

GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
MAY 13, 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:

JOE KERNELL, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
VANESSA PAYNE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
LYNDSEY SLOAN, DIRECTOR, GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS
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:

Councilor Blount provided the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Seman moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 22, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

GREENVILLE-PICKENS MCIP –“COMMERCE PARK”:

This is an ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated Industrial Business Park in conjunction with Pickens County to include certain property comprising the Pickens County Commerce Park and additional property within Pickens County located on Cartee Road.

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

Councilor Seman moved to approve the ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated Industrial Business Park in conjunction with Pickens County to include certain property comprising the Pickens County Commerce Park and additional property within Pickens County located on Cartee Road. The motion carried unanimously.

MAULDIN FIRE DISTRICT MILLAGE REQUEST:

Mauldin Fire Service Area is requesting an increase in the District’s tax of three (3.0) mills from 25.4 mills to 28.4 mills to hire three additional fire fighters. The requested rate increase is within the CPI and population growth as allowed per Section 6-1-320 (A) of the South Carolina Code of Laws for FY2025.

Chief McHone and Seth Duncan, Mauldin City Administrator were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the 3.0 mill increase for Mauldin Fire Service Area. This increases the millage rate for the District from 25.4 mills to 28.4 mills. The motion carried unanimously.

LAKE CUNNINGHAM FIRE DISTRICT MILLAGE REQUEST:

Lake Cunningham Fire District is requesting an increase in the District’s tax of six and six tenths (6.6) mills from 37.2 mills to 43.8 mills for increased costs and improvements in services. The requested rate increase is within the CPI and population growth as allowed per Section 6-1-320 (A) of the South Carolina Code of Laws for FY2025.

Chief Brown and Ms. Cawley were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the 6.6 mill increase for Lake Cunningham Fire District. The motion carried unanimously.

TIGERVILLE FIRE SERVICE AREA MILLAGE REQUEST:

Tigerville Fire Service Area is requesting an increase in the District’s operating tax of 6.0 mills from 38.6 mills to 42.8 mills to hire part-time staff and increase full-fighter pay to compete with other fire departments in the County. The requested rate increase is within the CPI and population growth as allowed per Section 6-1-320 (A) of the South Carolina Code of Laws for FY2025.

TIGERVILLE FIRE SERVICE AREA MILLAGE REQUEST CONT'D:

Chief Gresham and Ms. Cawley were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve 6.0 mill increase for Tigerville Fire Service Area. The motion carried unanimously.

FY2024-2025 ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDING RECOMMENDATION:

This is a request from the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee to approve funding allocation recommendations for FY2024-2025. The total amount to be allocated is \$1,051,383. The recommended allocations are listing on the attached spreadsheet.

Lyndsey Sloan, Director of Grants and Special Projects and B.J.Koonce, Chairman, Advisory Committee were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the recommendation of the Advisory Committee for the FY2024-2025 Accommodations Tax allocations (See Attachment). The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATION:

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$4,294 for a radar speed sign to be installed on Foothills Road which will assist in traffic calming.

Nicole Wood was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Blount moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$4,294 for a radar speed sign on Foothills Road. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Finance Committee went into executive session at 5:48 to discuss contractual matters. The Committee came out of executive session at 5:59.

PROJECT ANCHORAGE:

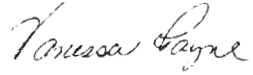
Councilor Seman was recused from the meeting at this time due to a possible conflict of interest.

Councilor Fant 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 Anchorage. The motion carried a vote of 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:02.

Respectfully submitted,



Vanessa Payne
Executive Assistant

FY25 Atax Funding Applicant	Project	FY25 Requested	Grade	FY25 Amount
Discover Upcountry Carolina Association	Upcountry SC Advertising & Marketing	\$60,000	A	\$60,000
Fall for Greenville	Fall for Greenville Promotional Campaign	\$15,000	A	\$15,000
Greenville Arts Festival dba Artisphere	Artisphere's 20th Anniversary	\$69,250	A	\$69,250
Greenville Scottish Games and Highland Fe	Greenville Scottish Games	\$85,000	A	\$85,000
Local Boys Do Good dba euphoria	euphoria 2024 and euphoria Spring Fest 2025	\$60,000	A	\$60,000
NOTUS Sports	2024 Gran Fondo Hincapie Event	\$40,000	A	\$40,000
NOTUS Sports	Greenville Cycling Classic	\$30,000	A	\$30,000
South Carolina Charities Inc.	BMW Charity Pro-Am	\$110,000	A	\$100,000
Ville to Ville Foundation	Ville to Ville Sprint Relay and Ville to Ville Relay	\$20,000	A	\$20,000
VisitGreenvilleSC	Flight Market Media	\$200,000	A	\$200,000
Bob Jones University	Living Gallery Presentation	\$30,000	B	\$20,000
EURO Auto Festival	ERUO 2024	\$10,000	B	\$7,500
Everything Outdoor Fest	Everything Outdoor Fest	\$35,000	B	\$20,000
Greenville Chautauqua	27th Season's History Comes Alive Festival	\$10,000	B	\$10,000
Greenville County Parks, Recreation & Tou	Greenville County Pickleball Smash Tournaments	\$7,500	B	\$7,500
Greenville Symphony Association	GSO's New Era: Regional Digital Marketing Campaign	\$20,000	B	\$20,000
Metropolitan Arts Council	Greenville Open Studios 2024	\$30,000	B	\$30,000
Roper Mountain Science Center Associatio	2024/2025 Summer Adventure Marketing	\$10,000	B	\$10,000
Sigal Music Museum	A Measure of Music: STEAM and the Musical Mind	\$20,000	B	\$16,500
Team Greenville Swim Club INC	New Digital Scoreboard	\$25,000	B	\$25,000
The Children's Museum of the Upstate	TCMU's Strategic Marketing Plan and Construction Z	\$165,804	B	\$50,000
Upcountry History Museum	Bringing Hollywood to Greenville	\$45,000	B	\$35,000
Greenville Chapter of the SC Restaurant an	Restaurant Week Greenville	\$15,000	B	\$15,000
Cultural Arts Foundation Fountain Inn	In-House Adult Theater, In-House Youth Theater, Ou	\$75,000	C	\$25,000
Foothills Philharmonic	Music Concert Series: "Classically Casual"	\$3,500	C	\$3,500
Greenville Center for Creative Arts	GCCA Targeted Regional Marketing Plan	\$10,000	C	\$7,500
Greenville Chorale	Regional Marketing Campaign	\$7,000	C	\$5,000
Greenville Theatre	2024-2025 Tourist Attraction	\$18,000	C	\$7,500
Makers Collective	Indie Craft Parade	\$25,000	C	\$15,000
Mill Village Ministries	The Village Launch Market	\$5,000	C	\$3,633
Rotary Charities Inc. the Foundation for the	Kringle Holiday Village	\$20,000	C	\$10,000
South Carolina Children's Theatre	2024-25 Productions Strategic Marketing Plan	\$10,000	C	\$7,500
The Warehouse Theatre	Main Stage Season Marketing Assistance	\$7,500	C	\$5,000
Varna International Music Academy	"Muzika!" Festival in Greenville, SC	\$50,000	C	\$16,000
Juneteenth GVL Inc	Juneteenth GVL Megafest	\$75,000	D	\$0
Mill Village Ministries	Grateful GVL	\$5,000	D	\$0
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