

MINUTES
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
MAY 13, 2013
CONFERENCE ROOM D
5:30 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, WILLIS MEADOWS
JIM BURNS
SID CATES
BUTCH KIRVEN
BOB TAYLOR

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

NONE

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

JOE DILL

STAFF PRESENT:

JIM DORRIETY, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JOHN HANSLEY, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
RUTH PARRIS, BUDGET MANAGER
VANESSA PAYNE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
MARK TOLLISON, COUNTY ATTORNEY

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Meadows called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Burns provided the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Burns moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 30, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

GRANT APPLICATIONS:

REVISION - FY2014 SOLID WASTE GRANT:

This is a revision to the FY2014 Solid Waste Grant. The Finance Committee approved the grant on April 30, 2013 in the amount of \$71,725. The amount of the grant has been changed to \$86,739.70. This grant does not require a county match.

Ruth Parris, Budget Manager and Wendy McNatt, Solid Waste Coordinator were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the FY2014 Solid Waste Grant in the amount of \$86,739.70. The motion carried unanimously.

ASPCA MEGA MATCH-A-THON (2013):

This is the ASPCA Mega Match-A-Thon Grant in the amount of \$8,000. The grant will be used by Animal Care Services to host a "Midnight Madness" Mega Match-A-Thon on October 19, 2013. Funds will be used to prepare animals for adoption, advertise for the event, and purchase marketing materials. This grant does not require a county match.

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

Councilor Burns moved to approve the ASPCA Mega Match-A-Thon Grant in the amount of \$8,000. The motion carried unanimously.

GREENVILLE COUNTY LIBRARY – FY2014 BUDGET:

This is a request to approve the FY2014 proposed budget and ordinance for Greenville County Library. The ordinance appropriates funds for the Library System for FY2014 and authorizes the continuation of the current ad valorem property tax millage rate.

Beverly James, Joe Poore, Don Allen, Library representatives were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Cates moved to approve the proposed FY2014 budget and ordinance for the Library system. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATIONS:

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE – INDEPENDENCE DAY AT HERITAGE PARK:

The City of Simpsonville is requesting \$15,000 from the Community Projects Account for the Independence Day at Heritage Park. The event fosters patriotism and exposes the Greenville Symphony to an audience that may not ever see them.

John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Cates moved to approve the community project application in the amount of \$15,000 for Independence Day at Heritage Park. The motion carried unanimously.

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GREENVILLE COUNTY RECREATION DISTRICT – HAPPY HEARTS SHELTER INSTALLATION:

The Greenville Recreation District is requesting \$7,500 from the Community Project Account for the installation of a shelter at the Happy Hearts Community Center. The funds will provide an overhead shelter for the existing picnic tables.

John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Cates moved to approve the community project application in the amount of \$7,500 for a shelter at the Happy Hearts Community Center. The motion carried unanimously.

GREENVILLE COUNTY GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS – RIVER FALLS FIRE DISTRICT:

This is an ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$725,000 in General Obligation Bonds in order to carry out the demolition of the existing fire station and provide for the acquisition, construction, renovation, installation and furnishing of a new fire station. The fire district is requesting \$75,500 from the Community Projects Account to cover the cost of demolition of the old building, asbestos abatement, grading and paving. If the district received funding from the community projects account, the general obligation bond amount would be reduced to \$649,500.

Terry Hightower, Commissioner, River Falls Fire District gave a presentation on the need to build a new station for the River Falls Fire District. Brad Love, Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd was present to answer questions of the committee.

After some discussion, Councilor Burns moved to hold this item until the next Finance Committee meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

APPEARANCE – ED PAXTON:

Ed Paxton was present to discuss the County's procedures in disposing of assets and the tax collection process. Mr. Paxton requested that Council propose an ordinance prohibiting the county from disposing of assets through any manner other than the auction process.

He also requested that Council propose an ordinance directing that the Tax Collector's Office to develop a discount program system which would allow citizens to prepay taxes instead of having a flat rate up to the 15th of January. The committee asked staff to check into Mr. Paxton's concerns. No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Finance Committee, Councilor Burns moved for the meeting to be adjourned at 6:36. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Payne
Executive Assistant
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