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GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
AUGUST 11, 2014
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
SID CATES
BUTCH KIRVEN
BOB TAYLOR

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

JIM BURNS

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

JOE DILL

STAFF PRESENT:

MARTY DAGLE, PARKS AND RECREATION
PAULA GUCKER, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JOHN HANSLEY, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JAY MARETT, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
RUTH PARRIS, BUDGET MANAGER
VANESSA PAYNE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
SHELLEY SIMMONS, ANIMAL CARE SERVICES
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 Kirven moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 8, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

GRANT APPLICATIONS:

FY2014 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT:

This is the FY2014 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$374,554. The grant will be used to fund contractual services and supplies. This grant requires an in-kind County match of \$278,015 which will come from budgeted salaries and benefits in the Emergency Management Division.

Ruth Parris, Budget Manager and Jay Marett, Emergency Management were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the FY2014 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$374,554. The motion carried unanimously.

GRAHAM FOUNDATION GRANT – THE CAT’S MEOW:

This is the Graham Foundation Grant in the amount of \$44,000. The grant will be used by Animal Care Services to cover costs for 850 cats selected for the Cat’s Meow Project. There is no County match for this grant. The motion carried unanimously.

Ruth Parris, Budget Manager and Shelley Simmons, Animal Care Services were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the Graham Foundation Grant in the amount of \$44,000. The motion carried unanimously.

SC NONPOINT SOURCE PROGRAM – 319 GRANT:

This is the SC Nonpoint Source Program Grant in the amount of \$349,828. The grant will be used to repair or replace failing septic tanks in the Huff Creek sub-watershed. There is a Non-Federal Match of \$161,250 which will be provided by the Reedy River Water Quality Group.

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

Councilor Cates moved to approve the SC Nonpoint Source Program Grant in the amount of \$349,828. The motion carried unanimously.

BUILD AMERICA GRANT – 2014:

This is the Build America Grant in the amount of \$10,000. The grant will allow the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department to construct an accessible hammock village for use by Camp Spearhead. The match of \$5,000 will be provided by Camp Spearhead budgeted funds.

Ruth Parris, Budget Manager and Marty Dagle, Parks, Recreation and Tourism were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the Build America Grant in the amount of \$10,000. The motion carried unanimously.

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COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATION – TRAVELERS REST FARMERS MARKET:

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$1,000 from the City of Travelers Rest for the Travelers Rest Farmers Market. The funds will be used to purchase Market shopping bags and T-shirts.

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 \$1,000 for the Travelers Rest Farmers Market. The motion carried unanimously.

FOOTHILLS FIRE SERVICE AREA MILLAGE REQUEST:

This is a request from the Foothills Fire Service Area to increase its millage rate by 0.3 mills which represents CPI and Growth as allowed under Section 6-1-320 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. This will increase the millage rate from 10.5 mills to 10.8 mills. The increase will be used to cover a shortage from FY2013 and 2014.

Richard Locke, Chair Commissioner was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the millage increase of 0.3 mills for the Foothills Fire Service Area. The motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS – CONTINUATION OF CURRENT MILLAGE RATE:

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

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

Councilor Cates moved to approve the resolution to provide for the continuation of current ad valorem property tax to be levied by the Lake Cunningham, Dunklin, Boiling Springs and South Greenville Fire Districts. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no other business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:05.

Respectfully submitted,



Vanessa Payne
Executive Assistant

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