

AGENDA

FINANCE COMMITTEE

8/15/19

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**AGENDA
FINANCE COMMITTEE
August 15, 2019
5:00 PM**

1. MINUTES
 - o July 25, 2019 - Request to Approve
2. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A) Hazard Mitigation Grant – Boone Hall Drive Flood Reduction Project - Request to Accept
 - B) Public Defender – Berkeley County Office Lease Renewal - Request to Approve
3. GREENBELT PROJECTS:
 - A) Community Life Enrichment Center Miller/Ruff
 - B) Boone Hall Urban - Request to Approve
 - Request to Approve
4. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AMONG COASTAL COUNTIES
 - Request to Approve
 - Miller/Lake
5. 2019 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
 - Request to Approve
 - Miller/Altenhein
6. RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE SC GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ADOPT A HATE CRIME LAW
 - Request to Consider
 - Pryor

1.

MINUTES

CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of Finance Committee

FROM: Kristen Salisbury, Clerk of Council

DATE: August 8, 2019

SUBJECT: Finance Committee Minutes

At the Finance Committee meeting of August 15, 2019, the draft minutes of the July 30, 2019 Special Finance Committee meeting will be presented for approval.

2.

CONSENT

COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM

TO: JENNIFER J. MILLER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

THROUGH: WALT SMALLS, CHIEF DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR *W.L.S. 8/6*

FROM: CARL H. SIMMONS *CHS* DEPT. BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES

SUBJECT: HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT - BOONE HALL DRIVE FLOOD REDUCTION PROJECT

REQUEST: APPROVE GRANT AWARD

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL: FINANCE DATE: 8/5/2019

COORDINATION: This request has been coordinated with: (attach all recommendations/reviews)

	Signature of		Individual Contacted
	Yes	N/A	
Legal Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Carl H. Simmons</i>
Procurement/Contracts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
Zoning Regulations / Comp. Plan Compliance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
Community Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
Grants Auditor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Paul Marion</i>
Other: Building Inspection Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>CHS</i>
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____

FUNDING: Was funding previously approved? yes no n/a

If yes, provide the following:	Org.	Object	Balance in Account	Amount needed for item

NEED: Identify any critical time constraint.

BUDGET OFFICER SIGNATURE: *Paul Marion*

Fiscal impact: *In kind match will be provided through Building Inspection Services staff time.*

ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE: *Jennifer J. Miller*

ORIGINATING OFFICE PLEASE NOTE:

DUE DATE TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE IS 5:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY OF THE WEEK PRECEDING THE COMMITTEE MEETING.

SITUATION

The Building Inspection Services Department requests approval to accept the awarded federal funding to study the drainage issues of the Boone Hall Drive area in the amount of \$500,000 from South Carolina Emergency Management Division under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The grants performance period is November 16, 2018 to November 15, 2021.

The grant has two phases: Phase 1 is the drainage study and Phase 2 is the drainage project. This funding will allow the County to study the drainage issues in the Boone Hall Drive area and generate a benefit cost analysis for the drainage project. Phase 1 is \$227, 500. Phase 2 is the actual project and will mitigate drainage deficiencies, if feasibility is determined, through the benefit cost analysis. Phase 2 is \$272,500.

There is a 25% match requirement of \$125,000 that will be met via staff time and is already incorporated into the Department budget. No additional money or FTE's will be required to carry out this request.

ACTION REQUESTED OF COUNCIL

Approve the Building Inspection Services Department request to accept grant funds from the South Carolina Emergency Management Division under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION

Approve acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$500,000 from the South Carolina Emergency Management Division under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

- These funds will allow Building Inspection Services to study the drainage issues in the Boone Hall Drive area and generate a benefit cost analysis for the drainage project.
- There is a 25% match requirement that will be met via staff time.
- There are no FTEs associated with this request.
- The grant expenditure period is November 16, 2018 to November 15, 2021.

COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM

TO: JENNIFER J. MILLER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

THROUGH: WALT SMALLS, CHIEF DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR *W.S. 8/6*

FROM: *for* JIMOTHY PRZYBYLOWSKI *JP* DEPT. FACILITIES

SUBJECT: PUBLIC DEFENDER-BERKELEY COUNTY OFFICE LEASE RENEWAL

REQUEST: AMEND LEASE AGREEMENT TO EXTEND TERM

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL: FINANCE DATE: AUGUST 15, 2019

COORDINATION: This request has been coordinated with: (attach all recommendations/reviews)

	Signature of Yes	N/A	Individual Contacted
Legal Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u>
Procurement/Contracts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Zoning Regulations / Comp. Plan Compliance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Community Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Grants Auditor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Other: PUBLIC DEFENDER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u><i>W. Ted Smith for Ashley Pennington</i></u>
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

FUNDING: Was funding previously approved? yes no n/a

If yes, provide the following:	Org.	Object	Balance in Account	Amount needed for item
			\$0.00	0

NEED: Identify any critical time constraint.

BUDGET OFFICER SIGNATURE: *Frank Hill*

Fiscal impact: *None*

ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE: *Jennifer J. Miller*

ORIGINATING OFFICE PLEASE NOTE:
 DUE DATE TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE IS 5:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY OF THE WEEK PRECEDING THE COMMITTEE MEETING.

SITUATION

The County of Charleston has leased space for the Public Defender's Berkeley County Office located at 219 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, SC, since 2007. Charleston County administers the lease agreement while Berkeley County pays for rent, electricity and janitorial services. The present lease agreement expires on August 31, 2019. The Public Defender has requested to amend the lease agreement to extend the Agreement for three years from September 1, 2019 until August 31, 2022. All other lease terms remain the same. The annual rental will be Forty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars and Five Cents (\$48,568.05) or Four Thousand Forty-Seven Dollars and Thirty-Four Cents (\$4,047.34) per month, to be increased by the CPI annually.

ACTION REQUESTED OF COUNCIL

Approve amendment to extend current lease.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION

- Authorize Chairman of Council to execute an Amendment to extend the current lease agreement for the Public Defender's Berkeley County office for three years; beginning September 1, 2019, with landlord Tammy Jackson for approximately 3,855 square feet located at 219 Highway 52 North, Moncks Corner, SC.
- The annual rental shall be Forty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars and Five Cents (\$48,568.05) or Four Thousand Forty-Seven Dollars and Thirty-Four Cents (\$4,047.34) per month, to be increased by the CPI annually.
- Berkeley County is responsible for the rent payment.
- Lease Amendment to be reviewed by Legal.

3.

GREENBELT

COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM

TO: JENNIFER J. MILLER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: CATHY RUFF, DIRECTOR *Cathy Ruff* DEPT. GREENBELT
SUBJECT: Community Life Enrichment Center Greenbelt Project
REQUEST: Consider Request to Extend Deadline
COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL: FINANCE DATE: 08-15-19

COORDINATION: This request has been coordinated with: (attach all recommendations/reviews)

	Yes	Signature of N/A	Individual Contacted
Legal Dept.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Procurement/Contracts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Zoning Regulations / Comp. Plan Compliance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Community Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Grants Auditor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

FUNDING: Was funding previously approved? yes no n/a

If yes, provide the following:	Org.	Object	Balance in Account	Amount needed for item

NEED: Identify any critical time constraint.

BUDGET OFFICER SIGNATURE: *Cathy Ruff*

Fiscal impact: None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE: *Jennifer J. Miller*

ORIGINATING OFFICE PLEASE NOTE:

DUE DATE TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE IS 5:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY OF THE WEEK PRECEDING THE COMMITTEE MEETING.

SITUATION

In February 2014 Council awarded rural Greenbelt funds to the Community Life Enrichment Center (CLEC) to purchase 11.6 acres on Savannah Highway for a community center and public park/trail (application summary attached). A condition of the approval was that if the planned improvements have not been fully funded after 5 years after closing, the title to the property would shift to the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission.

CLEC closed on the property on June 19, 2014. In accordance with the approval condition, the \$1.2 million needed to fully fund the planned improvements was to be secured as of June 19, 2019. The funding has not been secured and CLEC submitted a letter on June 18, 2019 requesting a six-month extension to the deadline to secure the necessary funding.

ACTION REQUESTED OF COUNCIL

Approve CLEC's request for a six-month extension as recommended by the County Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve extending the deadline to have the improvements fully funded on or before December 19, 2019 with the following conditions:

1. If the planned improvements have not been fully funded on or before December 19, 2019, title to the subject parcels shall automatically vest in the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission.
2. Any other condition the County Attorney's Office deems advisable to protect the interests of the County.

Community Life Enrichment Center, Inc Application Summary

Project Name Community Life Enrichment Center
Applicant Name Community Life Enrichment Center, Inc.
Landowner Name Amery English (Landowner Representative)
Street Address of Property 4320 and 5310 Savannah Highway
City Ravenel
Jurisdiction Town of Ravenel
Acquisition Type Fee Simple
Total Acreage 11.6
Appraised Fair Market Value \$555,000 Appraisal 1-19-11 by Sass Herrin Associates
Total Cost Per Acre: \$47,845
Greenbelt Cost Per Acre: \$47,845

Project Budget	Greenbelt Funds Requested	Match	Total
Land	\$555,000	\$0	\$555,000
Admin/Closing	\$21,500	\$0	\$21,500
Improvements	\$15,000	\$1,220,275	\$1,235,275
Total	\$591,500	\$1,220,275	\$1,811,775

Project Description: This property consists of two parcels totaling 11.6 acres located along Highway 17 in Ravenel. The parcels are currently zoned for commercial uses and as such are under pressure to be commercially developed as more businesses are needed to sustain growth in the area.

Public Access, Use & Benefit: Community Life Enrichment Center, Inc. proposes to develop a Community Life Enrichment Center with the mission to "embrace the culture and use it as a stepping stone in enhancing the quality of life in Ravenel through community service, education, recreation and lifestyle enrichment." The proposed plan is to develop a small percentage of the land (less than 25%). The majority of the land (75%) will be conserved as green space with venues created for public access and use. The property will be designed to give proper access to wetland areas and will include scenic walking, biking and jogging trails. A small amphitheater designed to be harmonious with the backdrop will be considered in order to host outside events. A complete land use plan will be developed upon acquisition of the property.

Linkage Opportunities: This property is directly adjacent to the Caw Caw Interpretative Center and near the greenbelt Tea Farm Creek property. The Community Life Enrichment Center wishes to gear its programs more to the life experience in the lowcountry through both education and recreation programs. It is poised to compliment Caw Caw and the Center's Board of Directors will be charged with forging a working relationship with Caw Caw to layout a frame work of mutual cooperation that will benefit both entities.

Compliance with Greenbelt Plan:

- Assists in meeting the goals of the Greenbelt Plan's System Components in the following manner:
 - 10.6 acres toward meeting the goal of protecting 16,240 acres of Rural Lands
 - 1 acre toward meeting the goal of protecting 5,610 acres of Lowcountry Wetlands
- Addresses wishes of public by:
 - Providing passive greenspace which is the most desired type of greenspace identified by citizens
- Citizens in the West County area identified conservation/preservation as their highest priority for greenspace.

Items to Note:

- The appraisal completed in January 2011 by Sass Herrin Associates was ordered by the County during the applicant's first request to purchase this land. An up-to-date appraisal may need to be done.
- A Community Development Block Grant has been submitted to capture funding from the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development and the applicant is working with Grant Finders of Charleston to identify other funding sources.
- The property contains an access easement to the Town of Ravenel's sewer pump station.

COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM

TO: JENNIFER J. MILLER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
 FROM: CATHY RUFF, DIRECTOR *C. Ruff* DEPT. GREENBELT
 SUBJECT: Boone Hall Urban Greenbelt Project
 REQUEST: Consider Greenbelt Project
 COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL: FINANCE DATE: 08-15-19

COORDINATION: This request has been coordinated with: (attach all recommendations/reviews)

	Signature of		Individual Contacted
	Yes	N/A	
Legal Dept.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Procurement/Contracts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Zoning Regulations / Comp. Plan Compliance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Community Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Grants Auditor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

FUNDING: Was funding previously approved? yes no n/a

If yes, provide the following:	Org.	Object	Balance in Account	Amount needed for item

NEED: Identify any critical time constraint.

BUDGET OFFICER SIGNATURE: *Mark Hile*

Fiscal impact: Funds are available in the Greenbelt portion of the Transportation Sales Tax revenues.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE: *J. J. Miller*

ORIGINATING OFFICE PLEASE NOTE:

DUE DATE TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE IS 5:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY OF THE WEEK PRECEDING THE COMMITTEE MEETING.

SITUATION

In accordance with Charleston County Ordinance #1424 as amended, the Greenbelt Advisory Board (GAB) shall review all greenbelt project applications and make funding recommendations to County Council. The GAB considered five urban greenbelt projects at their May 8, 2019 meeting including the Boone Hall Plantation project which they are recommending for approval. (A summary of the project is attached)

Recommend Approval:

Applicant Name	Project Name	Location	Acres	Total Greenbelt Funds	Acquisition Type	GAB Recommendation
Lowcountry Land Trust	Boone Hall Plantation	Mount Pleasant	710.00	\$5,183,000*	Conservation Easement	Approve as requested. Fully fund the project now with any currently available urban funds. The Town of Mount Pleasant will contribute \$1.7 million. Up to \$2.9 million in future urban unincorporated funds will be obligated to cover the up-front funding of this project.

***Note:** Subsequent to the GAB's review of the project in May, the Lowcountry Land Trust has requested a \$100,000 increase in the amount of Greenbelt funds. The reason for the request is that the landowner's financial outcome in this complicated transaction has been further assessed, and the result is the need for a higher easement purchase price. This increase is reflected in the amount above and on the attached summary.

The Boone Hall Plantation property is located in an unincorporated portion of Mount Pleasant. In accordance with the Comprehensive Greenbelt Plan, the funding source is the urban unincorporated funds. The total annual allocation of urban unincorporated funds is \$700,200. Council approved \$206,000 in urban unincorporated funds for the Phillips Community Park, leaving a current balance of \$494,200.

The Town of Mount Pleasant has agreed to dedicate their current annual allocation of \$1,700,811 toward the Boone Hall project. This reduces the amount of urban unincorporated funds needed to \$3,482,189. Over the life of both Sales Taxes, the projected total urban unincorporated allocation is \$9.54 million.

Although the Boone Hall request exceeds the amount of funds currently available in the urban unincorporated allocation, sufficient urban funds are available (please see the information below).

Urban Funds from 1st Sales Tax	\$ 4,633,651	
Urban Funds from 2nd Sales Tax	\$ 5,000,000	
Total Urban Funds Available		\$ 9,633,651
Fort Pemberton	\$ (2,932,664)	
Brantley Park	\$ (467,000)	
Sullivan's Island's Request	\$ (17,500)	
Phillips Community Park	\$ (206,000)	
Total Urban Projects Approved		\$ (3,623,164)
Urban Funds Currently Available		\$ 6,010,487
Boone Hall	\$ (5,183,000)	
Urban Funds Remaining		\$ 827,487

ACTION REQUESTED OF COUNCIL

Approve the Boone Hall Plantation Greenbelt project as recommended by the County Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve funding for the urban greenbelt projects listed below provided that upon approval, grant agreements will be executed between the County and the appropriate parties.

Applicant Name	Project Name	Location	Acres	Total Greenbelt Funds	Acquisition Type	Recommendation
Lowcountry Land Trust	Boone Hall Plantation	Mount Pleasant	710.00	\$5,183,000	Conservation Easement	Fully fund the project now with any currently available urban funds. The Town of Mount Pleasant will contribute \$1.7 million. Up to \$3 million in future urban unincorporated funds will be obligated to cover the up-front funding of this project.

2. Authorize the County Administrator to require the execution and delivery of proper agreements and instruments to implement the conditions of the approval of the grants funds, and to effectuate the goals of the Greenbelt Program ordinances and policies.
3. Authorize the use of \$5,183,000 to be funded from Greenbelt project funds; with \$3,316,218 to be funded from the First Sales Tax revenues and \$1,866,782 from the Second Sales Tax.
4. Authorize the use of \$1,700,811 from the Town of Mount Pleasant's urban allocation and the obligation of \$2,987,989 from future Urban Unincorporated allocations to cover the up-front funding of the Boone Hall project.

Greenbelt Application Summary – Urban Unincorporated Project

Project Name:	Boone Hall Plantation	Total Greenbelt Funds Requested:	\$5,083,000
Applicant:	Lowcountry Land Trust	Total Acres:	710.5
Landowner:	Boone Hall Limited Partnership	Greenbelt Cost Per Acre:	\$7,183
Property Address:	1235 Long Point Road Mount Pleasant	GAB Recommendation	Approve

Project Description: Lowcountry Land Trust is requesting funding to purchase a conservation easement on this 600-acre antebellum era plantation located in unincorporated Mount Pleasant. The historic home and grounds are currently open to the public for a variety of tourism related events and activities. It is also a working farm that provides opportunities for agritourism including seasonal fruit and vegetable harvesting at the onsite fields. As one of America’s oldest working farms, Boone Hall has been continuously growing and producing crops for over three centuries.

Project Budget	Total	Match	Greenbelt Funds Requested
Land (Purchase of Conservation Easement)	\$5,100,000	\$23,290,000	\$28,390,000
Admin/Closing	\$83,000	\$0	\$83,000
Improvements	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$5,183,000	\$23,290,000	\$28,473,000

Funding Information:

- Subsequent to the GAB’s review, the Lowcountry Land Trust requested a \$100,000 increase in the conservation easement purchase amount.
- The match consists of the landowner’s permanent donation of land value in the amount of \$21 million and \$2 million from the SC Conservation Bank. This represents a match of \$4.50 for every \$1.00 of Greenbelt Funds.
- A preliminary appraisal was completed in January 2019 by Charleston Appraisal Service, Inc. valuing the Fair Market Value of the land at \$37.8 million and the conservation easement at \$28.4 million.

Public Access, Use & Benefit:

- Provides 710 acres of urban lands for public access and use for a variety of outdoor experiences, including tours of historic home and grounds, work in the agricultural fields, special events and activities, and educational programs covering a range of topics on farming and history.
- The relatively natural landscape of the property provides ecosystem services like flood mitigation and protects the water quality for surrounding communities.
- Property will remain on the tax rolls and continue to provide tourism revenue.

Linkage Opportunities: Boone Hall Plantation is adjacent to the Charles Pinckney National Historic Site. It contains 1.5 miles of scenic frontage on Boone Hall Creek.

Compliance with Greenbelt Plan:

- Provides 475 acres toward meeting the goal of protecting 2,000 acres of Urban Greenbelt Lands.
- Provides 235.5 acres toward meeting the goal of protecting 5,610 acres of Lowcountry Wetlands.
- Provides lands for public outdoor opportunities and historical/cultural education and interpretation.

Items to Note:

- Conservation easement terms include limited subdivision and no more than 7 residences.
- Support letter from the Town of Mount Pleasant. No other public support letters provided.
- Two urban unincorporated projects (Boone Hall and Phillips Community Park) totaling \$5,389,000 were submitted. The Phillips Community Park was approved for \$206,000 leaving \$494,200 available in urban unincorporated funding.

4.

**COOPERATIVE
AGREEMENT
AMONG COASTAL
COUNTIES**

CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of Finance Committee

FROM: Kristen Salisbury, Clerk of Council

DATE: August 8, 2019

SUBJECT: COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AMONG COASTAL COUNTIES

At the Public Safety Committee of August 15, 2019, CDC Director Jim Lake presented a Cooperative Agreement Among Coastal Counties which needs to be approved by Finance Committee.

5.

**2019 GENERAL
OBLIGATION
BOND**

CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of Finance Committee

FROM: Kristen Salisbury, Clerk of Council

DATE: August 8, 2019

SUBJECT: 2019 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

At the Finance Committee of August 15, 2019, Budget Director Mack Gile will present information regarding the 2019 General Obligation Bonds.

COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM

TO: JENNIFER J. MILLER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

THROUGH: CORINE ALTENHEIN, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR *2/11 for CA*

FROM: CARLA D. RITTER *[Signature]* DEPT. FINANCE

SUBJECT: 2019 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

REQUEST: APPROVE BORROWING

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL: FINANCE DATE: August 15, 2019

COORDINATION: This request has been coordinated with: (attach all recommendations/reviews)

	Signature of		Individual Contacted
	Yes	N/A	
Legal Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u>
Procurement/Contracts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Zoning Regulations / Comp. Plan Compliance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Community Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Grants Auditor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

FUNDING: Was funding previously approved? yes no n/a

If yes, provide the following:	Org.	Object	Balance in Account	Amount needed for item
				\$0.00

NEED: identify any critical time constraint.

BUDGET OFFICER SIGNATURE: *Mack Hill*

Fiscal impact: The Debt Service Fund is anticipated to have sufficient resources to repay the debt service without a millage increase.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE: *[Signature]*

ORIGINATING OFFICE PLEASE NOTE:

DUE DATE TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE IS 5:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY OF THE WEEK PRECEDING THE COMMITTEE MEETING.

SITUATION

On November 4, 2014, the voters of Charleston County approved a referendum for the renovation of existing libraries and the construction of five new libraries. The referendum included the issuance of \$108.5 million in General Obligation Bonds. At this time, the County is asking to issue Referendum General Obligation Bonds to generate \$25 million for the library projects.

On July 30, 2019, Council approved the FY 2020 – 2024 Capital Improvement Plan that included the issuance of General Obligation Bonds to generate \$66.822 million for projects. After further evaluation, staff recommends accelerating \$44.400 million for the Community Services Hub from the 2021 borrowing to the 2019 borrowing to accommodate cash flows for all of the potential options. The issuance of General Obligation Bonds would generate \$111.222 million for the following projects:

- \$7,699,000 Azalea Complex
- \$19,661,000 Corrections Campus
- \$59,176,000 Community Services Hub
- \$1,801,000 County Office Building renovations
- \$2,085,000 Sheriff Ranges
- \$700,000 Awendaw Fire Station
- \$100,000 Assessor Relocation
- \$20,000,000 Material Recovery Facility

In addition, staff is recommending the issuance of General Obligation Bonds to generate \$9 million for the following:

- \$3,452,000 Sheriff Helicopter
- \$4,559,000 Radio replacements
- \$989,000 Public Works Equipment

To initiate action on this borrowing, consideration of an ordinance not exceeding \$127 million in General Obligation Bonds and \$27 million in Referendum General Obligation Bonds is required. The bonds will be sold by competitive bid to the underwriting firm offering the lowest interest rate for the bonds. The ordinance delegates to the Chairman the authority to designate the sale date and approve the final structure of the bonds in accordance with the winning bids, including the maturity schedule, the redemption provisions, and the interest rates, so long as they are within the limits set forth in the bond ordinance.

A Public Hearing is scheduled for September 10, 2019.

ACTION REQUESTED OF COUNCIL

Approve the issuance of referendum general obligation bonds not to exceed \$27 million in the principal amount and non-referendum general obligation bonds not to exceed \$127 million in the principal amount.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION

- Approve the issuance of referendum General Obligation Bonds not to exceed \$27 million in the principal amount to generate \$25 million for Library projects
- Approve the issuance of non-referendum General Obligation Bonds not to exceed \$117 million in the principal amount to generate \$111.222 million for the following projects:
 - \$7,699,000 Azalea Complex
 - \$19,661,000 Corrections Campus
 - \$59,176,000 Community Services Hub
 - \$1,801,000 County Office Building renovations
 - \$2,085,000 Sheriff Ranges
 - \$700,000 Awendaw Fire Station
 - \$100,000 Assessor Relocation
 - \$20,000,000 Material Recovery Facility
- Approve the issuance of non-referendum General Obligation Bonds not to exceed \$10 million in the principal amount to generate \$9 million for the following projects:
 - \$3,452,000 Sheriff Helicopter
 - \$4,559,000 Radio replacements
 - \$989,000 Public Works Equipment
- Appropriate the above amounts for the specified projects.

6.

**RESOLUTION/
HATE CRIME LAW**

CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of Finance Committee
FROM: Kristen Salisbury, Clerk of Council
DATE: August 8, 2019
SUBJECT: 2019 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

At the Finance Committee of August 15, 2019, Councilmember Pryor will present a resolution encouraging the SC General Assembly to adopt a Hate Crime Law for consideration.



A Resolution of Charleston County Council Encouraging the State of South Carolina General Assembly to Adopt H. 3063 “Hate Crime Bill”

Whereas, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigations, in 2017, hate crimes across the United States of America rose by 17%; and,

Whereas, of those hate crimes which were single-bias incidents, 59.6% were related to race and ethnicity, 20.6% were related to religion, 18% were related to sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity, and 1.9% were related to disability; and,

Whereas, South Carolina is only one of five states in the United States that does not have any laws on hate crimes; and,

Whereas, H. 3063 is currently being considered by the House Judiciary Committee and provides penalties for a person convicted of a crime with the intent to assault, intimidate, or threaten a person because of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, or homelessness; and,

Whereas, Charleston County Council desires to protect and promote the health, safety, welfare, and quiet enjoyment of all residents and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Charleston County Council, in meeting duly assembled hereby expresses its support for H. 3063, “Hate Crime Bill.”

CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

Approved this 20th day of August, 2019.

Attest:

Kristen L. Salisbury
Clerk of Council

J. Elliott Summey
Chairman