

**GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE
REGULAR MEETING
May 21, 2013
3:30 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 made available to the newspapers, radio stations and television stations and concerned citizens.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN, FRED PAYNE
VICE CHAIR, XANTHENE NORRIS
JOSEPH BALDWIN
JIM BURNS
BUTCH KIRVEN

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

PAULA GUCKER, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC WORKS
MARK TOLLISON, COUNTY ATTORNEY
KIM WUNDER, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
DEAN CAMPBELL, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
TERESA BARBER, FIRE OFFICIAL
HESHA GAMBLE, COUNTY ENGINEER, ENGINEERING AND ROAD MAINTENANCE
HELEN HAHN, ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman, Fred Payne

INVOCATION:

Councilor, Xanthene Norris

Item (3) Approval of the Minutes of Regular Meeting of PWI Committee for March 19, 2013

ACTION: Councilor Jim Burns moved to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2013 regular Public Works and Infrastructure Committee meeting.

By voice vote the motion carried unanimously by all Council Members present.

Item (4) Proposed Annexations for Greater Greenville Sanitation District to Include Certain Properties Located in the Del Norte Subdivision

Kimberly Cartwright addressed the Committee stating that she was there on behalf of Greater Greenville Sanitation concerning the annexations. Ms. Cartwright stated that a representative of the Del Norte Homeowners Association would present the Committee with some additional information concerning the annexation. Ms. Cartwright stated that the Del Norte Homeowners Association approached them about the annexation and Greater Greenville Sanitation was presenting the annexation on their behalf.

Chairman Payne recognized the representative and asked that he give his name and address for the record.

Tommy Finch, 7 Laurel Rd., Greenville, addressed the Committee and stated that he was President of the Del Norte Homeowners Association. As the board representative they were requesting approval of the annexation of Del Norte Subdivision. Mr. Finch stated that some of the things that he would like considered were the following: they received the 51% majority required to be annexed into the district, the vote break down was 271 return votes in favor and 93 return votes opposed; of the votes returned over three quarters were in favor; he understood that to-date this was the largest annexation by Greater Greenville Sanitation. From the beginning they have been open and transparent wanting everyone to know what was going on thru mailers and discussions at the Homeowners Association meetings. Greater Greenville Sanitation would provide additional services, permanent homestead exemption discounts for senior citizens, and direct door pickup for those with disabilities. The annexation would improve the aesthetics of the neighborhood with a one day pickup and reduce the number of large vehicles in the neighborhood. Mr. Finch stated in closing that as the homeowners association, they were elected by the community and they present programs that were sometimes unpopular but they want to make sure that whatever programs they pursue was in a manner that reflects the majority of the community. In this case they have the majority vote necessary and request approval of this annexation.

ACTION: Following a brief discussion about other property in the area, Councilor Jim Burns moved to approve the resolution for annexation and to approve the resolution to hold a public hearing.

By voice vote the motion carried unanimously by all Council Members present.

(Item 5) Proposed Annexations for Greater Greenville Sanitation District to Include Certain Real Property Located off of W. Mountain Creek Church Rd, E. Lee Rd., Hartsville Dr., Bald Rock Dr., and Altamont Rd.

Kimberly Cartwright with Greater Greenville Sanitation addressed the Committee stating that she had talked to Mr. LaGrange earlier that day and he stated that there were just a few homes that were included in these annexations; she understood that it was one or two lots per road.

Councilor Butch Kirven asked if the county received copies of the petitions for annexation.

Kim Wunder, Assistant County Attorney, stated that the county did receive copies of the petitions and checked the information on the petitions.

ACTION: Councilor Butch Kirven moved to approve the resolution for annexation and to approve the resolution to hold a public hearing.

By voice vote the motion carried unanimously by all Council Members present.

(Item 6) Proposed Relinquishment of Surplus Right of Way Adjoining Marion Street (D0175) and Camden Drive (D0174)

Hesha Gamble, County Engineer, addressed the committee concerning the proposed relinquishment of surplus right of way adjoining Marion Street and Camden Drive. The county received a request from the adjoining property owners in order for them to use it as private property. The original plan included a road and island that were never built; instead the roads were built to connect at a point.

ACTION: Councilor Joe Baldwin moved to approve the relinquishment of surplus right of way adjoining Marion Street and Camden Drive.

By voice vote the motion carried unanimously by all Council Members present.

(Item 7) Proposed Water Line Grant Assistance, 135 Manchester Ave., Piedmont

Paula Gucker, Assistant County Administrator for Community Planning, Development and Public Works addressed the committee concerning the proposed water line grant assistance request at 135 Manchester Ave. Mrs. Gucker explained that the request is for 700 feet of waterline for Gwendolyn Davis, that all fees have been paid and that she met all the requirements of the policy. Mrs. Gucker stated that Greenville Water verified the original estimate of \$14,000 that was done a number of years ago and agreed to accept that estimate. This was a 50/50 grant and the County portion would be \$7,000 and the request was for approval.

ACTION: Councilor Xanthe Norris moved to approve the proposed water line grant assistance for 135 Manchester Ave.

Chairman Fred Payne asked what the balance was in the account and Mrs. Gucker responded that the balance prior to this request was \$18,399.72 after the \$7,000 the balance would be \$11,399.72

By voice vote the motion carried unanimously by all Council Members present.

(Item 8) Donation Receptacle Requirements Ordinance

Chairman Fred Payne stated that next was Item #8, Donation Receptacle Requirements Ordinance. Chairman Payne stated that the Committee would hear some additional public Comments, and referred to Dean Campbell, Assistant County Attorney.

Mr. Campbell stated that this ordinance was before County Council and was referred back to Committee and that the attorney's office was charged with the responsibility to work on a draft. Mr. Campbell said that he would like to go thru some of the proposed changes: a definition was added because this is more than a box it includes different types of receptacles and it excludes recyclable material that were not offered for resale and excludes unattended bins that were

placed in buildings. Another change was that the sign must be placed on the side of the receptacle where the donation is made and that sign has to have some specific information on it, one of which is the sign must indicate that the sign has been placed on the property with the approval of the property owner. Apparently some receptacles have been placed on the property without the permission of the property owner. The provision remains that the sign must state that the item is clearly not tax deductible or that the items may be tax deductible, consult your tax advisor, this did not change.

Mr. Campbell stated that Item (B) was added that states the entity or person who placed the receptacle must have written permission of the property owner. Failure to provide written documentation of this permission upon request by the county would be a violation of the ordinance. Item (C) was added that stated that if the receptacle is not in compliance in thirty days of notice the county can destroy the receptacle, which takes the county out of the business of storing them.

Councilor Xanthe Norris stated that she saw the receptacles and often they are accessible by someone who could take items out and she asked who would be responsible and Mr. Campbell stated that provisions were added stating that the receptacles were to be kept in good condition, appearance and must be locked or secured.

Chairman Payne asked if the people who came to speak on this item had signed up to speak or those wishing to speak could just step forward and give their names and addresses, who they represent and would be taken in order.

Speakers:

1. Brad Majors, Goodwill Industries, 115 Haywood Rd., Greenville, SC, stated he was there with Mark Steinbach who is with Miracle Hills Ministry. These two non-profits are heavily dependent on donated goods to operate. Mr. Majors stated that their request is to do away with all the donation boxes. Feels this would provide a much more beautiful county, county inherited 100 to 120 more boxes that were in the city because the City of Greenville and the City of Spartanburg just did away with them. He stated that he felt there is a safety issue with these boxes because sometimes people do get inside.
2. Mark Steinbach, Miracle Hills Ministry, 2419 Wade Hampton Blvd., Greenville, SC, stated that he agreed with what Mr. Majors stated and the importance of donated items to Miracle Hills Ministry and Goodwill. In the donation collection industry the name of the game is volume, 50% to 60% is useable. We will fully support whatever you decide and appreciate the opportunity to speak.
3. Jim Marshal, GoGreen Recyclers, 1621 Poplar Dr., Greer, SC, stated that this was a non-profit recycling company. Donations and recycling, textiles and clothing were a very recyclable product; this company takes it all, useable or non-useable. GoGreen was located in Miami Fl., and as the public thought has changed, so has the whole operation. Mr. Marshal said they take out 342 million pounds of the waste stream in SC per year that would end up in the dump; it is not being donated but being thrown away. Mr. Marshal provided additional statistics. Mr. Marshal responded to questions from the Committee and stated that about 95% of the net goes all over, they give to other charitable programs such as schools where they teach about recycling as a whole. Mr. Marshal stated that they are inclined to be charitable.

Chairman Payne thanked the speakers for coming and stated that there was another meeting in 10 minutes and there was no time for additional speakers.

ACTION: Councilor Butch Kirven moved to amend the document to eliminate the unattended boxes in Greenville County, except boxes on the charity's property.

ACTION: Following a brief discussion Councilor Butch Kirven modified his motion to hold this item until the next meeting and asked the County Attorney's Office to modify the document to provide for the intent of the motion.

By voice vote the modified motion carried unanimously by all Council Members present.

(Item 9) Requests and Motions

ACTION: There were no requests or motions.

(Item 10) Adjournment

ACTION: Councilor Butch Kirven moved to adjourn at 4:23 p.m.

By voice vote the motion carried by all Council Members present.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy C. James,
Administrative Coordinator