

MINUTES
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
AUGUST 22, 2022
5:00 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
ENNIS FANT
WILLIS MEADOWS
STAN TZOUVELEKAS

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

JOE DILL
BUTCH KIRVEN

STAFF PRESENT:

JOHN HANSLEY, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JOE KERNELL, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
REGINA MCCASKILL, CLERK TO COUNCIL
MARK TOLLISON, COUNTY ATTORNEY
NICOLE WOOD, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Tripp called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:19.

INVOCATION:

Councilor Meadows provided the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Tzouvelekas moved to approve the regular minutes of August 8, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING OPTIONS:

The Finance Committee held a workshop earlier on August 22 where staff presented options regarding the use of ARPA funds to address various public health programs and other needs to benefit the citizens of Greenville County.

Joe Kernell, County Administrator was present to answer questions of the committee.

After some discussion, Councilor Tzouvelekas moved to approve the list of funding requests as presented in the agenda packet. (See attached list). Councilor Tzouvelekas also requested that the terms for Prisma be increased to 15 years. Councilor Meadows moved to amend the motion to approve the following: \$13,492,980 for Prisma, \$2,000,000 for Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and \$3,000,000 for Metro Connects for a total of \$18,492,980. The amendment was approved. The motion as amended was approved and carried unanimously.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING INCENTIVE POLICY:

County staff, along with outside counsel, developed a Workforce Housing Incentive Policy at the direction of County Council. The policy creates a strategy to promote workforce housing within the County, including encouraging the development of workforce housing units within multi-family developments and providing financial incentives to developers to construct affordable workforce housing.

Joe Kernell, County Administrator was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the Affordable Housing Incentive Policy. The motion carried unanimously.

LAKE CUNNINGHAM FIRE DISTRICT MILLAGE REQUEST:

This is a request from the Lake Cunningham Fire District to increase its current millage rate one and seven tenths (1.7) of a mill from 35.5 to 37.2 mills. This represents an increase in the millage rate which equates to an increase of \$13.60 for the owner of a \$200,000 home.

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

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the millage increase of 1.7 mills for the Lake Cunningham Fire District. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATION – GREENVILLE COUNTY FIRE CHIEF’S ASSOCIATION - STRATEGIC PLANNING PROJECT:

This is a Community Project Application from the Fire Chief’s Association in the amount of \$10,000. The funds will be used to assist with the development of a strategic plan for fire service in Greenville County.

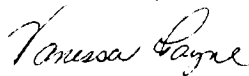
John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Tzouvelekas moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$10,000 for the Greenville County Fire Chief’s Association. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:06.

Respectfully submitted,



Vanessa Payne
Executive Assistant

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ARPA Funding Requests

ARPA Funding Available \$18,492,980

Emergency Operations Center \$4,000,000

External Requests	Amount	Purpose	Eligibility Criteria
North Greenville Hospital/Prisma	\$15,000,000	Reopen Emergency Room at Prisma's North Greenville Hospital	Yes - under Public Health
MetroConnects	\$4,000,000	Mills and Dunean Mills local match for rehab of sewer lines	Yes - explicit in Final Rule for Sewer Infrastructure
COVID Quarantine Shelter (United Housing Connections and Prisma Health)	\$628,000	In order to remain open through March 2023	Yes - under Public Health in Final Rule/Congregate Living/Response to COVID-19
988 (Mental Health America)	\$400,000	Shortage of funds from 2021 for 988 - Suicide prevention line for 2022-2023	Yes -explicit under Public Health Behavioral Health
Safe Harbor	\$250,000	Capital fund for new shelter	Yes - under Public Health in Final Rule/Congregate Living/Response to COVID-19 & disproportionately impacted and located in a QCT
YMCA	\$2,000,000	\$1.5M Capital for Eastside Expansion/Childcare and \$500,000 for additional resources across the County	Partial - Negative economic impacts/Childcare facilities
Center for Educational Equity	\$450,000	Building Improvements and Operationa Support	Partial - Responding to Negative Economic Impacts/Disproportionately Impacted Non-Profits (located in a QCT)
Broadband	TBD	Expansion in North and South - areas identified	Yes - explicit in Final Rule