

MINUTES  
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
June 13, 2016  
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  
SID CATES  
XANTHENE NORRIS

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

JIM BURNS

**STAFF PRESENT:**

JOHN ELDRIDGE, SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
JOHN HANSLEY, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
DR. KANDALA, DNA LAB  
JACKIE KELLETT, FORENSICS  
RUTH PARRIS, BUDGET MANAGER  
VANESSA PAYNE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT  
MARK TOLLISON, COUNTY ATTORNEY

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION**

Councilor Cates provided the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilor Norris moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 23, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

**GRANT APPLICATION:**

**FY2016 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM:**

This is the FY2016 Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$167,254. The grant will be used to fund public safety, law enforcement, and judicial support programs with the objective of enhancing and continuing programs established by the Sheriff's Office, Public Safety Department, and Circuit Solicitor's Office. Funding in the amount of \$167,254 is being requested for Sheriff's Office equipment, part-time temporary staff and equipment for the Records Division, training, equipment, and supplies for the Forensic Division, and adult and juvenile drug court funds for the Solicitor's Office. This grant does not require a County match.

Ruth Parris, Budget Manager, Chief Eldridge, Sheriff's Office, Jackie Kellett, Forensics and were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Ballard moved to approve the FY2016 Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$167,254. The motion carried unanimously.

**FY2016 DNA CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT AND BACKLOG REDUCTION PROGRAM:**

This is FY2016 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program Grant in the amount of \$100,000. This grant will fund overtime, associated benefits, supplies, and travel for the DNA Lab to (1) continue to offer forensic biology/DNA services to regional upstate SC agencies at a no-cost basis; (2) reduce backlog of forensic biology/DNA cases; and (3) provide required continuing education for two DNA analysts. This grant does not require a County match.

Ruth Parris, Budget Manager, Jackie Kellett, Forensics and Dr. Kandala, DNA Lab and were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Ballard moved to approve the FY2016 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program in the amount of \$100,000. The motion carried unanimously.

**2016 RESOLUTION ON ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION:**

This is a resolution supporting Greenville County as a Pilot Site in the State of South Carolina for the research, development, testing and deployment of multimodal, intelligent, automated transportation systems and management technologies initiatives.

Councilor Payne was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Cates moved to approve the resolution and forward to full council. Councilor Ballard moved to amend the motion to strike the words "to assist with cash and/or in-kind match required by grantor agencies or organizations" from the last paragraph of the resolution: section (c). The motion to amend was approved and carried unanimously. Councilor Ballard moved to accept the resolution as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

**DONALDSON CENTER FIRE SERVICE AREA – MILLAGE REQUEST:**

This is a millage request from Donaldson Center Fire Service Area. Donaldson Center FSA is requesting an increase in the District's tax rate of 4 mills from 19.7 to 20.1 for the maintenance of a reserve as allowed per Section 6-1-320D of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

Mike Felix, Board of Fire Control Chairman and Mike Stadler, Assistant Chief were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Ballard moved to approve the 4 mill increase for the Donaldson Center Fire Service Area. The motion carried unanimously.

**CANEBRAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT – MILLAGE REQUEST:**

This is a millage request from the Canebrake Fire Department. Canebrake Fire Department is requesting a 0.4 mill increase in the District's tax rate from 19.7 to 20.1 which represents CPI and population growth of 2.04% as allowed per Section 6-1-320A of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

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

Councilor Ballard moved to approve the 0.4 mill increase for the Canebrake Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.

**WINDSTONE ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT:**

County Council adopted Ordinance 2862 creating the Windstone Special Tax District which is an Administrative District of the County to provide street lighting for the subdivision. This is an ordinance requesting a millage rate increase of 9.5 mills from 0.8 to 10.3 which will allow the Windstone Special Tax District to continue paying for lighting.

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

Councilor Cates moved to approve the ordinance increasing the millage rate by 9.5 mills for the Windstone Special Tax District. The motion carried unanimously.

**WOODSIDE ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT:**

County Council adopted Ordinance 3884 creating the Woodside Special Tax District which is an Administrative District of the County to provide street lighting for the subdivision. This is an ordinance requesting a millage rate increase of 11.2 mills from 0.8 to 12.0 which will allow the Woodside Special Tax District to continue paying for lighting.

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

Councilor Cates moved to approve the ordinance increasing the millage rate by 11.2 mills for the Woodside Special Tax District. The motion carried unanimously.

**BROADMOOR ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT:**

County Council adopted Ordinance 4232 creating the Broadmoor Special Tax District which is an Administrative District of the County to provide street lighting for the subdivision. This is an ordinance increases the uniform service fee from \$35.00 to \$46.00 which will allow the District to continue to pay for street lighting.

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

Councilor Cates moved to approve the ordinance increasing the uniform service fee from \$35.00 to \$46.00 mills for the Broadmoor Special Tax District. The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATIONS:**

**CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE:**

This is a Community Project application in the amount of \$6,000 for the City of Simpsonville. The funds will be used to assist with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration event.

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

Councilor Norris moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$6,000 for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration event. The motion carried unanimously.

**PHILLIS WHEATLEY ASSOCIATION:**

This is a Community Project application in the amount of \$3,000 for the Phillis Wheatley Association. The funds will be used to assist with the maintenance and renovation activities.

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

Councilor Norris moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$3,000 for the Phillis Wheatley Association. The motion carried unanimously.

**GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS:**

This is a Community Project application in the amount of \$1,500 for Greenville County Schools. The funds will be used to offset the cost of students at Southside High School attending the National debate tournament.

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

Councilor Norris moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$1,500 for Greenville County Schools – Southside High Debate Team. The motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION FOR REFERENDUM TO CREATE A SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT FOR LIGHTING – NEW WASHINGTON HEIGHTS:**

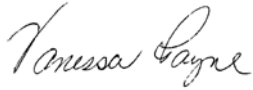
This is a resolution to certify a petition calling for a popular referendum to determine if the New Washington Heights Special Tax District shall be created to provide for street lighting within the proposed district, to direct the Greenville County Election Commission to hold an election and certify the results of the election to County Council.

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

Councilor Norris moved to approve the resolution to certify a petition calling for a popular referendum to determine if the New Washington Heights Special Tax District shall be created to provide for street lighting. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no other business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:47.

Respectfully submitted,



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Vanessa Payne  
Executive Assistant