

GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
APRIL 22, 2024
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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

DAN TRIPP

STAFF PRESENT:

RONALD HOLLISTER, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC SAFETY
JOE KERNELL, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
RUTH PARRIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR
VANESSA PAYNE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
MARK TOLLISON, COUNTY ATTORNEY
NICOLE WOOD, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

CALL TO ORDER:

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

INVOCATION:

Chairman Kirven provided the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Seman moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 25, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

GRANT APPLICATION:

PETCO LOVE GRANT:

This is the Petco Love Grant in the amount of \$90,000. This grant awards Greenville County a live saving investment grant from Petco Love. There are no restrictions on use other than it must be used for live-saving purposes. This grant does not require a County match.

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

Councilor Seman moved to approve the Petco Love Grant in the amount of \$90,000. The motion carried unanimously.

SAVS GRANT – SUPPLEMENT ALLOCATION FOR VICTIMS SERVICES:

This is the SAVS Grant – Supplemental Allocation for Victims Services in the amount of \$45,308. The grant funding will be used by the Solicitor's Office to fund the salary portion of one Victim Advocate position. The position will assist victims of domestic violence and other crimes being prosecuted. This grant requires a County match of \$9,062 which is budgeted in the General Fund Matching Grant Account for FY2025.

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

Councilor Seman moved to approve the SAVS Grant – Supplement Allocation for Victims Services in the amount of \$45,308. The motion carried unanimously.

FEDERAL SUB AWARD AGREEMENT BETWEEN SC DHEC AND GREENVILLE COUNTY DETENTION CENTER:

This is the Federal Sub Award Agreement between SC DHEC and Greenville County Detention Center in the amount of \$218,700. The grant funding will be used by the Department of Public Safety to acquire full body scanning equipment for the Detention Center. Funding is from the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases federal project. This grant does require a County match.

Ruth Parris, Budget Director and Ronald Hollister, Director of Public Safety were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the Federal Sub Award Agreement between SC DHEC and Greenville County Detention Center in the amount of \$218,700. The motion carried unanimously.

GREENVILLE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BUDGET:

This is a request from the Greenville County Library System to approve an ordinance approving the appropriation of funds for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025; and to authorize the annual ad valorem property tax millage levy for library purposes.

Beverly James, Executive Director and Don Allen, Accounting Manager were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the ordinance approving the appropriation of funds for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2023 and to authorize the annual ad valorem property tax millage levy for library purposes. The motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND – CLEAR SPRING FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT:

This is an ordinance approving a not to exceed \$2.3 million General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024B. This will require a debt millage increase in the district’s tax levy to two and four tenths (2.3) increasing the millage rate from 2.3 to 4.7. These monies will be used to replace a 2004 Pierce Dash 75 foot ladder truck with a new 100 foot ladder truck.

Larry Kardos, Chief and Brad Love, Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Harrison moved to approve an ordinance approving a not to exceed \$2.3 million General Obligation Bonds to replace a ladder truck. The motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND – FOUNTAIN FIRE SERVICE AREA:

This is an ordinance approving a not to exceed \$4.6 million General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024B. This will require a debt millage increase in the district’s tax levy of nine and four tenths (9.4) mills from 5.9 to 15.3 so as to build a new fire station in order to better serve the residents and decrease response times to incidents.

Mayor McLeer, Chief Alexander, Shawn Bell, City Administrator and Brad Love, Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd were present to answer questions of the committee.

After some discussion, Councilor Seman moved to hold this request to obtain additional information. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATION: CITY OF MAULDIN:

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

Nicole Wood was present to answer questions of the committee.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Finance Committee went into executive session at 5:38 to discuss contractual matters. The Committee came out of executive session at 5:57.

PROJECT CATAPULT:

Councilor Seman moved to approve an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park (2010 Park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the Park to include Project Catapult. The motion carried unanimously.

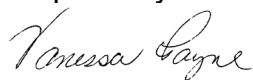
PROJECT PEGASUS:

Councilor Fant moved to approve a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an inducement agreement by and between Greenville County and Project Pegasus which will execute a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Special Source Credit Agreement with respect to Project Pegasus. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:00.

Respectfully submitted,



Vanessa Payne
Executive Assistant