

MINUTES
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
SEPTEMBER 29, 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
JIM BURNS
SID CATES
BUTCH KIRVEN
BOB TAYLOR

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

NONE

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

XANTHENE NORRIS

STAFF PRESENT:

JOHN HANSLEY, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
SCOTT PARKS, PLANNING AND CODE COMPLIANCE
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 September 8, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

GRANT APPLICATION:

USDA – NRCS REGIONAL CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM:

This is the USDA-NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program Grant in the amount of \$4,000. The County is applying for funding as a sub-recipient for the USDA-NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program. Grant funding will be used by the Community Planning and Code Compliance Department for conference travel and registration and for farm visits in the Upstate. This grant requires an in-kind County match of \$5,425 which is provided in the Community Planning and Code Compliance budget.

Ruth Parris, Budget Manager and Scott Parks, Planning and Code Compliance were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the USDA-NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program Grant in the amount of \$4,000. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee has three (3) vacancies and received applications from Penny Cooper, Jerry Hatley, B.J. Koonce and Byron Rucker. Ms. Cooper and Ms. Koonce appeared before the committee for an interview.

The Finance Committee recommended 3 applicants for the appointment to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee and forwarded to the full council: Penny Cooper, B. J. Koonce and Byron Rucker.

GREENVILLE AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

The Greenville Area Development Corporation has one (1) vacancy and received applications from Jane Allen, Andrew Coburn, Beverly Haines, Stacy Kuper, Steve McClure, and Steve Nail. Ms. Allen, Mr. Coburn and Mr. Nail appeared before the committee for an interview.

The Finance Committee recommended Beverly Haines for the appointment to the Greenville Area Development Corporation and forwarded to the full council.

GREENVILLE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

The Greenville County Economic Development Corporation has one (1) vacancy and received applications from Brenda Brooks and Pat Haskell Robinson.

The Finance Committee recommended Pat Haskell Robinson for the appointment to the Greenville County Economic Development Corporation and forwarded to the full council.

RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

The Research and Technological Development Corporation has one (1) vacancy and received an application from Jeannette Goldsmith.

The Finance Committee nominated Jeanette Goldsmith by acclamation for the appointment to the Research and Technological Corporation and forwarded to the full council.

GREENVILLE ARENA DISTRICT COMMISSION:

The Greenville Arena District Commission has one (1) vacancy and received applications from David Batson, Michael Chatman, Randy Coleman, Robert Davis, Jerry Evans Hunter, Jr. (withdrew) and Bill Mattice.

Mr. Chatman and Mr. Coleman appeared before the committee for an interview.

The Finance Committee recommended David Batson for the appointment to the Greenville Arena District Commission and forwarded to the full council.

MULTI-COUNTY PARK AGREEMENT – GREENVILLE AND ANDERSON COUNTY – PROJECT EAST:

This is an ordinance which authorizes the development of a jointly owned and operated Industrial/Business Park in conjunction with Anderson County to provide for a written agreement with Anderson County providing for the expenses of the Park, a percentage of revenue application and the distribution of fees in lieu of ad valorem taxes to the Counties.

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

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the ordinance which authorizes the development of a jointly owned and operated Industrial/Business Park in conjunction with Anderson County to provide for a written agreement with Anderson County providing for the expenses of the Park, a percentage of revenue application and the distribution of fees in lieu of ad valorem taxes to the Counties. The motion carried unanimously.

ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDING RECOMMENDATION:

Councilor Taylor moved to hold the Accommodations Tax Funding request for two weeks. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATION – RIVER FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT:

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$8,000 for the River Falls Fire Department. The funds will be used to help cover the cost of paving the parking lot at the fire department.

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

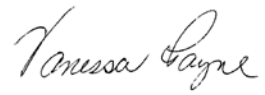
Councilor Burns moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$8,000 for the River Falls Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.

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There being no other business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:20.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vanessa Payne".

Vanessa Payne
Executive Assistant