

MINUTES
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
JULY 17, 2012
CONFERENCE ROOM D
4:00 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, BOB TAYLOR
JIM BURNS
SID CATES
BUTCH KIRVEN
WILLIS MEADOWS

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

NONE

STAFF PRESENT:

JOHN HANSLEY, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JOE KERNELL, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
RUTH PARRIS, BUDGET MANAGER
MARK TOLLISON, COUNTY ATTORNEY

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Taylor called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Cates provided the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Burns moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 11, 2012. The motion carried.

2012 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING GRANT:

This is the 2012 Local Emergency Management Planning Grant in the amount of \$167,178. The grant will be used to fund a portion of personnel salaries of existing positions in the Emergency Management Division, travel expense, EOC Computer equipment and WEBOC software renewal. The grant requires an in-kind match of \$88,249.

Ruth Parris, Budget Manager and Jay Merritt, Assistant Director, Emergency Management, was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Burns moved to approve the 2012 Local Emergency Management Planning Grant in the amount of \$167,178. The motion carried.

GREENVILLE COUNTY GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS – RIVER FALLS FIRE DISTRICT:

This is an ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$950,000 in General Obligation Bonds for the River Falls Fire District. There is also a resolution petitioning County Council to incur General Obligation Indebtedness for the River Falls Fire District.

After some discussion, Councilor Meadows moved to forward to the full council without a recommendation, the request for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$950,000 in General Obligation Bonds for the River Falls Fire District. The motion carried.

BUXTON SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT (MILLAGE INCREASE):

This is a request from Buxton Special Tax District requesting an increase in their millage rate. The District is requesting a rate increase from 8.2 to 16.0 which equates to a 7.8 mill increase. The increase will allow the District to continue to pay for electrical, water, and grounds maintenance.

Christine Robb, Commissioner and Treasurer along with two other commissioners were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Burns moved to hold the request from the Buxton Special Tax District for additional information. The motion carried.

CANEBRAKE FIRE SERVICE AREA (MILLAGE INCREASE):

This is a request from Canebrake Fire Service Area requesting an increase in their millage rate. The fire service area is requesting a rate increase from 17.1 to 17.9 mills which equates to a 0.8 mill increase. The increase will allow the Fire Service Area to continue to position itself to hire additional staff in future years.

James Ruffner, Chairman, Board of Fire Control was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilman Burns moved to hold the request from the Canebrake Fire Service Area for additional information. The motion carried.

CHANTICLEER SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT (MILLAGE INCREASE):

This is a request for an increase in millage from the Chanticleer Special Tax District. The District is requesting a 0.9 mill increase. The District is responsible for maintaining the lighting, right of ways, and security with the District.

Mark Couter and Jane Bruch, Commissioners were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Burns moved to approve a 0.9 mill increase for the Chanticleer Special Tax District. The motion carried.

MONAGHAN SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT (MILLAGE INCREASE):

This is a request from the Monaghan Special Tax District seeking a millage increase from 5.1 to 13.5 which is an increase of 8.4 mills. The District's funds were depleted at the end of April. The increase would allow for payment of electrical service and maintenance of street lights within the District. The increase will also allow the District to reimburse the County for monthly lighting charges for the remainder of this year.

John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator answered questions of the committee.

Councilor Kirven moved to approve an 8.4 mill increase for the Monaghan Special Tax District. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION – SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS (NO MILLAGE INCREASE):

This is a resolution to provide for the continuation of current ad valorem property tax to be levied by the Boiling Springs Fire District, The Lake Cunningham Fire District, The South Greenville Fire District and the Greenville County Recreation District, which represents no increase in taxes or millage rate.

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the resolution for the continuation of current ad valorem property tax to be levied by the Boiling Springs Fire District, The Lake Cunningham Fire District, The South Greenville Fire District and the Greenville County Recreation District. The motion carried.

GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION COMMISSION – 2012-2013 BUDGET INFORMATION:

This is the 2012-2013 budget for the Greater Greenville Sanitation Commission which appropriates funds for the Commission. No action is necessary if Council in is agreement with the budget. The budget represents no increase in fees.

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the budget and to accept as information. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilor Burns moved to go into executive session at 4:59 to discuss a contractual matter. The committee came out of executive session at 5:08.

GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION COMMISSION – PROPERTY:

Councilor Cates moved to authorize and direct the County Administrator to negotiate and execute the sale of property according to the terms discussed in executive session for real property located at 1501 West Washington Street. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilor Burns moved to go into executive session at 5:09. The committee came out of executive session at 5:27.

Chairman Taylor briefly left the meeting and Vice-Chairman Cates presided over the meeting in his absence. Chairman Taylor returned to the meeting.

PROJECT APOSTLE:

Councilor Burns moved to approve the resolution and inducement agreement as it relates to Project Apostle. The motion carried.

PROJECT MICHIGAN:

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the resolution and ordinance as it relates to Project Michigan. The motion carried.

PROJECT GRO:

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the inducement resolution as it relates to Project Gro. The motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Finance Committee, Councilor Burns moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:30. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Payne
Executive Assistant