

GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
AUGUST 10, 2026
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, BENTON BLOUNT
VICE-CHAIRMAN, GAREY COLLINS
FRANK FARMER
KELLY LONG
JOEY RUSSO (ZOOM)

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

CHRIS ANTLEY, COUNTY ATTORNEY
TED LAMBRECHT, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
RUTH PARRIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR
VANESSA PAYNE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

CALL TO ORDER:

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

INVOCATION:

Councilor Long provided the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Farmer moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 10, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

GRANT APPLICATION – FY2026 COPS MICROGRANTS PROGRAM:

This is the FY2026 COPS Microgrants Program in the amount of \$180,780. These grant funds will be used by the Sheriff's Office to modernize the digital forensics infrastructure for the ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) Unit. This grant does not require a County match.

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

Councilor Farmer moved to approve the FY2026 COPS Microgrants Program in the amount of \$180,780. The motion carried unanimously.

FOOTHILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT – MILLAGE REQUEST:

This is an ordinance to provide an increase for the Foothills Fire Service Area. This would increase the millage for operations and maintenance from 16 mills to 17.5 mills which represents a 1.5 mill increase (CPI and population growth in addition to the available 3-year look back) allowable for FY2026-2027 pursuant to S.C. Code § 6-1-320(A) and an increase from 4.1 mills to 10.1 mills which represents a 6 mill increase for the continued maintenance of a reserve account as allowed under S.C. Code Ann. §6-1-320(D) to assist with the increases to the County contractual obligation to the Town of Tryon; which brings the total millage for the Foothills Fire Service Area from 20.1 mills to 27.6 mills.

Brian Jones, Commission Chair was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Long moved to approve the 1.5 mill increase for operations and maintenance and the 6 mill increase for the continued maintenance of a reserve account; which brings the total millage for the Foothills Fire Service Area from 20.1 mills to 27.6 mills. The motion carried unanimously.

CANEBRAKE FIRE DISTRICT – MILLAGE INCREASE:

This is an ordinance to provide an increase for the Canebroke Fire District. This would increase the millage for operations and maintenance from 19.2 mills to 24.1 mills which represents a 4.9 mill increase allowable (CPI and population growth) for FY2026-2027 pursuant to S.C. Code § 6-1-320(A)(1) and operating millage allowed but not imposed for the three preceding property tax years pursuant to S.C. Code § 6-1-320(A)(2).

Chief Terry was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Farmer moved to approve the 4.9 mill increase which brings the total millage from 19.2 mills to 24.1 mills for the Canebroke Fire District. The motion carried unanimously.

MCIP ORDINANCE – ADEPTUS USA HOLDINGS, INC. – PROJECT PALMETTO – ANDERSON COUNTY:

This is an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park (2010) of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the Park to include Project Palmetto.

Councilor Farmer moved to approve the ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park (2010) of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the Park to include Project Palmetto. The motion carried unanimously.

MCIP ORDINANCE – PROJECT HUNTER – LAURENS COUNTY:

This is an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park of Laurens and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the Park to include Project Hunter.

Councilor Long moved to approve an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park of Laurens and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the Park to include Project Hunter. The motion carried unanimously.

NON-CONSENT TOWING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:

This is an ordinance which amends the Non-Consent Towing Ordinance to adjust the maximum towing rates. The amendment increases the towing rates:(a) from \$75.00 to \$275.00 for vehicles weighing 10,000 pounds or less, (b) from \$100 to \$300 for vehicles weighing 10,000 pounds but less than 15,000 pounds, (c) from \$200 to \$350 for vehicles weighing 15,000 pounds but less than 30,000 pounds and (d) from \$300 to \$400 for vehicles with a gross weight greater than 30,000 pounds. The rates have remained unchanged since 2009. An increase is warranted to align with increases in operating costs.

Ted Lambrecht, Deputy County Administrator was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Long made an amendment to Section One (“Rates”) of the ordinance to read *30,000 pounds or greater rather than greater than 30,000 pounds*. Councilor Long moved to approve the ordinance as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

GREENVILLE COUNTY EQUIPMENT MASTER LEASE – VEHICLE REPLACEMENT:

This is a resolution authorizing a Master Lease Agreement in the principal amount of not exceeding \$7,000,000 relating to the financing of equipment for public purposes; authorizing the execution and delivery of various documents; and other matters relating thereto. County Council approved the Master Lease, a vehicle replacement plan in the FY2027 budget.

Ted Lambrecht, Deputy County Administrator was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Farmer moved to approve the resolution authorizing a Master Lease Agreement in the principal amount of not exceeding \$7,000,000. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATIONS:

TRAVELERS REST – CHRISTMAS PARADE:

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$2,000 for the City of Travelers Rest Christmas Parade. The funds will be used to help defray parade expenses.

Ted Lambrecht, Deputy County Administrator was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Collins moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$2,000 for the City of Travelers Rest. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:20.

Respectfully submitted,



Vanessa Payne
Executive Assistant