

Capital Project Sales Tax

Commissioner Meeting

Monday, June 20, 2016 1 PM

Greenwood County Library
Veterans Auditorium
600 Main Street S

Commission Members Present: Nicholas Beasley
Steve Coleman
Anne Gunby
Ruth Laforge
David Tompkins
Angela Evans

Staff Present: Toby Chappell, County Manager
Stephen Baggett, County Attorney
Charlie Barrineau, City Manager

Commission Chairman David Tompkins called the meeting to order at 1 PM. Notice of the meeting's date, time and location, and agenda was posted outside the main entrance of the Greenwood County Courthouse and the Greenwood County Library. Agendas were faxed to the Index-Journal, to local radio stations, and were posted on the Greenwood County website calendar.

Chairman Tompkins reminded the Commission members that it was their assigned task to inform voters of a forthcoming Capital Project Sales Tax referendum and highlight projects throughout Greenwood County. The Commission members agreed they had met their responsibilities.

Chairman Tompkins asked for County Manager Toby Chappell to update the Commission on the discussion regarding a park for the Town of Ninety-Six. Originally, the Town, through the Greenwood Parks and Trails Foundation, requested a new park be built at the former mill site (Tax Parcel 6895-345-200 and 6895-375-184). The Parks and Recreation Committee recommended to the Commission that a new park should not be built but instead those funds be invested in renovation to the existing Town of Ninety Six Park located at Saluda Street and Cross Avenue (Tax ID 6895-173-285). Mr. Chappell reported that he and City Manager Barrineau met with Ninety Six Mayor Michael Rowe on Thursday, June 16. Following discussion, the Mayor agreed that the best investment of funds would be in the existing Town Park.

County Manager Chappell also noted that staff had learned since the last meeting that South Carolina Department of Revenue does charge a collection fee to administer the sales tax. Mr. Chappell and Mr. Barrineau recommended the removal of the proposed Ware Shoals park in

order to balance funding to accommodate the collection expenses. Mr. Chappell noted that Mayor John Hansen had been informed of the recommendation. The Commission agreed with Chappell's recommendation.

County Attorney Stephen Baggett presented the Commissioners with a draft Capital Project Sales Tax referendum question based on the project list agreed upon at the June 8 meeting. The Commissioners discussed a number of wording changes for the County Attorney to incorporate. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Steve Coleman to accept the County Attorney's recommendation with the discussed changes. A second was made by Commissioner Anne Gunby. The Capital Project Sales Tax question was approved unanimously.

County Manager Toby Chappell noted that County Council's consideration of an ordinance to place the question on the November 8 ballot would now begin. First reading of an ordinance would be scheduled for July 5th at 5:30 PM. Second reading and a public hearing would be scheduled for July 19 at 5:30 PM. A third and final reading would likely be taken at a called meeting to be held the week of July 25-29.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Greenwood County Capital Project Sales Tax Commission

FROM: Stephen Baggett, Jr.

DATE: June 20, 2016

RE: Amended referendum question

The following question was formulated and adopted as amended:

Must a special one percent (1%) sales and use tax be imposed in Greenwood County for not more than eight (8) years to raise the amounts specified for the following purposes?

- (1) \$6,099,696 for the construction of the Upstate Center for Manufacturing Excellence on the campus of Piedmont Technical College in Greenwood;**
- (2) \$5,578,754 for the construction or improvement of public parks in Hodges and Troy, the Grace Street Park, the Emma Gaskins Magnolia Park and a new public park in the area of Foundry Road in Greenwood, the Ninety Six Town Park in Ninety Six, and bike and pedestrian trails in and around Greenwood;**
- (3) \$4,858,409 for the implementation of a countywide public safety radio system;**
- (4) \$646,592 for the expansion of the Benjamin E. Mays Historical Site;**
- (5) \$14,242,921 for the implementation of the Fire Service Master Plan adopted by the Greenwood County Council, including but not limited to the renovation and equipping of existing fire stations, the construction and equipping of new fire stations, and the construction of a public safety training facility;**
- (6) \$810,000 for the implementation of the Lake Greenwood Master Plan, to possibly include but not be limited to the construction of public access areas, restroom facilities, and refuse collection facilities, and landscaping and signage on entrance ways;**

- (7) \$1,569,339 for the replacement of certain sewer lines and the construction or refurbishment of a pump station in the area of the Carnell Bridge in Ware Shoals;**
- (8) \$671,456 for the replacement of water lines in the area of Pinehaven, Saluda and Wingard Streets in Ninety Six;**
- (9) \$10,723,817 for the renovation and expansion of athletic facilities of Greenwood County, including but not limited to the Wilbanks Sports Complex in Greenwood (the former site of the Greenwood Civic Center), Young Park in Ware Shoals, and the J.C. "Fox" Boozer Complex in Ninety Six;**
- (10) \$8,456,666 for the development of the North Greenwood Industrial Park;**
- (11) \$1,105,446 for the replacement of the storm water drainage system in the area of the Ninety Six Mill Village;**
- (12) \$66,326 for the construction of a pedestrian trail in the Promised Land community;**
- (13) \$33,163 for the construction of restroom facilities at Cokesbury College;**
- (14) \$27,636 for the renovation of the Brewer Center in Greenwood;**
- (15) \$1,326,535 for the purchase of a records management system for the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office and the Greenwood Police Department;**
- (16) \$1,747,000 for the modeling and study of flooding within watersheds of Greenwood County;**
- (17) \$11,942,770 for the widening of Highway 246 from its intersection with Highway 221 to Emerald Road;**
- (18) \$3,397,273 for the rehabilitation of Katherine Hall in Ware Shoals;**
- (19) \$429,939 for the repair and maintenance of the Greenwood County Detention Center;**
- (20) \$208,998 for the purchase of a case management system for the Eighth Circuit Solicitor's Office;**
- (21) \$358,283 for the installation of fiber optic cable and related equipment on the campus of the Greenwood Genetic Center;**

(22) \$2,447,774 for the construction of the Carolina Avenue Connector, a new road with related infrastructure between South Main Street and the campus of the Greenwood Genetic Center on Liner Circle in Greenwood;

(23) \$685,987 for the renovation of the Arts Center at the Federal Building in Greenwood, including but not limited to the replacement of the roof and certain flooring, and painting of the exterior;

(24) \$1,221,806 for the construction of an exhibition hall replicating the former Southern Passenger Depot for the Railroad Historical Center;

(25) \$1,468,664 for the purchase of a platform fire truck and related equipment for the City of Greenwood Fire Department;

(26) \$1,223,887 for the placement of lines for water service and fire suppression in the area of Harris Landing, and;

(27) \$4,895,548 for the placement of lines for water services and fire suppression in the area of Highway 25 South.

The proceeds of the tax shall be used for the projects described above and other related expenses, including but not limited to the payment of fees for professional services necessary for the completion of the projects and the payment of costs charged by the State of South Carolina for the collection of the tax.

All qualified electors desiring to vote in favor of imposing the tax for the stated purposes shall vote “yes,” and all qualified electors opposed to levying the tax shall vote “no.”

Yes []

No []