

GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
SEPTEMBER 11, 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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

ALAN MITCHELL

STAFF PRESENT:

JOE KERNELL, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
REGINA MCCASKILL, CLERK TO COUNTY COUNCIL
RUTH PARRIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR
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:

Mr. Carlton Owens, HNRT, provided the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Tripp moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 28, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

GRANT APPLICATIONS:

SC OPIOID RECOVERY FUND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT – SHERIFF’S OFFICE:

This is the SC Opioid Recovery Fund Assistance Agreement – Sheriff’s Office in the amount of \$561,953.93. This grant would allow the Sheriff’s Office to implement the POWER Collective, which is a collaborative effort between the Sheriff’s Office, local Upstate community organizations, and a nationally recognized provider of prevention tools to decrease opioid related addiction, overdoses, and fatalities in Greenville County. Funds will be used for personnel expenses, event and materials supplies, advertising and marketing, and other related program costs. This grant does not require a County match.

Ruth Parris, Budget Director, was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the SC Opioid Recovery Fund Assistance Agreement – Sheriff’s Office in the amount of \$561,953.93. The motion carried unanimously.

CDC FOUNDATION GRANT – CORONER’S OFFICE COUNTY OF GREENVILLE NOTICE OF AWARD:

This is the CDC Foundation Grant – Coroner’s Office County of Greenville Notice of Award in the amount of \$100,000. This grant would allow the Coroner’s Office to implement technology that would make the exchange of information between the Coroner’s Office and other law enforcement partners more secure. This grant does not require a County match.

Ruth Parris, Budget Director, was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the CDC Foundation Grant – Coroner’s Office County of Greenville Notice of Award in the amount of \$100,000. The motion carried unanimously.

PARD 2024 GRANT – LINCOLN PARK PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT:

This is the PARD 2024 Grant – Lincoln Park Playground Replacement in the amount of \$97,327.07. These grant funds will be used to replace the existing playground equipment at Lincoln Park. This grant requires a County match of \$19,465.41 and the PARD portion is \$77,861.66.

Ruth Parris, Budget Director was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Tripp moved to approve the PARD 2024 Grant – Lincoln Park Playground Replacement in the amount of \$97,327.07. The motion carried unanimously.

FEE AGREEMENT TERMINATION - NCEES:

This is an ordinance authorizing the termination of a fee-in-lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County and the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying.

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

Councilor Seman moved to approve the ordinance authorizing the termination of a fee-in-lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County and NCEES. The motion carried unanimously.

PROJECT LITTLE BROTHER (GRAY DEVELOPMENT) MCIP:

This is an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park of Anderson and Greenville counties so as to enlarge the Park as it relates to Project Little Brother.

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

Councilor Seman moved to approve the amendment to the resolution. The motion carried unanimously. Councilor Seman moved to approve the resolution as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATIONS:

BELMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT 2023/2024 COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION CAMPAIGN:

A Community Project Application in the amount of \$4,500 was requested for the Belmont Fire Department 2023/2024 – Community Risk Reduction Campaign. The funds would be used to provide free smoke detectors, fire prevention literature as well as child safety brochures.

DISTRICT 25 – SIXTY (60) YEAR OBSERVANCE:

A Community Project Application in the amount of \$30,000 was requested for the 60 Year Observance of District 25. The funds would be used to provide financial literacy, health and human services and wellness activities in the community. Six Council Members (Fant, Seman, Kirven, Harrison, Tripp, and Barnes) had agreed to contribute \$5,000 each.

Councilor Fant stated Mr. Harrison had withdrawn his donation and Councilor Mitchell had agreed to donate \$5,000.

Councilor Harrison stated he had already committed all of his Community Project funds to an event and/or needs in his district. He withdrew his contribution of \$5,000. Mr. Harrison stated he had informed Mr. Fant of his decision earlier in the day.

Chairman Kirven stated Councilor Mitchell had agreed to contribute \$5,000 from his Community Project account to the District 25 - Sixty (60) Year Observance. Mr. Mitchell was present at the meeting.

Councilor Blount requested that, moving forward, the section of the Community Project Application regarding grants and donations be split up to indicate which monies were coming from grants and which were coming from Council donations.

Chairman Kirven stated in regards to the item in question, a total of \$130,000 was needed. Of that amount, \$100,000 was raised by the non-profit through donations; with the remaining \$30,000 coming from County Council Members' Community Project Funds.

Councilor Blount stated, for transparency purposes, he would prefer to see what type grants were donated to the non-profit.

Councilor Tripp asked if Vision 25 was a 501(c)(3) or a 501(c)(4).

Councilor Fant stated Vision 25 was a 501(c)(4) – Community. The non-profit dealt with affordable housing and community service.

Councilor Tripp stated there may be some problems with the disclosure of donors given the fact that Vision 25 was a 501(c)(4).

Councilor Fant stated Vision 25 had been raising money for the past year and a half. Primarily, the donations were from the business community, and, he had refrained from asking for donations from developers. Mr. Fant stated since he was a member of the board, he would be recusing himself from voting on the item.

Councilor Seman suggested adding a column to the Community Projects application to show monies that were donated from other sources.

GREENVILLE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS – ARTILLERY ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING:

A Community Project Application in the amount of \$3,168.34 was requested for Greenville County Public Works – Artillery Road Traffic Calming. The funds would be used to purchase and install automatic radar to calm traffic.

WAYFINDING SIGNS FOR SWAMP RABBIT TRAIL:

A Community Project Application in the amount of \$3,000 was requested for Bike Walk Greenville. The funds would be used to install wayfinding signs along the Swamp Rabbit Trail.

Councilor Tripp moved to approve the four Community Project Applications. Motion carried with Councilor Blount voting in opposition to Item 7.b. and Councilor Fant abstaining from voting on Item 7.b.

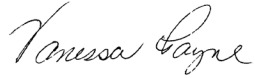
GREENVILLE COUNTY – HNRT REPORT

Carlton Owens, Alex Reynolds, and Mr. Bryant, representatives of the HNRT gave a summary of the upcoming projects as it relates to HNRT. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:31.

Respectfully submitted,



Vanessa Payne
Executive Assistant