

GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
NOVEMBER 13, 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:

MIKE BARNES
ALAN MITCHELL
JOEY RUSSO

STAFF PRESENT:

JOE KERNELL, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
RUTH PARRIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR
VANESSA PAYNE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
JESSICA STONE, DEPUTY CLERK TO COUNCIL
MARK TOLLISON, COUNTY ATTORNEY
NICOLE WOOD, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
KIM WUNDER, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY

CALL TO ORDER:

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

INVOCATION:

Councilor Tripp provided the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Seman moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 30, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

GRANT APPLICATIONS:

SC LEGISLATIVE GRANT FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

This is the SC Legislative Grant for the Sheriff's Office – Armored Vehicle in the amount of \$450,000. This grant funding will be used by the Sheriff's Office to replace their armored vehicles for the SWAT team. This grant does not require a County match.

Ruth Parris was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the SC Legislative Grant for Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$450,000. The motion carried unanimously.

SC LEGISLATIVE GRANT FOR PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM – SLATER HALL:

This is the SC Legislative Grant for Parks, Recreation, and Tourism – Slater Hall in the amount of \$100,000. The grant funding will be used by the Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department to rehabilitate the Slater Hall Facility in the Slater-Marietta area. This grant does not require a County match.

Ruth Parris, Budget Director and Ted Lambrecht, Director, PRT were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the SC Legislative Grant for Parks, Recreation and Tourism – Slater Hall in the amount of \$100,000. The motion carried unanimously.

SC LEGISLATIVE GRANT FOR PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM – SWAMP RABBIT TRAIL:

This is the SC Legislative Grant for Parks, Recreation, and Tourism – Swamp Rabbit in the amount of \$2,000,000. Grant funding will be used by the Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department to expand the Prisma Health Swamp Rabbit Trail Network into additional Greenville County communities. This grant does not require a County match.

Ruth Parris, Budget Director and Ted Lambrecht, Director, PRT were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Tripp moved to approve the SC Legislative Grant for Parks, Recreation, and Tourism – Swamp Rabbit Trail Network in the amount of \$2,000,000. The motion carried unanimously.

REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY GRANT:

This is the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant in the amount of \$17,161,150. If awarded, these grant funds would build pedestrian bridges over major multi-lane roads along the Swamp Rabbit Trail as well as new spur trails to connect neighborhoods to the trail network. Main bridges include West Blue Ridge Drive and Sulphur Springs Road as well as trail connections and bridges to connect Lakeview, San Souci, and Berea communities. This grant does not require a County match.

Ruth Parris, Budget Director and Ted Lambrecht, Director, PRT were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant in the amount of \$17,161,150. The motion carried unanimously.

UNITED STATES TENNIS ASSOCIATION (USTA) FACILITIES SERVICES GRANT:

This is the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Facilities Services Grant in the amount of \$35,000. This grant funding would be used by the Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department to improve the tennis facility at the Pavilion including resurfacing six tennis courts, replacing fencing and net posts, and improving court accessibility and lighting. This grant does not require a County match.

Ruth Parris, Budget Director and Ted Lambrecht were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Facilities Services Grant in the amount of \$35,000. The motion carried unanimously.

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND (LWCF) GRANT – SOUTHSIDE PARK:

This is the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant in the amount of \$300,000. Greenville County Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department will match the grant with \$300,000 to complete the project. This grant funding will be used to replace the existing playground for Southside Park.

Ruth Parris, Budget Director and Ted Lambrecht, Director of PRT were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the Land and Water Conservation (LWCF) Grant – Southside Park in the amount of \$300,000. The motion carried unanimously.

SEWER EASEMENT AGREEMENT:

This is an ordinance to authorize the execution and delivery of a sewer easement over a portion of the Enoree Residential Waste & Recycling Center property located at 1311 Anderson Ridge Road, Greer, SC 29651, and other matters related thereto. Approval of the ordinance would result in public sewer becoming available to the Enoree Property.

Kim Wunder, Assistant County Attorney was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Harrison moved to approve the ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a sewer easement over a portion of the Enoree Residential Waste & Recycling Center property located at 1311 Anderson Ridge Road, Greer, SC 28651. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Finance Committee went into executive session at 4:19 to discuss a contractual matter. The committee came out of executive session at 4:56.

Councilor Tripp left the meeting at 4:21 and returned at 4:24.

PROJECT DRAGON:

Councilor Seman moved to approve a resolution authorizing a five year extension of the investment period under certain 2020 fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County and Project Dragon. The motion carried unanimously.

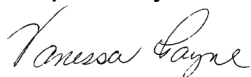
PROJECT WINDY:

No action was taken on this request. Councilor Seman moved for council to continue discussions on this proposal. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:57.

Respectfully submitted,



Vanessa Payne
Executive Assistant