

MINUTES  
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
MARCH 27, 2023  
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.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

CHAIRMAN, BUTCH KIRVEN  
VICE CHAIRMAN, LIZ SEMAN  
BENTON BLOUNT  
ENNIS FANT  
CHRIS HARRISON  
DAN TRIPP

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

ALAN MITCHELL  
STEVE SHAW

**STAFF PRESENT:**

DEBRA HAM, HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR  
JOHN HANSLEY, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
SHANNON HERMAN, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
JOE KERNELL, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
VANESSA PAYNE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT  
MARK TOLLISON, COUNTY ATTORNEY

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

## **INVOCATION:**

Vice-Chairman Seman provided the invocation.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilor Tripp moved to approve the regular minutes of February 13, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

## **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:**

### **ARENA DISTRICT COMMISSION: 3 VACANCIES**

There are three (3) vacancies on the Arena District Commission. Applications were submitted by Michelle Bowyer, Lindsay Escher, Victoria Iriel, Kerry Lightner, John Monarch, Mark Parrot, Neetu Patel and James Pittman. Kerry Lightner, John Monarch and Neetu Patel appeared before the committee for an interview.

By ballot vote, Kerry Lightner, Neetu Patel and James Pittman were nominated for an appointment to serve on the Arena District Commission. The nominations will be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole.

### **GREENVILLE AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION: 3 VACANCIES**

There are three (3) vacancies on the Greenville Area Development Corporation. Applications were submitted by Jim Burns, Larry Campbell, James Davis, Marshall Franklin, Don Godbey, Jada Mageria, Ivan Mathena, Elise McGee, Martha Stemberger, and Sheng Zheng appeared before the committee for an interview.

By ballot vote, Jim Burns, Marshall Franklin and Chad Tumblin were nominated for an appointment to serve on the Greenville Area Development Corporation. The nominations will be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole.

## **UPDATES TO GREENVILLE COUNTY PERSONNEL HANDBOOK:**

This is a request to approve some revisions to the Greenville County Personnel Handbook (2023). A summary of the revisions were included in the agenda packet for the committee's review.

Debra Ham, Human Resource Director was present to answer questions of the committee.

## **UPDATES TO GREENVILLE COUNTY PERSONNEL HANDBOOK CONT'D:**

Councilor Tripp moved to approve the 2023 revisions to the Personnel Handbook. The motion carried unanimously.

### **GREENVILLE COUNTY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE POOL:**

There are five (5) vacancies on the Grievance Committee Pool. Nicole Drummond, Jeffrey Poole, Mollie Hodges, Aaron Blye and Tracy Rucker were recommended to fill the vacancies on the Grievance Committee.

Debra Ham, Human Resource Director was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the following recommendations to fill the vacancies on the Grievance Committee: Nicole Drummond, Jeffrey Poole, Mollie Hodges, Aaron Blye and Tracy Rucker. The motion carried unanimously.

### **ABANDONED BUILDING SITE CERTIFICATION – 6000 AUGUSTA ROAD**

This is a resolution to certify 6000 Augusta Road, Greenville, SC as an abandoned site pursuant to the South Carolina Buildings Revitalization Act of 2013. This certification will allow the developer to apply for state income tax credits to offset redevelopment costs under the Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act of 2013.

Councilors Fant and Harrison left the meeting having recused themselves from discussion and voting due to a conflict of interest.

Jay Rogers was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the resolution to certify 6000 Augusta Road, Greenville, SC as an abandoned site pursuant to the South Carolina Buildings Revitalization Act of 2013. The motion carried unanimously with two abstentions (Fant and Harrison).

Councilors Fant and Harrison returned to the meeting.

## **ROAD MAINTENANCE FEE REVENUE BOND SERIES 2023:**

This is an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$31,000,000 in Road Fee Revenue Bonds for the expenditure of the proceeds for the payment of said bonds. Approval of the Bond Ordinance allows the County to issue Revenue Bonds using Road Maintenance Fee program funds. The series 2023 Ordinance for the issuance of bonds not exceeding \$31,000,000 to replace Lost Revenue funds used for the Woodruff Road Parallel Project.

Joe Kernell, County Administrator, John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator and Brad Love, Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Tripp moved to approve the Bond Ordinance which allows the County to issue Revenue Bonds using Road Maintenance Fee program funds and the Series 2023 Ordinance for the issuance of bonds not exceeding \$31,000,000 to replace Lost Revenue funds used for the Woodruff Road Parallel Project. The motion carried unanimously.

## **SIMPSONVILLE FSA - ORDINANCE:**

This is an ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$900,000 in General Obligation Bonds for Simpsonville Fire Service Area for the purpose of acquiring a Rescue Fire Truck. Approval of the ordinance will allow for the preorder of the new apparatus.

John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator, Brad Love, Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, and Diana Gracely, Simpsonville City Manager were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Tripp moved to approve an ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$900,000 in General Obligation Bonds for Simpsonville Fire Service Area for the purpose of acquiring a Rescue Fire Truck. The motion carried unanimously.

## **COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATIONS:**

### **LAKE CUNNINGHAM COMMUNICATION RESPONSE PROJECT:**

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$9,000 for the Lake Cunningham Communication Response Project. The funds will be used to purchase mobile data terminals.

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

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## **LAKE CUNNINGHAM COMMUNICATION RESPONSE PROJECT CONT'D:**

Councilor Seman moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$9,000 for the Lake Cunningham Communication Response Project. The motion carried unanimously.

## **UPSTATE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS ADA STANDARDS RESTROOM UPGRADES:**

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$11,000 for the Upstate Circle of Friends ADA Standards Restroom Upgrades. The funds will be used to renovate restrooms to current ADA standards.

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 \$11,000 for the Upstate Circle of Friends ADA Standards restroom upgrades. The motion carried unanimously.

## **PROPOSED GADC BYLAWS AMENDMENT:**

This is an amendment to the GADC Bylaws which is referenced in Section VI(b) and refers to Number, Terms and Qualifications as it relates to the Board of Directors.

Councilor Fant moved to approve the amendment to GADC Bylaws which addresses Number, Terms and Qualifications as it relates to the Board of Directors. The motion carried unanimously.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilor Seman moved to go into executive session at 5:51 to discuss a contractual matter. The committee came out of executive session at 5:59.

## **PROJECT SAVING DAYLIGHT:**

Councilor Seman moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a FILOT agreement and Special Source Credit Agreement by and between Greenville County and Project Saving Daylight. The motion carried unanimously.

**PROPOSED GADC BYLAWS AMENDMENT:**

Councilor Fant moved to reconsider the motion regarding the Proposed GADC Bylaws Amendment. The motion to reconsider carried unanimously.

Mark Tollison, County Attorney, stated that the sentence in Section VI(b), which reads, “and one (1) of whom is an ex officio member who serves by virtue of the office of Greenville County Auditor,” should be removed.

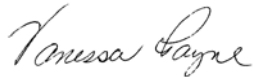
Councilor Seman moved to amend the GADC Bylaws to reflect removal of above-stated sentence. Motion to amend carried unanimously.

The motion as amended carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no additional business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:03. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Vanessa Payne  
Executive Assistant