

MINUTES
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
JULY 10, 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:

STAFF PRESENT:

JOHN HANSLEY, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
RUTH PARRIS, BUDGET MANAGER
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:

Councilor Fant provided the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Seman moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 12, 2023 and of the regular meeting of June 20, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

GRANT APPLICATIONS:

SC ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL ASSOCIATION GRANT:

This is the SC Animal Care and Control Association Grant in the amount of \$2,000. The funds will be used to continue providing no-cost spay/neuter surgeries for animals. This is a continuing grant opportunity, meaning that once a grant is fulfilled, Animal Care can apply and receive additional funds in \$2,000 increments multiple times throughout the fiscal year providing funds are available. This grant does not require a County match.

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

Councilor Seman moved to approve the SC Animal Care and Control Association Grant in the amount of \$2,000. The motion carried unanimously.

FY2023 IMPLEMENTING CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAMS – COMMUNITY POLICING DEVELOPMENT GRANT:

This is the FY2023 Implementing Crisis Intervention Teams – Community Policing Development Grant in the amount of \$202,920. The grant will fund a Crisis Intervention Specialist and associated benefits and operational costs. The position will be assigned to the Greenville County Sheriff's Office Homeless Response Unit. This grant does not require a County match.

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

Councilor Seman moved to approve the FY2023 Implementing Crisis Intervention Teams – Community Policing Development Grant in the amount of \$202,920. The motion carried unanimously.

FY2023 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY DE-ESCALATION – COMMUNITY POLICING DEVELOPMENT GRANT:

This is the FY2023 Law Enforcement Agency De-Escalation – Community Policing Development Grant in the amount of \$180,000. This grant would allow the Sheriff's Office to purchase a virtual reality training simulator. This will allow the Office to provide deputies the resources of a simulator that incorporates de-escalation training and scenarios. This will allow for real time monitoring and instruction to deputies in a safe but interactive environment and will equip deputies to have more effective outcomes with a goal to have minimal use of force incidents. This grant does not require a County match.

FY2023 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY DE-ESCALATION – COMMUNITY POLICING DEVELOPMENT GRANT CON'T:

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

Councilor Seman moved to approve the FY2023 Law Enforcement Agency De-Escalation – Community Policing Development Grant in the amount of \$180,000. The motion carried unanimously.

DUKE ENERGY FOUNDATION GRANT:

This is the Duke Energy Foundation Grant in the amount of \$20,000. The grant funds will be used to fund a Polaris Ranger ATV for the Emergency Management Division. This grant requires a County match of \$5,786.

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

Councilor Seman moved to approve the Duke Energy Foundation Grant in the amount of \$20,000. The motion carried unanimously.

FY2023 HEALTHY GREENVILLE GRANT:

This is the FY2023 Healthy Greenville Grant in the amount of \$163,501. This grant would allow the Emergency Medical Services Division to expand mass gathering and special operations capabilities by procuring an all-terrain ambulance vehicle that will provide a more efficient and safer means of responding to and transporting ill or injured patients from crowded or wilderness venues to a proximate area where ambulances are staged for hospital transportation. This grant requires a County match of \$71,764.

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

Councilor Seman moved to approve the FY2023 Healthy Greenville Grant in the amount of \$163,501. The motion carried unanimously.

GCRA – APPROVAL OF REQUALIFICATION OF URBAN COUNTY STATUS AND RENEWAL OF A CONTINUOUS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024-2026:

This is a request from Greenville County Redevelopment Authority for approval of Requalification of Urban County Status and Renewal of a Continuous Cooperative Agreement for Fiscal Years 2024-2026. Every 3 years, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires Greenville County to requalify for entitlement status as an Urban County Redevelopment agreement between Greenville County, Greenville County Redevelopment Authority and the municipalities of Fountain Inn, Greer, Mauldin, Simpsonville and Travelers Rest.

John Castille, GCRA Executive Director and Imma Nwobodu, GCRA, Program Director were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Tripp moved to approve the resolution approving the Requalification of Urban County Status and Renewal of a Continuous Cooperative Agreement for fiscal years 2024-2026. The motion carried unanimously.

FIVE YEAR EXEMPTION EXTENDED TO AN UNRELATED PURCHASER:

Bostik Inc. requests approval of an extension of a five-year partial property tax exemption as allowed in Section 12-37-220 (c) of the SC Code for an unrelated purchaser who acquired property in an arms-length transaction and preserves the facilities and existing number of jobs. The existing facility received a five-year partial exemption from County property taxes in the past, therefore approval was not recommended.

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

Councilor Tripp moved to deny approval of an extension of a five-year partial property tax exemption as it relates to Bostik Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilor Seman moved to go into executive session at 5:19 to discuss contractual matters. The committee came out of executive session at 5:26.

PROJECT FIREHOUSE:

Councilor Seman moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County and Project Firehouse. The motion carried unanimously.


PROJECT EVEREST:

Councilor Semam moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County and Project Everest. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:29. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Vanessa Payne
Executive Assistant