

MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE
April 3, 2012
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3:41 PM

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time and place of the agenda was posted on the bulleting board at the entrance of the Council Office and mailed to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Willis Meadows
Joseph Baldwin
Lottie Gibson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Xanthe Norris
Liz Seman

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dan Rawls
Joe Dill

STAFF PRESENT:

Paula Gucker
Judy James
Kim Wunder
Mark Tollison

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman, Willis Meadows

INVOCATION:

Councilor, Joseph Baldwin

Invocation

Councilor, Joseph Baldwin

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2012

Motion: Councilor Lottie Gibson made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 20, 2012 as submitted.

Action: The motion carried.

Greenville County Disabilities and Special Needs Board

Chairman Willis Meadows stated that today, the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee wanted to discuss the Disabilities and Special Needs Board and the role they play in Greenville County. Chairman Meadows welcomed everyone and introduced the members of the PWI Committee and other Council Members who were present. Chairman Meadows asked if there were any board members present; there was one member present, Ms. Judy Gibson. Mr. Meadows asked if she would come forward to the table and thanked her for coming.

Chairman Meadows stated that there was an article in the paper and that he would take issue with the headlines; the county was not here to demand anything but wanted to help the board and staff better serve the people of Greenville County and in order to do that, they need to know where the board is now and what direction the board is taking. Chairman Meadows stated that the committee had requested Roxy Kincannon, Chairman of the Board, and Patrick Hadden, Interim Executive Director, meet with the committee and provide a report on some of the past financial problems, what is the present financial status and what steps are being taken to correct these and put the agency on sound footing. They also asked that the board give them assurances that the clients that are being served will not be adversely affected by any actions that the board might take. Chairman Meadows stated that he received a call from Mr. Hadden that there was an emergency in his family and he would not be able to attend. All the members of the board were invited to the meeting and he thanked Judy Gibson for attending.

Chairman Meadows stated that he talked with the State Director of the Disabilities and Special Needs Board; that she had written the Greenville County Board a letter with several suggestions and told the board several things they needed to do. He asked Ms. Judy Gibson if the board received the letter and had they responded to the letter.

Ms. Judy Gibson stated that the board received the letter and a response was being written but she didn't know what stage it was in.

Ms. Judy Gibson responded to various questions from the committee members such as questions concerning the Director's job qualifications, personnel issues/closed sessions, and a search committee.

Motion: Councilor Joseph Baldwin made a motion to request that the Council Chairman call for a special meeting and invite the entire Greenville County Disabilities and Special Needs Board at a later date and discuss these issues.

Councilor Baldwin suggested that we find out ahead of time what would be a convenient time for the board members to meet.

Councilor Lottie Gibson seconded the motion and stated that she agreed with the points that Mr. Dill made and that she too really did not want staff or clients discouraged wondering what was going to happen. Mrs. Gibson stated that she hoped that the county could get that meeting scheduled as soon as possible.

Action: The motion carried.

Requests and Motions

There were no requests or motions.

Adjournment

Motion: There being no additional business Councilor Joseph Baldwin made a motion to adjourn at 4:17 PM.

Action: The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Judy C. James,
Administrative Coordinator