

MINUTES
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
May 10, 2021
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 on-site and remotely to handle requests submitted to the committee for consideration.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN, DAN TRIPP
VICE CHAIRMAN, LIZ SEMAN
JOE DILL
BUTCH KIRVEN
WILLIS MEADOWS

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

NONE

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

LYNN BALLARD

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

B.J. KOONCE, CHAIRMAN, ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BEVERLY JAMES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GREENVILLE LIBRARY SYSTEM
DON ALLEN, ACCOUNTING MANAGER, GREENVILLE LIBRARY SYSTEM
CHIEF BROWN, SLATER-MAREITTA FIRE DISTRICT
SHAWN BELL, FOUNTAIN INN CITY ADMINISTRATOR
TERESSA CAWLEY, FINANCIAL ADVISOR

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CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Tripp called the Finance Committee meeting to order.

INVOCATION:

Vice-Chairman Seman provided the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the minutes of April 26, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ALLOCATION:

This is the FY2021/2022 Accommodations Tax allocations as recommended by the Advisory Committee. There were 24 applicants with requests totaling \$562,177. The attached spreadsheet shows the requests and recommended allocations. The recommendations total \$308,414, which leaves a balance of \$2,806 of the budgeted funds available for distribution.

B.J. Koonce, Chairman, Advisory Committee was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the recommendation of the Advisory Committee. Councilor Meadows moved to amend the motion to remove the allocation of \$7,500 to the Hispanic Alliance. Councilor Seman expressed her opposition to the amendment. The amendment carried by a vote of 4-1. Councilor Kirven moved to amend the motion to reallocate the \$7,500 to Artisphere. The amendment was approved unanimously.

LIBRARY BUDGET:

This is an ordinance to approve the appropriation of funds for the Greenville County Library System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022; and to authorize the annual ad valorem property tax millage levy for Library purposes.

Beverly James, Executive Director and Don Allen, Accounting Manager were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the ordinance which appropriates funds for the Greenville County Library for FY21-22. The motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL OBLIGATIONS BOND AND MILLAGE REQUEST – SLATER MARIETTA FIRE DISTRICT:

Slater-Marietta Fire District requests approval of the petition to hold a public hearing and authorize the Board of Fire Control to issue GO Bonds not exceeding \$3 million, subject to favorable results of a Referendum. Also, the District requests a millage increase of 1.1 mills representing CPI and growth and a one-year lookback allowed by SC Code 6-1-320(A), and continuance of the current 9.2 mills for the maintenance of a reserve account as allowed by SC Code 6-1-320(D).

Chief Brown, Slater-Marietta Fire was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the petition to hold a public hearing and authorize the Board of Fire Control to issue GO Bonds not exceeding \$3 million for Slater-Marietta Fire District. The motion carried unanimously.

FOUNTAIN INN FSA APPLICATION:

The City of Fountain Inn requests a 3.4 operational millage increase in the Fire Service Area's tax rate which represents the change in CPI and population growth and three year look-back as allowed per Section 6-1-320A of the South Carolina Code of Laws. The City is also requesting approval of a Capital Improvement Plan that anticipates the issuance of general obligation debt associated with the construction of a fire sub-station in FY21-22 (\$2,500,000) and equipment and apparatuses in FY23-24 (\$700,000) which are subject to separate bond ordinances and millage approval.

Shawn Bell, City Administrator was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the 3.4 operational millage increase and the Capital Improvement Plan that anticipates the issuance of general obligation debt associated with the construction of a fire sub-station in FY21-22 and equipment and apparatuses in FY23-24. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATION: SLATER HALL:

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$500 for Slater Hall for benches and marketing materials.

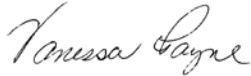
John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Dill moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$500 for Slater Hall. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:40.

Respectfully submitted,



Vanessa Payne
Executive Assistant