

MINUTES  
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
JUNE 10, 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  
XANTHENE NORRIS  
FRED PAYNE

**STAFF PRESENT:**

RICK BROOKEY FACILITIES MANAGER  
JOHN HANSLEY, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
SHANNON HERMAN, ASSISTANT TO COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
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 Cates provided the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilor Burns moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 13, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

**LEASE AGREEMENT – SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL:**

This is a request to extend the lease agreement between Greenville County and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for a term of one year with a yearly renewal for four consecutive periods of one year each.

Rick Brookey, Facilities Manager was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Burns moved to approve the lease agreement between Greenville County and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. The motion carried unanimously.

**DONALDSON CENTER FIRE SERVICE AREA - BUDGET:**

This is a request to approve the proposed FY2013-2014 budget for the Donaldson Center Fire Service Area which maintains the current millage rate.

Chief Boyce, Donaldson Center Fire Service Area was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the FY2013-2014 for the Donaldson Center Fire Service Area. The motion carried unanimously.

**MULTI-COUNTY PARK AGREEMENT:**

This is an ordinance to amend the Multi-County Park Agreement with Anderson County which provides a written agreement for a percentage of revenue application and the distribution of fees.

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

Councilor Cates moved to approve the ordinance to amend the Multi-County Park Agreement with Anderson County which provides for a percentage of revenue application and distribution of fees. The motion carried unanimously.

**GREENVILLE TECH PROJECT – INSTALLMENT PURCHASE REVENUE BOND:**

This is a request to approve an ordinance authorizing the funding to finance the costs of acquiring, constructing, renovating and expanding public facilities, consenting to and approving the execution of a lease agreement between Greenville County and Greenville Technical College.

Keith Miller, President and Jackie Dimaggio, Vice President for Finance, Greenville Technical College were present to answer questions of the committee.

Chairman Meadows passed the gavel to Vice-Chairman Burns and moved to amend the financing mechanism to General Obligations bonds rather than Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds. There was some discussion on the difference between General Obligation Bonds and Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds. Councilor Burns stated that he would support a motion to hold the request for additional information. Councilor Kirven called for question. The motion to amend carried. Chairman Meadows stated that an additional amendment was needed to reduce the amount of the bonds. Councilor Kirven

## **GREENVILLE TECH PROJECT – INSTALLMENT PURCHASE REVENUE BOND CONT'D:**

moved to amend the motion to reduce the amount of the bonds from \$37 million to \$25 million and to use General Obligations Bonds as the financing mechanism. The motion as amended carried. Councilor Kirven moved to approve the General Obligations Bonds and to forward the request to full council. Councilor Burns passed the gavel back to Chairman Meadows and moved to hold the request for additional information and to request an executive session to discuss confidential matters as it relates to property negotiations. The Chairman requested that members of the committee submit questions to Dr. Miller as soon as possible so that all questions could be answered prior to the request being discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting. Councilor Cates called for question. Chairman Meadows requested a roll call vote on the motion to hold. The roll call vote was: Cates (yes), Kirven (no), Taylor (no) Meadows (yes) and Burns (yes). The motion to hold carried (3-2). Chairman Meadows requested to meet next Monday, June 17, 2013 at 5:00.

## **COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATIONS:**

### **CANEBRAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

The Canebrake Fire Department is requesting \$4,000 from the Community Project Account to begin an in-house training program. This would allow firemen to be trained on an acre of donated property.

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

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the community project application in the amount of \$4,000 for the Canebrake Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.

### **LAKE CUNNINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

The Lake Cunningham Fire Department is requesting \$5,000 from the Community Project Account to install additional fire hydrants in the district. This will help provide better fire protection to the community.

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

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the community project application in the amount of \$5,000 for the Lake Cunningham Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.

### **RIVER FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

The River Falls Fire Department is requesting \$34,150 from the Community Project Account to demolish the fire station. The amount was amended to \$55,500 to allow for asbestos removal (\$21,350) prior to demolition of the building. The demolition of the building would be handled through the County's procurement process.

John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator and Mark Tollison, County Attorney was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Dill was also present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the community project application in the amount of \$55,500 for the River Falls Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.

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**BEREA FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

The Berea Fire Department is requesting \$5,724.00 from the Community Project Account for the replacement of turn out gear. The equipment is needed to meet certain safety guidelines.

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

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the community project application in the amount of \$5,724.00 for the Berea Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.

**SOUTH GREENVILLE FIRE DISTRICT:**

The South Greenville Fire District is requesting \$8,000 from the Community Project Account to assist with the new fire station which will allow for quicker fire and EMS response times in the area.

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

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the community project application in the amount of \$8,000 for the South Greenville Fire District. The motion carried unanimously.

**GREENVILLE COUNTY RECREATION DISTRICT (PARACYCLIST ACCESS):**

The Greenville Recreation District is requesting \$18,000 from the Community Project Account for handicap access into the restored railcar and creation and installation of "gateway" signage that will create community pride and recognition for Berea.

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

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the community project application in the amount of \$18,000 for the Greenville County Recreation District. The motion carried unanimously.

**GREENVILLE COUNTY RECREATION DISTRICT (KIOSK AND SIGNAGE):**

The Greenville Recreation District is requesting \$7,000 from the Community Project Account for the installation of informational kiosks and signage for Gateway Park which will improve visitor enjoyment of the park and Travelers Rest.

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

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the community project application in the amount of \$7,000 for the Greenville County Recreation District. The motion carried unanimously.

**DUNKLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

The Dunklin Fire Department is requesting \$4,000 from the Community Project Account to purchase updated AED units for the fire trucks which will provide better care for the community.

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

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the community project application in the amount of \$4,000 for the Dunklin Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.

**PIEDMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

The Piedmont Fire Department is requesting is \$4,000 from the Community Project Account to make certain repairs to the building. The building is in need of roof repairs and painting.

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

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the community project application in the amount of \$4,000 for the South Greenville Fire District. The motion carried unanimously.

**ALTAMONT FOREST SEWER:**

The Renewable Water Resources is requesting \$16,930 from the Community Project Account to help pay for the initial operation cost for maintaining and operating the Paris Mountain Wastewater Treatment Facility.

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

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the community project application in the amount of \$16,930 for Renewable Water Resources South Greenville Fire District. 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 \$427,542.00 in General Obligation Bonds for the acquisition, construction, renovation, installation and furnishing of a new fire station.

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 and Chief Embry were present to answer questions of the committee.

Alvin Bailey was given the opportunity to speak before the committee.

Councilor Cates moved to hold the request until an audit could be completed. Councilor Cates withdrew his motion. Councilor Kirven moved to approve the request and move it forward to the full council where approval is contingent upon receiving more acceptable financial data from the fire district. The motion carried unanimously.

**AD HOC COMMITTEE FIRE DISTRICT FINANCING:**

Councilor Kirven requested the above item be held until the next meeting for additional clarification.

There being no further business to come before the Finance Committee, Councilor Taylor moved for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:25. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vanessa Payne  
Executive Assistant