

MINUTES  
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
SEPTEMBER 12, 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:**

LYNN BALLARD  
XANTHENE NORRIS

**STAFF PRESENT:**

RUTH PARRIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR  
JOHN HANSLEY, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
JOE KERNELL, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
REGINA MCCASKILL, CLERK TO COUNCIL  
JESSICA STONE, DEPUTY CLERK TO COUNCIL  
MARK TOLLISON, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
NICOLE WOOD, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Tripp called the Finance Committee meeting to order.

**INVOCATION:**

Councilor Tzouvelekas provided the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilor Seman moved to approve the regular minutes of August 22, 2022. Councilor Meadows stated that the minutes were not accurate in regards to the American Rescue Plan Act Funding Options and the Affordable Housing Incentive Policy. He also stated there was not enough detail and that the motion was incorrect as it relates to the Affordable Housing Incentive Policy. Chairman Tripp asked Council Meadows for suggestions. Councilor Meadows suggested that the secretary listen to the recording and make the appropriate corrections and changes. Councilor Seman made a substitute motion to hold the minutes for additional detail as it relates to the Affordable Housing Incentive Policy. The motion carried unanimously.

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS – ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY:**

There is one vacancy on the Accommodations Tax Advisory Board. An application was received from B.J. Koonce.

Councilor Meadows moved to approve by acclamation the application from B. J. Koonce to fill the vacancy on the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

**GRANT APPLICATIONS:**

**FY2022 DNA CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT AND BACKLOG REDUCTION PROGRAM:**

This is the FY2022 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program grant in the amount of \$250,000. These funds will be used for overtime, associated benefits, supplies and travel for the DNA Lab to continue to offer forensic biology/DNA services to regional upstate South Carolina agencies at a no cost basis and to reduce backlog. This grant does not require a County match.

**FY2022 DNA CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT AND BACKLOG REDUCTION PROGRAM  
CON'T:**

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

Councilor Tzouvelekas moved to approve the FY2022 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Grant in the amount of \$250,000. The motion carried unanimously.

**FY2022 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM:**

This is the FY2022 Justice Assistance Grant Program grant in the amount of \$140,762. This grant would fund public safety, law enforcement, and judicial support programs with the objective of enhancing and continuing programs established by the Sheriff's Office, Public Safety Department, and Circuit Solicitor's Office. Funding is being requested for Sheriff's Office equipment; supplies and equipment for the Forensic Division; training for the Detention Center Medical Division; and adult and juvenile drug court funds for the Solicitor's Office. This grant does not require a County match.

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

Councilor Tzouvelekas moved to approve the FY2022 Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$140,762. The motion carried unanimously.

**SC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT – PROJECT SAFE  
NEIGHBORHOODS:**

This is the SC Department of Public Safety Grant – Project Safe Neighborhoods grant in the amount of \$68,000. This grant funding will be used by the Sheriff's Office for the Sheriff's Office Gang Unit and Drug Enforcement Unit to purchase a high-pressure mass spectrometry detection system to aide in detecting Fentanyl and other dangerous drugs. This grant does not require a County match.

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

Councilor Tzouvelekas moved to approve the SC Department of Public Safety Grant – Project Safe Neighborhoods in the amount of \$68,000. The motion carried unanimously.

**SC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT – CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING PROGRAM:**

This is the SC Department of Public Safety Grant – Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program in the amount of \$582,515. This grant funding would be used to obtain equipment for Deputy/Medic personnel and acquire message/traffic trailer(s) that will allow rapid medic response, monitor/help investigate violent crimes, and traffic coordination/info messaging in event of a pandemic. This grant does not require a County match.

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

Councilor Tzouvelekas moved to approve the SC Department of Public Safety Grant – Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program in the amount of \$582,515. The motion carried unanimously.

**FY2022 COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID, STIMULANT, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM:**

This the 2022 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program grant in the amount of \$1,599,995. This grant would fund a law enforcement led diversion to treatment initiative in Greenville County. The project will develop a comprehensive local response to the county’s substance abuse problem through synthesizing grant resources with existing practices and personnel to support planned activities per allowable use of funds. This grant does not require a County match.

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

Councilor Tzouvelekas moved to approve the FY2022 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program grant in the amount of \$1,599,995. The motion carried unanimously.

**FY2022 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (LEMPG):**

This is the FY2022 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG) in the amount of \$112,418. This grant will fund contractual services, travel expenses and various equipment and supplies for the Emergency Management Division. This grant requires an in-kind match which will come from budgeted salaries and benefits in the Emergency Management Division.

**FY2022 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (LEMPG)  
CON'T:**

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

Councilor Tzouvelekas moved to approve the FY2022 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG) in the amount of \$112,418. The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATION:**

This is a Community Project Application from Clear Spring Fire District in the amount of \$4,000. The funds will assist the fire district with the purchase of furniture for the station's crew sleeping quarters.

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 \$4,000 for the Clear Spring Fire District.

**RESOLUTION AND ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT:**

This is a resolution which approves and ratifies the transfer and assignment by the 385 Business Park, LLC to and assumption by EGP 385 BP 1031, LLC of a certain existing fee in lieu of tax agreement.

Jim Price, Nexsen Pruet, LLC was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the resolution which approves and ratifies the transfer and assignment by the 385 Business Park, LLC to and assumption by EGP 385 BP 1031, LLC of a certain existing fee in lieu of tax agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

**PARTIAL ASSIGNMENT PROJECT CERAMIC – QM HOLDINGS:**

This is a resolution which authorizes and approves the assignment and assumption of a fee in lieu of tax and incentive agreement by and between Greenville County and QM Holding, LLC.

Councilor Seman moved to hold this resolution at the company’s request. The motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Finance Committee went into executive session at 5:13 to discuss contractual matter. The committee came out of executive session at 5:20.

**GREENVILLE COUNTY HISTORIC AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST – HNRT PROJECT LEGACY:**

Councilor Seman moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the Greenville County Historic and Natural Resources Trust (HNRT) to provide funding for a project known to the County at this time as HNRT Project Legacy. The motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Finance Committee went into executive session at 5:22 to discuss contractual matters. The committee came out of executive session at 5:38.

**PROJECT GRAHAM:**

Councilor Meadows moved to approve a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an Inducement Agreement by and between Greenville County and Project Graham and to execute a fee in lieu of tax agreement with respect to the project. The motion carried unanimously.


**PROJECT SECURITY:**

Councilor Tzouvelekas moved to approve a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an Inducement Agreement by and between Greenville County and Project Security and to execute a fee in lieu of tax agreement and a Special Source Credit Agreement with respect to the Project. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no additional business to come before the Finance Committee, Councilor Seman moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:40. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vanessa Payne".

Vanessa Payne  
Executive Assistant