

MINUTES
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
MAY 11, 2015
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, BUTCH KIRVEN
LYNN BALLARD
XANTHENE NORRIS

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

JIM BURNS
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OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

JOE DILL

STAFF PRESENT:

KEITH BROCKINGTON, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
JOHN HANSLEY, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JOE KERNELL, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
VANESSA PAYNE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
MARK TOLLISON, COUNTY ATTORNEY
SANDRA YUDICE, ASSISTANT TO COUNTY ATTORNEY

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Chairman Kirven provided the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Norris moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 27, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Finance Committee went into executive session at 5:35 to discuss contractual matters. The committee came out of executive session at 6:07.

PROJECT STITCH:

Councilor Ballard moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement and an Infrastructure Finance Agreement by and between Greenville County and Project Stitch, a resolution with respect to an Industrial Project in Greenville County known as Project Stitch and for the project to be located in a Multi-County Park. The motion carried unanimously.

PROJECT WILBUR:

Councilor Norris moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement and an Infrastructure Finance Agreement by and between Greenville County and Project Wilbur, a resolution with respect to an Industrial Project in Greenville County known as Project Wilbur and for the project to be located in a Multi-County Park. The motion carried unanimously.

PROJECT BUGLE:

Councilor Ballard moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement and an Infrastructure Finance Agreement by and between Greenville County and Project Bugle, a resolution with respect to an Industrial Project in Greenville County known as Project Bugle and an ordinance for the development of a Joint County Industrial Park. The motion carried unanimously.

PROJECT TABER:

Councilor Norris moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of one or more Incentive Agreements by and between Greenville County and Project Taber and one or more existing or to be formed or acquired subsidiaries to provide for a Fee In Lieu of Tax Incentive and a resolution identifying a project to satisfy the requirements of Title 12, Chapter 44 of the South Carolina Code to allow investment expenditures incurred by a company known as Project Taber and for the project to be located in a Multi-County Park. The motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTY SALE – MATRIX PORTION OF LOT 16:

This ordinance is to authorize the sale of County owned property consisting of approximately 16 acres, more or less, known as a portion of Lot 16, located off Bracken Road, and to authorize the Chairman of County Council and the County Administrator to execute appropriated deeds and agreements.

Joe Kernell, County Administrator was present to brief the committee on this request and to answer questions.

Councilor Ballard moved to approve the ordinance authorizing the sale of County owned property consisting of approximately 16 acres, more or less, known as a portion of Lot 16, located off Bracken Road, and authorizing the Chairman of County Council and the County Administrator to execute appropriated deeds and agreements. The motion carried unanimously.

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TIGER GRANT:

The City of Greenville, Greenlink and Greenville County are leading a collaborative effort to apply this June for more than \$12 million in TIGER Discretionary Grant funding from the United States Department of Transportation. This grant application brings together more than 40 regional partners including municipalities, private corporations, non-profit organizations, business associations and others to address one of the region’s biggest barriers to economic and workforce development.

This is a resolution to support funding from Greenville County for the sustainable long term operations and maintenance of projects funded with the TIGER 2015 Grant.

Sandra Yudice, Assistant to County Administrator and Keith Brockington, Planning and Development were present to answer question of the committee.

Councilor Ballard moved to approve the resolution to support funding from Greenville County for the sustainable long term operations and maintenance for the projects funded with the TIGER 2015 Grant. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATION – SLATER-MARIETTA FIRE DEPARTMENT:

This is a Community Project Application from the Slater-Marietta Fire Department in the amount of \$10,000. This will allow the Slater-Marietta Sign Committee to place welcome signs throughout the Slater-Marietta community.

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

Councilor Dill was also present and expressed his commitment to the project.

Councilor Ballard moved to approve the Community Project Application from the Slater-Marietta Fire Department in the amount of \$10,000 for signage in the Slater-Marietta community. The motion carried unanimously.

GREENVILLE COUNTY LIBRARY – MILLAGE REQUEST:

Greenville County Library is requesting a 1.1 mill increase in its tax rate which represents a look-back CPI of 8.31% and population growth of 7.1% over the previous year as allowed per Section 6-1-320A of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

Joe Allen, Chairman of the Board, Beverly James, Executive Director, and Joe Poore, Treasurer were present to give an overview of the millage request.

Councilor Norris moved to approve the 1.1 mill increase for the Greenville County Library. The motion carried unanimously.

GLASSY MOUNTAIN FIRE DISTRICT – REFUNDING AND IMPROVEMENT BONDS:

This is an ordinance for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$2,400,000 in General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds for the Glassy Mountain Fire Service Area. This will allow for the refunding of the Series 2005 and Series 2009 callable Bonds and acquisition of fire fighting vehicles and equipment

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GLASSY MOUNTAIN FIRE DISTRICT – REFUNDING AND IMPROVEMENT BONDS CONT'D:

Dwight Hammack, Chairman, Bob Staples, Fire Chief, Dick Baker, Treasurer and Kimberly Witherspoon, Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Ballard moved to approve the ordinance for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$2,400,000 in General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds for the Glassy Mountain Fire Service Area. The motion carried unanimously.

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE – MILLAGE REQUEST:

The City of Simpsonville is requesting a 3.9 mill increase in the FAS's tax rate for operations which represents a look back CPI of 8.31% and population growth of 7.1% as allowed per Section 6-1-320 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. The City is also requesting a debt millage adjustment of 4.6 mills.

David Dyrhaug, City Administrator and Fire Chief, Wesley Williams were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Ballard moved to approve a 3.9 mill increase for the City of Simpsonville. The motion carried unanimously.

CANEBRAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT – MILLAGE REQUEST:

The Canebrake Fire Department is requesting a 2.6 mill increase in the District's tax rate which represents a look back CPI of 8.31% and population growth of 7.1% as allowed per Section 6-1-320 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

Chief, Zac Terry and Randy McCrae, Treasurer were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Ballard moved to approve a 2.6 mill increase for the Canebrake Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.

SOUTH GREENVILLE FIRE DISTRICT – MILLAGE REQUEST:

South Greenville Fire District is requesting a 1.2 mill increase in the District's tax rate which represents a CPI of 1.62% and population growth of 1.8% over the previous year as allowed per Section 6-1-320A of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

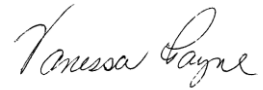
Chief, Ken Taylor, Jennifer Adams, Administrative Assistant and Matt Sutherland, Battalion Chief were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Ballard moved to approve the 1.2 mill increase for the South Greenville Fire District. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:19.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Vanessa Payne
Executive Assistant