

GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
JUNE 24, 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
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:

Councilor Blount provided the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Seman moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 10, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

GRANT APPLICATIONS:

DUKE ENERGY FOUNDATION GRANT:

This is the Duke Energy Foundation Grant in the amount of \$15,000. The grant will fund a three-year subscription to the Baron Threat (NET (weather app) for the Emergency Management Division. 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 Duke Energy Foundation Grant in the amount of \$15,000. The motion carried unanimously.

FY2024 DNA GRANT:

This is the FY2024 DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction Program Grant in the amount of \$218,238. This grant would fund overtime, associated benefits, supplies, equipment, and accreditation fees for the DNA lab to continue to offer forensic biology/DNA services to regional upstate SC agencies; reduce backlog of DNA cases; and continue to meet accreditation standards

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

Councilor Harrison moved to approve the FY2024DNA Grant in the amount of \$218,238. The motion carried unanimously.

FOUNTAIN INN FSA DEBT MILLAGE INCREASE:

The Finance Committee previously held this item on April 22, 2024. The Finance Committee approved an increase in the ad valorem tax levy for Fountain Inn FSA operations through the adoption of Ordinance 5301 on July 20, 2021.

Chairman Kirven turned the gavel over to Vice-Chairman Seman prior to discussion on this request.

This is a request to approve adoption of an Ordinance approving a not-to-exceed \$3.8 million General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024B which will require a debt millage increase in the District's tax levy of seven and nine tenths (7.9) mills from 5.9 to 13.8 so as to build a new fire station in order to better serve the residents and decrease response times to incidents. Based on the allocated use of the facility, the Department proposes that 50% of the cost will be borne by the FSA and 50% by the City.

A resident owning a house with a taxable market value of \$200,000 would pay an additional \$63.20 annually due to this millage increase.

FOUNTAIN INN FSA DEBT MILLAGE INCREASE CONT'D:

Chief Alexander, Mr. Shawn Bell, Fountain Inn City Administrator, Brad Love, Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd and Teresa Cawley SMA were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Harrison moved to approve the millage increase of 7.9 mills for the Fountain Inn Fire Service Area. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kirven made an amendment to the ordinance. The amendment states that the three fire districts in the service area proposed for expansion (The City of Simpsonville, Clear Spring Fire District and the City of Fountain) shall meet to discuss future growth plans in the fire service area in the affected unincorporated areas will meet prior to second reading and will include participation by the County.

Chairman Kirven moved to approve amendment to the ordinance for the millage increase of 7.9 mills for the Fountain Inn FSA. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kirven moved to approve the ordinance for the millage increase of 7.9 mills for the FAS as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Seman passed the gavel back to Chairman Kirven.

COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATIONS:

SIGAL MUSIC MUSEUM BUILDING UPGRADES:

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$20,456 for the Sigal Music Museum Building. The funds will be used to assist with upgrading the HVAC system.

Nicole Wood, Assistant County Administrator was present to answer questions of the committee.

Chairman Kirven moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$20,456 for upgrading the HVAC system at the Sigal Music Museum. The motion carried unanimously.

STAUNTON BRIDGE SCHOLARSHIPS:

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$3,956 for youth scholarships at the Staunton Bridge Community Center. The scholarships allow youth to attend camp and afterschool programs.

Nicole Wood, Assistant County Administrator was present to answer questions of the committee.

Chairman Kirven moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of

\$3,956 for youth scholarships at the Staunton Bridge Community Center. The motion carried unanimously.

CLEAR SPRING FIRE AND RESCUE:

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$5,240 for Clear Spring Fire and Rescue. The funds will be used to purchase a smoke evacuation fan.

Nicole Wood, Assistant County Administrator was present to answer questions of the committee.

Chairman Kirven moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$5,240 for Clear Spring Fire and Rescue. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Finance Committee went into Executive Session at 5:15 to discuss a contractual matter. The Committee came out of executive session at 5:28.

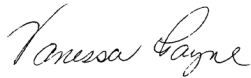
PROJECT DRAGON FIRE:

Councilor Seman moved to approve an ordinance authorizing and approving the execution and delivery of a Second Amendment to an existing Fee in lieu of tax agreement between Greenville County and Project Dragon Fire. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Vanessa Payne
Executive Assistant