenants and agreements and the execution and delivery of such as it relates to the Matrix Park. The motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY:

This is a request to approve the Proposed Substance Abuse Policy for the County of Greenville. The County is committed to providing a safe, healthy and productive work environment, free of accidents and injuries resulting from the misuse of drugs and alcohol.

Councilor Cates moved to hold this item until the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATION – PLAYGROUND TILES – JUDSON COMMUNITY YMCA:

This is a Community Project Application for the Judson Community Center in the amount of \$768. The funds will be used to supply playground tiles for the Judson Community Center which will ensure that the environment is safe for the preschool, after school and summer day camp programs.

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

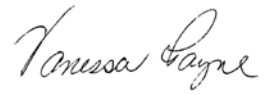
Councilor Norris moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$786 for the Judson Community Center. The motion carried unanimously.

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There being no other business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:08.

Respectfully submitted,



Vanessa Payne
Executive Assistant