

# GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

June 13, 2022

5:00 p.m.

County Square – Conference Room D

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted online and on the bulletin board at County Square and made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

### Committee Members Present:

**Dan Tripp**, *Chairman*  
**Liz Seman**, *Vice-Chairman*  
**Ennis Fant**  
**Willis Meadows**  
**Stan Tzouvelekas**

### Committee Members Absent:

None

### Others Present:

**John Hansley**, *Deputy County Administrator*  
**Mark Tollison**, *County Attorney*  
**Regina McCaskill**, *Clerk to Council*

### Call to Order:

Chairman Tripp

### Invocation:

Chairman Tripp

### **Item (3)            Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee Recommendation**

*Approval of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee's recommendations for the allocation of anticipated accommodations tax funds.*

**Action:** Councilor Seman moved approval of the item.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Item (4)            Caesars Head Fire Service Area Millage Request**

*An ordinance approving a millage increase in the Caesars Head Fire Service Area's tax levy of three and four-tenths (3.4) mills from 20.9 to 24.3 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.*

*In 2004, County Council entered into a contract with Cedar Mountain Fire Rescue in Transylvania County, North Carolina, to provide fire and rescue services to the northern most area of the County above River Falls Fire District (Caesar's Head Fire Service Area Ord. 3830). Council last approved a millage increase for the FSA on September 20, 2016.*

Jimmy Jones, President of Cedar Mountain Fire Rescue, provided a brief overview of the request. The district was paying approximately four times more in diesel fuel costs than two years ago. The millage increase would allow the district to continue its current level of service. Caesars Head Fire Service Area was located in North Carolina; however, it was registered with the South Carolina Secretary of State and was a member of the South Carolina Firefighters Association and the Greenville County Fire Chiefs Association. Mr. Jones stated diesel cost more in North Carolina as opposed to South Carolina. The fire district had no specific projects slated for the near future.

**Action:** Councilor Meadows moved approval of the ordinance.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item (5)            GADC Resolution**

*A resolution requesting that the Greenville Area Development Corporation provide assistance to County Council with respect to certain development projects seeking FILOT and other tax incentives.*

Councilor Fant stated he agreed a system was needed to provide guidance to Council in regards to FILOTs and other tax incentives. The resolution was a step in the right direction; however, he was not sure if GADC was the entity that should provide the assistance. He was also not sure GADC would be in favor of the proposed.

**Action:** Councilor Fant moved to hold the item for additional information.

Councilor Seman stated GADC was Greenville County’s “economic development arm” and provided 99% of the needed funding. County Council appointed the board members and there were Council Members who served on the GADC board. Ms. Seman stated she was not sure if outsourcing was the best route to take.

Chairman Tripp stated he felt the proposed partnership should be between GADC and Greenville County, perhaps in collaboration with GCRA for the housing component.

Councilor Seman suggested a committee workshop to discuss the item.

Motion to hold carried unanimously.

**Item (6)            Community Project Applications**

John Hansley provided an overview of the Community Project application requests.

- a. Shannon Lake Hydrologic Design Study - \$6,000 (Councilor Harrison)

*Shannon Lake has been classified by DHEC as a High Hazard dam. The hydrologic and hydraulic design study will determine the next steps needed to ensure the safety of the dam.*

**Action:** Councilor Seman moved approval of the item.

Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Duncan Chapel Fire District – Foam Unit - \$5,000 (Councilor Meadows)

*Purchase of a compressed air foam unit to be mounted on the district’s rescue vehicle that responds to all motor vehicle accidents. The unit will provide fire compression in the case of an individual trapped in a vehicle.*

**Action:** Councilor Seman moved approval of the item.

Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Sheriff’s Community Relations Council - \$6,000 (Councilor Tripp)

*Provide funds to promote and conduct events for the Sheriff’s Community Relations Council. The purpose of the council is to improve communications and relationships between the Sheriff’s office and the residents of Greenville County.*

**Action:** Councilor Meadows moved approval of the item.

Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Dunklin Fire District – Roof Replacement - \$4,956 (Councilor Ballard)

*Provide funds to assist with the replacement of the fire station roof. There are shingles missing and the remaining shingles are deteriorating. Several sheets of plywood need to be replaced to ensure that the structural integrity of the roof system is not compromised.*

**Action:** Councilor Seman moved approval of the item.

Motion carried unanimously.

- e. Textile Heritage Park Shelter - \$5,856 (Councilor Meadows)

*Provide funds to assist in the construction of a shelter that will provide a facility for the holding of family, community and other events on the premises. There is currently no such facility in the Woodside, City View, and Monaghan area.*

**Action:** Councilor Meadows moved approval of the item.

Motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion ensued regarding Community Project monies. Mr. Hansley stated a Council Member had submitted an additional five applications for consideration. Those items would possibly be included on the agenda at the next County Council meeting scheduled for June 21.

**Item (7)**      **Adjournment**

**Action:** Councilor Fant moved to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Jessica M. Stone  
Deputy Clerk to Council