

MINUTES  
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
MAY 22, 2023  
5:00 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  
VICE CHAIRMAN, LIZ SEMAN  
BENTON BLOUNT  
ENNIS FANT  
CHRIS HARRISON  
DAN TRIPP (VIA ZOOM)

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

RICK BRADLEY  
STEVE SHAW  
STAN TZOUVELEKAS

**STAFF PRESENT:**

JOHN HANSLEY, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR (VIA ZOOM)  
SHANNON HERMAN, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
JOE KERNELL, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
VANESSA PAYNE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT  
MARK TOLLISON, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
NICOLE WOOD, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Kirven called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Lt. Matheny, Sheriff's Office, provided the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilor Seman moved to approve the regular minutes of May 8, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

**ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee sent the committee's recommendation to the Finance Committee for approval. The committee allocated funding in the amount of \$428,250 to various agencies for FY2023/2024. (See attachment)

B.J. Koonce and other members of the Advisory Committee were present.

Ms. Koonce gave an overview of the committee's recommendations and a brief summary of the process as it relates to the grading the applicants. The Advisory Committee reviews State and County rules and guidelines for funding, studies the submitted applications and interviews the applicants.

Councilor Seman stated how much she/Council appreciated the hard work of the Advisory Committee and commended the Advisory Committee for doing such a great job.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the FY2023/2024 Accommodations Tax funding recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

**HOST APPROVAL FOR THE ISSUANCE BY THE GREENVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000 MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS:**

This is a resolution which approves the issuance by the Housing Authority of the City of Greenville of its not to exceed \$20,000,000 Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds for Cherokee Landing Apartments Project.

Ray Jones, Parker Poe, was present to answer questions of the committee.

**HOST APPROVAL FOR THE ISSUANCE BY THE GREENVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000 MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS CON'T:**

Councilor Blount moved to approve the resolution which approves the issuance by the Housing Authority of the City of Greenville of its not to exceed \$20,000,000 Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds for Cherokee Landing Apartments Project. The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATIONS:**

**FORK SHOALS HISTORICAL SOCIETY – CHAPMAN GROVE:**

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$4,000 for Fork Shoals Historical Society. The funds will be used to place a historical marker in the Chapman Grove community.

John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator, was available (via Zoom) to answer questions regarding the Community Project Applications.

Councilor Fant moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$4,000 for Fork Shoals Historical Society. The motion carried unanimously.

**LAKE CUNNINGHAM FIRE DISTRICT – COMMUNITY RESPONSE PROJECT:**

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$3,000 for Lake Cunningham Fire District. The funds will be used to purchase mobile data terminals.

Councilor Fant moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$3,000 for the Lake Cunningham Fire District. The motion carried unanimously.

**DUNKLIN FIRE DISTRICT – PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:**

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$5,000 for Dunklin Fire District. The funds will be used to purchase protective equipment.

Councilor Fant moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$5,000 for Dunklin Fire District. The motion carried unanimously.

**GREENVILLE TRANSIT AUTHORITY D.B.A. GREENLINK:**

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$10,000 for Greenville Transit Authority d.b.a. Greenlink. The funds will be used to upgrade signage.

Councilor Fant moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$10,000 for Greenville Transit Authority d.b.a. Greenlink. The motion carried unanimously.

**CANEBRAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$1,000 for Canebrake Fire Department. The funds will be used for portable scene lights.

Councilor Fant moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$1,000 for Canebrake Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.

**LAKE CUNNINGHAM FIRE DISTRICT – RESPONSE PROJECT:**

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$3,000 for the Lake Cunningham Fire District. The funds will be used to purchase mobile data terminals.

Councilor Fant moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$3,000 for Lake Cunningham Fire District. The motion carried unanimously.

**GREER HERITAGE MUSEUM:**

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$1,000 for Greer Heritage Museum. The funds will be used to assist with exhibit development.

Councilor Fant moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$1,000 for Greer Heritage Museum. The motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilor Seman moved to go into executive session at 5:27 to discuss a contractual matter. The committee came out of executive session at 5:39.

**GREENVILLE COUNTY HISTORIC AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST (HNRT) PROJECT CAMPFIRE:**

Councilor Harrison moved to approve a \$350,000 County investment, leveraging \$1,050,000 in private and state funds and a non-deductible \$740,000 donation by the landowner as it relates to HNRT Project Campfire. The motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilor Seman moved to go into executive session at 5:41 to discuss a contractual matter. The committee came out of executive session at 5:50.

**PROJECT POWER:**

Councilor Seman moved to approve a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an Inducement Agreement by and between Greenville County and Project Power whereby a Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement and a Special Source Credit Agreement will be provided. The motion carried unanimously.

**COUNTY OF GREENVILLE/FISCAL YEARS FY2024 AND 2025 BIENNIUM BUDGET:**

Councilor Seman moved to approve the FY2023-2024 and the FY2024-2025 Budget Ordinance and forward to Full Council. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Harrison asked staff to research obtaining a third party Personnel Agency to review employee staffing throughout the County.

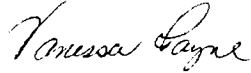
Councilor Blount asked a question regarding the numbers listed in the Budget for the Debt Service Fund. Joe Kernell, County Administrator, advised Councilor Blount to refer to the numbers for the Debt Service Fund as they appear in the Budget Ordinance.

Councilors Blount, Fant and Tripp mentioned millage increases and requested additional information as it relates to the Greenville County School District, Greenville County and the Fire Districts. Mr. Kernell stated staff would gather information and report back to Council.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no additional business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:02. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Vanessa Payne  
Executive Assistant

2023/2024 Accommodations Tax Applicants and Recommended Funding

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Contact Name:</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Committee Recommended Funding</b>
Centre Stage South Carolina	Laura Nicholas	\$10,000	C	\$5,000
Fall for Greenville	Ramon Nieves-Lugo	\$15,000	A	\$15,000
Greenville Arts Festival d/b/a Artisphere	Kerry Murphy	\$45,000	A	\$25,000
Greenville Center for Creative Arts	Chelsea Rudisill	\$10,000	C	\$6,400
Greenville Chapter of the SC Resturant and Lodging Association	AnnMarie McManus	\$5,000	C	\$5,000
Greenville Chautauqua	Lara Kaufmann	\$10,000	C	\$6,425
Greenville Chorale	Diana Berti	\$6,000	C	\$5,000
Greenville Scottish Games and Highland Festival	Beverly A. Griffin	\$85,000	A	\$85,000
Greenville St. Patricks Day Committee	Kevin Barnes	\$10,000	D	\$0
Greenville Theatre	Angie Miller-Wills	\$15,000	C	\$5,000
Local Boys Do Good dba euphoria	Morgan Allen	\$55,000	A	\$55,000
Makers Collective	Elizabeth Ramos	\$20,000	B	\$10,000
Metropolitan Arts Council	Alan Ethridge	\$25,000	B	\$15,000
NOTUS Sports	Stan Healy	\$40,000	D	\$0
Roper Mountain Science Center Association	Phyllis Henderson	\$10,000	B	\$10,000
Sigal Music Museum	David Sims	\$20,400	B	\$10,425
South Carolina Charities, Inc.	Kari Snyder	\$110,000	A	\$95,000
South Carolina Children's Theatre (SCCT)	Katie O'Kelley	\$5,000	C	\$5,000
The Children's Museum of the Upstate	Jessie Amos	\$44,900	B	\$25,000
The Warehouse Theatre	Sarah Sullivan	\$7,500	C	\$5,000
Upcountry History Museum - Greenville County	Dana L. Thorpe	\$35,000	B	\$25,000
Ville to Ville Foundation	Zack Hall	\$15,000	A	\$15,000
		<b>\$598,800</b>		<b>\$428,250</b>

**By State Mandate: As&Bs = \$385,426**

**By State Mandate: Cs= \$42,826**

**Total = \$428,250**