

GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
JUNE 8, 2020
4:00 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.

The Finance Committee met remotely to handle requests submitted to the committee for consideration.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN BOB TAYLOR
SID CATES
BUTCH KIRVEN
WILLIS MEADOWS
XANTHENE NORRIS
LIZ SEMAN

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Taylor called the Finance Committee meeting to order.

INVOCATION:

Councilor Meadows provided the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Cates moved to approve the minutes of May 11, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

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GRANT APPLICATIONS:

BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SOCIETY GRANT – RACHEL RAY SAVE THEM ALL COVID 19 RELIEF GRANT:

This is the Best Friends Animal Society Grant – Rachel Ray Save Them All Covid 19 Relief Grant in the amount of \$5,000. The funds will be used by Animal Care Services to promote and expand the County's foster care program. This grant does not require a County match.

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

Councilor Seman moved to approve the Best Friends Animal Society Grant – Rachel Save Them All Covid 19 Relief Grant in the amount of \$5,000. The motion carried unanimously.

MADDIE FUND PET FOSTER CARE STIMULUS GRANT:

This is the Maddie Fund Pet Foster Care Stimulus Grant in the amount of \$5,000. The funds will be used by Animal Care Services to fund life-saving purposes related to the County's pet foster care program. This grant does not require a County match.

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

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the Maddie Fund Pet Foster Care Stimulus Grant in the amount of \$5,000. The motion carried unanimously.

BOILING SPRINGS FIRE DISTRICT – MILLAGE REQUEST:

Boiling Springs Fire District is requesting adoption of a resolution approving a millage increase in the District's tax rate of two (2.0) mills from 27.4 mills to 29.4 mills for operation and maintenance. The requested rate increase represents CPI and population growth and a "lookback" as allowed per Section 6-1-320 (A) of the South Carolina Code of Laws for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021.

Councilor Meadows recused himself and abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Chief Graham, Taft Matney, William McDowell and Larry Finney representatives of Boiling Springs Fire District were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the millage increase of 2.0 mills for the Boiling Springs Fire District. The motion carried a vote of 5-0, with an abstention from Councilor Meadows.

SOUTH GREENVILLE FIRE DISTRICT – MILLAGE REQUEST:

South Greenville Fire requests a 4.8 mill increase in the District's tax rate for operational maintenance which represents CPI and population growth and a three-year lookback as allowed per Section 6-1-320A of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

Chief Sutherland and Teresa Cawley, Financial Advisor were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the 4.8 mill increase in the District's tax rate for operational maintenance for South Greenville Fire District. The motion carried unanimously.

CLEAR SPRINGS FIRE DISTRICT – MILLAGE REQUEST:

Clear Springs Fire District is requesting a tax levy of three and four-tenths (3.4) mills from 23.9 to 27.3 which represents CPI and population growth plus a "lookback" of three years as allowed per Section 6-1-320 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

Councilor Meadows recused himself and abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Chief Huppman, Todd Milan and Larry Finney, representatives of the Clear Spring Fire District were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the millage increase of three and four tenths for the Clear Springs Fire District. The motion carried a vote of 5-0, with an abstention from Councilor Meadows.

CHANTICLEER COMMUNITY SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT MILLAGE REQUEST:

This is an ordinance to provide for the millage increase of two and eight-tenths mills from 11.9 to 14.7 for the Chanticleer Community Special Tax District. The rate increase will raise an additional \$15,000 annually to continue the provision of law enforcement services.

Alan Shusterman, Chairman, Special Tax District was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the millage increase of two and eight-tenths. The motion carried unanimously.

GREENVILLE COUNTY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE POOL:

The Grievance Committee had several vacant slots. This is a request to approve the appointment of the following employees to fill those slots. Robert Pendergrass, Jill Brookey, Asangwua Ikein, Levar Williams and Jerry Pirkle.

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

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the 2020 Grievance Committee Pool. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATIONS:

TIGERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT – 800 MHz RADIOS:

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$4,423 for the Tigerville Fire Department. The funds will be used to purchase two way 800 MHz radios.

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

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$4,423 for the Tigerville Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.

CA4I – FOUNTAIN INN MATCHING SUPPORT:

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$2,500 for the Fountain Inn Area. The funds will assist RIDES in the Fountain Inn area.

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

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$2,500 for RIDES in the Fountain Inn area. The motion carried unanimously.

CONESTEE PARK BALL FIELD:

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$10,000 for the Conestee Park Ball Field. These funds will be used to continue maintenance at the baseball facility.

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

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$10,000 for Conestee Park Ball Field. Councilor Cates requested to contribute an additional \$6,000 making the total amount \$16,000. The motion carried unanimously.

SOUTH GREENVILLE FIRE DISTRICT – RADIO GRANT:

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$5,900 for South Greenville Fire District. The funds to purchase radios for new vehicles.

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

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$5,900 for South Greenville Fire District. The motion carried unanimously.

DISTRICT 23 SUMMER OUTREACH PROGRAM:

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$9,300 for District 23 Summer Outreach Program. The funds will be used to assist with the summer outreach programs in District 23.

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

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$9,300 for District 23 Summer Outreach Programs. The motion carried unanimously.

SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS FOR DISTRICT 25 COUNTY RECREATION CAMPS:

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$6,000 for the Summer Scholarship Funds for District 25 County recreation camps.

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

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$6,000 for District 25 County recreation camps. The motion carried unanimously.

DUNKLIN FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT 27 - LIGHTING UPGRADES:

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$3,000 for the Dunklin Fire Rescue District 27 – Lighting Upgrades.

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

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$3,000 for Dunklin Fire Rescue District 27. The motion carried unanimously.

SECURITY SYSTEM AND MAINTENANCE – CAROLINA MUSIC MUSEUM:

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$6,456 for the Carolina Music Museum. The funds will be used to upgrade video cameras, replace equipment and provide maintenance to the HVAC system.

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

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$6,456 for the Carolina Music Museum. The motion carried unanimously.

GREER FIRE DEPARTMENT – COMPACT ESCAPE SYSTEM:

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$8,869 for the Greer Fire Department. The funds will be used to purchase an escape system for the fire department.

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

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$8,869 for the Greer Fire Department.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:57.

Respectfully submitted,



Vanessa Payne
Executive Assistant