

MINUTES
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
OCTOBER 10, 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
JOE DILL
BUTCH KIRVEN

STAFF PRESENT:

RUTH PARRIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR
HESHA GAMBLE, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JOHN HANSLEY, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JOE KERNELL, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
VANESSA PAYNE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
MARK TOLLISON, COUNTY ATTORNEY

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Tripp called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Councilor Seman provided the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Tzouvelekas moved to approve the regular minutes of September 26, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

GRANT APPLICATION:

PARKS AND RECREATION DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANT – FREETOWN COMMUNITY CENTER BASKETBALL COURTS:

This is the Parks and Recreation Development Fund Grant – Freetown Community Center in the amount of \$102,025.15. These grant funds would be used to repair and resurface the existing outdoor basketball courts at Freetown Community Center. This grant requires a County match of \$20,405.03, which will come from a budgeted PRT capital account.

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

Councilor Seman moved to approve the Parks and Recreation Development Fund Grant in the amount of \$102,025.15. The motion carried unanimously.

DHEC GRANT – MEDICAL EXAMINER TOXICOLOGY TESTING:

This is the DHEC – Medical Examiner Toxicology Testing Grant in the amount of \$129,222. These grant funds would be used to reimburse Medical Examiner expenses related to deaths caused by drug overdose per the guidelines of the contract. This grant does not require a County match.

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

DHEC GRANT – MEDICAL EXAMINER TOXICOLOGY TESTING CON’T:

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the DHEC – Medical Examiner Toxicology Testing Grant in the amount of \$129,222. The motion carried unanimously.

BEREA PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND:

This is an ordinance allowing Berea Public Service to issue not exceeding \$3,000,000 of General Obligation Bonds and a resolution calling for a public hearing to be held upon the question of the issuance of not exceeding \$3,000,000 of General Obligation Bonds.

Jeremy Cook, Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd was available by zoom and Chief Cook, Berea Public Service District was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the ordinance allowing Berea Public Service to issue not exceeding \$3,000,000 of General Obligation Bonds and a resolution calling for a public hearing to be held upon the question of the issuance of not exceeding \$3,000,000 of General Obligation Bonds. The motion carried unanimously.

MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK REQUEST – PROJECT LIFEBOAT:

This is an ordinance which approves an amendment for the enlargement of the Joint County Industrial and Business Park by and between Greenville County and Anderson County as it relates to Project Lifeboat.

Mark Tollison, County Attorney was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve an ordinance which approves an amendment for the enlargement of the Joint County Industrial and Business Park by and between Greenville County and Anderson County as it relates to Project Lifeboat. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATION – CITY OF MAULDIN – WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CEREMONY:

This is a Community Project Application for the City of Mauldin in the amount of \$2,500. The funds will be used for wreaths to be placed on graves of veterans at ceremonies within the City of Mauldin.

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

Councilor Seman moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$2,500 for the City of Mauldin. The motion carried unanimously.

ROAD MAINTENANCE FEE ORDINANCE:

This is an ordinance to impose and collect an increase to the Greenville County Road Maintenance Fee pursuant to Title 6, Chapter 1, Article 3 of the South Carolina Code. This increases the fee by \$10.00, making the total fee \$25.00.

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

Councilor Fant moved to approve an ordinance to impose and collect an increase of \$10.00 to the Greenville County Road Maintenance Fee, making the total fee \$25.00. The motion carried a vote of 3-2. Councilors Meadows and Tzouvelekas were opposed.

ABANDONED TEXTILE MILL CERTIFICATION – SANS SOUCI COTTON WAREHOUSE:

This is a resolution to provide a certification pursuant to the South Carolina Textile Communities Revitalization Act for the property formerly known as Sans Souci Cotton Warehouse on Old Bleachery Road in Greenville, South Carolina.

Toby Whitmire, Nexsen Pruet, LLC was present along with the property owners to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the resolution providing a certification pursuant to the South Carolina Textile Communities Revitalization Act for the property formerly known as Sans Souci Cotton Warehouse on Old Bleachery Road in Greenville, South Carolina.

ABANDONED TEXTILE MILL CERTIFICATION – SANS SOUCI COTTON WAREHOUSE CON'T:

The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilor Seman moved to go executive session at 5:12 to discuss contractual matters. The committee came out of executive session at 5:17.

PROJECT MILA:

Councilor Seman moved to approve a resolution consenting to a partial assignment of certain interests under a FILOT with Greenville County by Willcoll Land, LLC to Perimeter Propco LLC and an ordinance authorizing the amendment of that fee agreement between Willcoll Land, LLC as previously assigned by adding additional land and economic development area to the fee agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional business to come before the Finance Committee, Councilor Seman moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:18. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Vanessa Payne
Executive Assistant