

**GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MINUTES  
February 5, 2013  
5:01 p.m.  
County Square - Conference Room D**

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted on the bulletin board at County Square and posted on the County's web page for all media and concerned citizens to access and review.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

CHAIRMAN BOB TAYLOR  
VICE CHAIRMAN WILLIS MEADOWS  
JOE DILL  
LOTTIE GIBSON  
SID CATES  
JOE BALDWIN

LIZ SEMAN  
JIM BURNS  
DAN RAWLS  
XANTHENE NORRIS  
FRED PAYNE  
BUTCH KIRVEN

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

NONE

**STAFF PRESENT:**

JOE KERNELL, County Administrator  
MARK TOLLISON, County Attorney  
JOHN HANSLEY, Deputy County Administrator  
THERESA KIZER, Clerk to Council  
REGINA MCCASKILL, Deputy Clerk to Council  
PAULA GUCKER, Assistant County Administrator, Public Works  
BOB MIHALIC, Governmental Relations Officer

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

DR. KEITH MILLER, Greenville Technical College, President

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bob Taylor

**INVOCATION**

Councilor Xanthene Norris

**Item (3)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Councilor Seman moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting of December 4, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item (4)**

**GREENVILLE TECHNICAL COLLEGE – CAPITAL PLAN PRESENTATION**

Dr. Keith Miller, President, Greenville Technical College presented the Committee of the Whole with a Comprehensive Master Plan which highlighted how Greenville was changing and how Greenville Technical College needed to change to allow progress to continue in the area. The plan addressed the impact of technology, changes in how students learn and the needs of manufacturers. Greenville Technical College has planned to address the needs through an Enterprise Campus supported by a Student Success Center and Arts and Sciences facility. He stated some of the goals were to develop a pipeline of highly needed skilled workers, through the support, expansion and growth of new manufacturing companies. The components of the purpose were to have innovations in learning, assessment and manufacturing. Phase I – major initiatives was to build the college portion of the National Guard building, to build the Enterprise Campus and the renovations and additions to the Student Success Center, to build new Arts and Sciences and Health Science Nursing buildings, to renovate the University Transfer building and to build a bridge and Reedy River Park. The financing plan included \$127.5 million for Phase I. The college was working on installment purchase bonds, state appropriations, college capital funds and funds raised through the Greenville Technical College Foundation. Greenville Technical College requested installment purchase bonds be issued on behalf of the college by Greenville County in the amount of \$37 million to fund the Enterprise Campus and Student Success Center Project. The installment purchase plan would have minimal impact to the county's debt capacity. Those funds would allow the college to provide the vital services required to provide the workforce Greenville County needs to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Councilor Gibson asked if Greenville Technical College had spoken with the Legislative Delegation for state funds.

Dr. Miller stated Greenville Technical College has spoken with the Legislative Delegation on numerous occasions to discuss what funds would be available from the state. He stated there would also be an expansion to the library to bring it up to date.

Councilor Cates stated he was an advocate for community colleges.

Dr. Miller stated the number of skilled workers in the Upstate was less than 5% under the age of 21 and 21% were 55 or older; he stated this fact scared manufacturers.

Councilor Payne stated he was excited about the Master Plan. He stated if Greenville County was going to continue to attract high-tech companies, an educated workforce was the key.

**Item (5)**

**COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE SEAT ON GADC**

Councilor Burns stated it was premature to attempt to elect an individual to the GADC board before County Council Rules were settled. He stated the Committee of the Whole only had jurisdiction over Council Rules and eminent domain, not boards and commissions.

Mr. Tollison stated technically the Committee of the Whole was the body acting as a committee; therefore it had been custom and practice for nominations to boards to be held during a Committee of the Whole meeting.

**REQUEST:** Councilor Burns stated the first thing was to decide if there would be any changes made to the Council Rules before nominations were handled.

Councilor Cates stated the Committee of the Whole had appointed board and commission members in the past.

Chairman Taylor stated he did not think discussing Council Rules would affect the GADC appointment.

Councilor Burns stated if there were changes made to Council Rules in relation to appointments, it would affect the process. He stated rules should be set first, then normal business was to be handled.

Councilor Meadows stated when a new year was started, having all rules in place before formal business started was the best policy.

Councilor Kirven stated because of some important business taking place with GADC, it was critical the county have representation on the board at this time. He stated filling the vacancy would not violate any Council Rule.

Councilor Payne suggested allowing the individuals who have been serving to continue.

Chairman Taylor stated allowing individuals to continue was a violation of the ordinance.

**ACTION:** Councilor Meadows moved to allow the current members to continue to serve until an election was held.

Mr. Tollison stated GADC by-laws called for a chairman and vice-chairman seat; therefore, allowing current members to continue was a violation.

Councilor Seman stated in the past, the only time there was a need to fill a vacancy out of cycle was because of quorum issues; she was not sure there was a quorum issue at GADC at the moment. She stated any Council Member was allowed to attend the meetings if they so choose.

Councilor Norris asked was it out of order for Councilor Kirven to remain on the GADC board until otherwise resolved.

Mr. Tollison stated the three slots for the GADC board were set up by the GADC by-laws. He stated the seat held by Councilor Kirven would now go to Chairman Taylor, and Councilor Meadows would fill the seat once occupied by Councilor Taylor, which created a vacancy in Councilor Meadows' former Council Member seat.

**ACTION:** Councilor Payne moved to proceed with the election.

Councilor Burns stated he was not sure what the rush was to nominate anyone to the GADC Board. He did not agree with circumventing Council procedures. He stated any Council Member was allowed to attend the meetings if they so choose.

**ACTION:** Chairman Taylor ruled Councilor Burns' request out of order

**ACTION:** Councilor Burns moved to hold Item (5).

Motion to hold was denied with six (Burns, Norris, Seman, Gibson, Rawls, Meadows) in favor and six (Baldwin, Cates, Kirven, Payne, Dill, Taylor) in opposition.

Chairman Taylor stated the floor was now open for nominations.

Councilor Baldwin nominated Councilor Kirven.

Councilor Gibson nominated Councilor Burns.

Without objection, the nominations were closed.

By a roll call vote of eight (Baldwin, Cates, Norris, Kirven, Payne, Dill, Meadows, Taylor) in favor of Councilor Kirven and four (Burns, Seman, Gibson, Rawls) in favor of Councilor Burns, Councilor Kirven was elected to the GADC Board.

**Item (6)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION:** Councilor Dill moved to adjourn the meeting.

Without objection the Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Theresa B. Kizer, Clerk to Council