

MINUTES
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
AUGUST 12, 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:

JOHN HANSLEY, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
SHANNON HERMAN, ASSISTANT TO COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JOE KERNELL, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
RUTH PARRIS, BUDGET MANAGER
VANESSA PAYNE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
MARK TOLLISON, COUNTY ATTORNEY
SANDRA YUDICE, ASSISTANT TO COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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 Kirven moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 8, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

GRANT APPLICATIONS:

FY2013 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM:

This is the FY2013 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant which will fund judicial support programs in the Solicitor's Office. The total amount of the grant is \$134,764. This grant does not require a County match.

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

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the FY2013 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$134,764. The motion carried unanimously.

FY2013 DNA BACKLOG REDUCTION PROGRAM:

This is the FY2013 National Institute of Justice DNA Backlog Reduction Program Grant which will fund overtime and associate benefits as well as supplies and consultant fees for the DNA Lab. The total amount of the grant is \$215,000. This grant does not require a County match.

Ruth Parris, Budget Manager and Brian Browning, Forensics was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Burns moved to approve the FY2013 National Institute of Justice DNA Backlog Reduction Program Grant in the amount of \$215,000. The motion carried unanimously.

ANIMAL CARE SERVICES (LEADERSHIP GREENVILLE GRANT):

Animal Care Services is requesting this grant funding in the amount of \$8,200 from Leadership Greenville to conceptualize and implement a welcome/education center at the Greenville County Animal Care Facility. This grant does not require a County match.

Ruth Parris present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Burns moved to approve the Animal Care Services grant in the amount of \$8,200 from Leadership Greenville. The motion carried unanimously.

SWAMP RABBIT STATION – PHASE 2 (LEADERSHIP GREENVILLE GRANT):

This is a request for funding in the amount of \$10,000 from the Grant Matching Account for the renovation of the inside of the railcar. This request comes from the Leadership Greenville Class 40. An in-kind match of staff time is also included.

Ruth Parris, Budget Manager and Sandra Yudice, Assistant to the County Administrator were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Burns moved to approve funding in the amount of \$10,000 from the Grant Matching Account for the renovation of the inside of the railcar. The motion carried unanimously.

SENIOR SOLUTIONS – JEDA BONDS:

This is a resolution in support of the issuance by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its Economic Development Revenue Bonds for the Senior Solutions Project in an amount not to exceed \$4,200,000.

Kimberly Witherspoon, Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Burns moved to approve the resolution in support of the issuance by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its Economic Development Revenue Bonds for the Senior Solutions Project in an amount not to exceed \$4,200,000. This motion also includes a notice to schedule a public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

FOOTHILLS FIRE SERVICE AREA – MILLAGE INCREASE REQUEST:

This is a request from the Foothills Fire Service Area requesting a millage increase of 0.4 mills. This would increase the Fire Service Area from 10.5 mills to 10.9 mills. This would help the district recover from a \$1,139 decrease in last year’s tax revenue.

Richard Locke, Board Chairman of Foothills Fire Service Area was present to answer questions of the committee. Councilor Dill was also present in support of the millage increase.

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the 0.4 millage increase for the Foothills Fire Service Area. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATION – TIGERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT:

This is a Community Project Application from the Tigerville Fire Department in the amount of \$10,800. This will allow the fire department to address the following safety/security issues: repair stairs (\$1,500), install hand rails for stairs (\$550), install doors to restrict access to mezzanine (\$1,250), reseal exterior doors & install auto closers (\$1,300), replace bay door remote closers (\$1,200), stud and sheet back wall of mezzanine (\$3,000), install wall and double doors in front of electrical panel area (\$1,000), and gravel in front of fuel tanks (\$1,000).

Councilor Dill was present and requested support in approving this Community Project Application.

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the Community Project Application from the Tigerville Fire Department in the amount of \$10,800. The motion carried unanimously.

FIRE DISTRICT OPERATING REFERENDUM:

After some discussion, Councilor Kirven moved to hold this item until the next Finance Committee meeting. He also requested that members of the Fire District Ad Hoc Committee be notified so that they could attend the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Finance Committee, Councilor Taylor moved for the meeting to be adjourned at 6:18. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Vanessa Payne
Executive Assistant