

**MINUTES
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 2, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:07 p.m.**

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the County Square and made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned Citizens.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN BOB TAYLOR	XANTHENE NORRIS
VICE CHAIRMAN WILLIS MEADOWS	LIZ SEMAN
JOE DILL	LOTTIE GIBSON
LYNN BALLARD	BUTCH KIRVEN
SID CATES	FRED PAYNE
JIM BURNS	JOE BALDWIN

COUNCIL MEMBER(S) 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
BOB MIHALIC, Governmental Relations Officer
KIM WUNDER, Assistant County Attorney
ERIC VINCENT, Director, Planning and Code Compliance
JOHN VANDERMOSTEN, Assistant County Administrator, Public Safety
MADELINE ARMSTRONG, Public Relations, Marketing and Social Media Coordinator
JEFF WILE, Assistant County Attorney
PAULA GUCKER, Assistant County Administrator, Public Works

OTHERS PRESENT:

DANNY HOWARD, Clemson University Extension Center

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bob Taylor

INVOCATION

Rabbi Marc Wilson
Torah Chayim – An Interfaith Covenant Community
in the Jewish Tradition

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Item (4)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Councilor Burns moved to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2014 County Council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by all County Council Members.

Item (5)

PRESENTATION

(a) Clemson University Cooperative Extension / Introduce 4-H Agent

Danny Howard, County Agent and Region Lead Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources with Clemson University Extension Center, introduced Marie Hegler and Patricia Whitener as the two new employees with the agency.

Marie Hegler, Food Safety and Nutrition Agent with Clemson University Extension Center, stated she was working with Senior Action (nutrition and demo programs), food safety for restaurants and conducting canning workshops.

Patricia Whitener, 4-H Youth Agent with Clemson University Extension Center, stated she was partnering with Roper Mountain Science Center and also working with Greenville County Schools. She reminded everyone the South Greenville Fair was scheduled for Saturday, September 20th at Simpsonville Park.

Item (6)

APPEARANCES – CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

- Nelle Palms, 12 Shallowford Road, Greenville – appeared regarding EMS
- Johnna Reed, 313 Laguna Lane, Simpsonville – appeared regarding EMS

Item (7)

CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) Commissioning of Code Enforcement Officers (PWI)**
- (b) Greenville County Redevelopment Authority / Urban County Cooperative Agreements (PWI)**

ACTION: Councilor Norris moved approval on the Consent Agenda items.

Motion carried unanimously by all County Council Members.

Item (8)

ORDINANCES – THIRD READING

(a) Anderson / Greenville Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement

ACTION: Councilor Meadows moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance authorizing and approving (1) the development of a joint county industrial and business park pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, in conjunction with Anderson County (the “park”), such park to be geographically located in Anderson County; (2) the execution and delivery of a written park agreement with Anderson County as to the requirement of payments of fee in lieu of *ad valorem* taxes with respect to park property and the sharing of the revenues and expenses of the park; (3) the distribution of revenues from the park within Greenville County; and (4) other matters related thereto.

ACTION: Councilor Meadows moved to hold the item until September 16th at which time the Public Hearing was scheduled.

Motion to hold carried unanimously by all County Council Members.

(b) Caesar’s Head Fire Service Area / Millage Request

ACTION: Councilor Meadows moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to provide for an increase to the millage rate levied by the Caesar’s Head Fire Service Area.

Councilor Dill thanked staff for compiling the information and encouraged all County Council Members to support the proposed ordinance.

Motion as presented carried unanimously by all County Council Members.

(c) Ashwicke Special Tax District / Millage Request

ACTION: Councilor Meadows moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to provide for an increase in the tax millage to be levied by the Ashwicke Special Tax District.

Motion carried unanimously by all County Council Members.

Item (9)

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

(a) Zoning Ordinances

- 1. CZ-2014-27**, Property of Tango Alpha Management Company, located on Hunter Road requesting rezoning from R-S to R-12. The Planning Commission recommended denial and the Committee recommended approval.

ACTION: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Councilor Burns inquired about the discussion during the Planning and Development Committee meeting.

Councilor Kirven stated he initially had a lot of concerns about the matter, however, after looking into the matter thoroughly, he realized it was one of those particular cases that probably came outside of the parameters of the plans in place. He stated the property was owned by the Fox Run Country

Club and the proposed rezoning change was an added attraction to the property. He encouraged all County Council Members to support the proposed ordinance.

Motion as presented carried unanimously by all County Council Members.

(b) Foothills Fire Service Area / Millage Request

ACTION: Councilor Meadows moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to provide for an increase to the millage rate levied by the Foothills Fire Service Area.

Motion carried unanimously by all County Council Members.

Item (10) COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

1. 2015 Road Paving List

ACTION: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Payne moved for approval the 2015 Road Paving List for Greenville County.

Motion carried unanimously by all County Council Members.

2. Resolution Authorizing the County to File a Road Closing Action / Verner Road

ACTION: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Payne moved for adoption a resolution authorizing the Greenville County Attorney's Office to file a road closing action in Circuit Court pursuant to South Carolina Code Anno. Section 57-9-10 et seq., to close Verner Drive near its intersection with Overton Avenue in the Cedar Vale Community in Greenville County.

Motion carried unanimously by all County Council Members.

Councilor Gibson left the meeting – 6:26 p.m.

3. Resolution in Opposition to the EPA Proposed Stormwater Regulations

ACTION: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Payne moved for adoption a resolution opposing the proposed expansion of Federal control under the Clean Water Act as amended in Committee.

Motion carried unanimously by all County Council Members present.

(b) Committee of the Whole

1. ACOG – CEDS Support Letter

ACTION: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Meadows moved to accept the CEDS Update and direct the Chairman of County Council to sign a support letter on the Council's behalf.

Motion carried unanimously by all County Council Members present.

2. Council Nominee

ACTION: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Meadows moved to rescind the nomination of James E. Smith Jr. for a seat on the Arena District and to direct staff to re-advertise the vacancy and open a two-week application period for the Arena District vacancy.

Motion carried unanimously by all County Council Members present.

Item (11)

APPEARANCES

- David McCraw, 109 Breedshill Way, Greer – appeared re: racism, religious discrimination and ethics of County Council
- Ed Paxton, 1 York Circle, Greenville – appeared regarding assessment

Item (12)

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

There was no Administrator's Report.

Item (13)

REQUESTS AND MOTIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

(a) Meeting for Greenville County Emergency Medical Services Discussion

ACTION: Councilor Burns moved to hold a discussion during the first meeting in October to discuss the current and future status of EMS. He suggested inviting Greenville Hospital System, St. Francis Hospital and other interested parties. He also stated there were suggestions that County Council would have a meeting before the first meeting in October, which he agreed with. Councilor Burns stated there had been many conversations that needed to be out in the open and on the record.

AMENDMENT: Councilor Kirven moved to amend the proposed by allowing the meeting to be set at the discretion of the Chairman.

Councilor Burns stated the proposed amendment was a repetition of the Council Rules, because the Chairman already had the ability to make that decision.

Motion to amend was approved by a roll call vote of nine in favor (Seman, Gibson, Ballard, Kirven, Payne, Dill, Meadows, Cates, Taylor) and three in opposition (Baldwin, Burns, Norris).

Councilor Baldwin stated his decision to vote no on the amendment was based on him agreeing with allowing the Chairman the opportunity to determine the timeframe. He did however, want the matter to come forth as soon as possible.

Councilor Dill stated the County Administrator should bring County Council a recommendation. He asked what type of information would County Council ask the invitees to bring to the meeting.

Chairman Taylor stated he would ask the invitees to bring a presentation showing the current status of EMS, patient choice, and a structure (which specifically had not been discussed).

Councilor Dill asked Councilor Burns what was his plan for the proposed October meeting.

Councilor Burns stated the responsibility of County Council was to the citizens of Greenville County. He stated County Council was charged with public safety and citizens depended on that fact. Most people viewed EMS as a county function. He stated anyone with ideas on improving EMS should be allowed to speak. He stated he was not attempting to micro-manage however, he did want County Council to give the County Administrator direction on the future of EMS.

Councilor Dill stated the fire departments should also be invited, given they were typically the first on the scene.

Chairman Taylor stated there were also three other hospitals besides Greenville Hospital System and St. Francis that were serviced by EMS.

Councilor Gibson suggested inviting the other hospitals that served Greenville County citizens.

ACTION: Councilor Gibson called for the question.

Motion to call the question carried unanimously by all County Council Members.

Motion as amended carried unanimously by all County Council Members.

REQUESTS AND MOTIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS, continued

- Councilor Seman stated Lockheed Martin celebrated their 30th anniversary at SCTAC on Thursday, August 28th. She said Lockheed began with two hangers and 12 employees in 1984. The Greenville team had delivered nearly 3000 aircraft over the last three decades.
- Councilor Gibson invited Council to a public forum on Friday, September 5th at 6:30 p.m. at Rock of Ages Baptist Church. The purpose of the forum was to discuss the recent violent acts taking place in District 25. Representatives from the Department of Transportation, the State Department of Public Safety and the Sheriff's Office would be present.
- Councilor Gibson thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers during her most recent illness. She then explained charges that were recorded to her account at the recent state conference.
- Councilor Kirven clarified the time and location of the ceremony unveiling the Veteran's markers. The ceremony would be held on Friday, September 5th at 10:00 a.m. in the parking lot of the Railhouse Restaurant in Fountain Inn.
- Councilor Payne stated he was thankful to celebrate Labor Day and excited to get back to work.
- Councilor Dill informed everyone of Ms. Seman's plans to dance at a Senior Action fundraiser and encouraged everyone to show their support.
- Councilor Baldwin asked were delinquent EMS bills compromised after a certain age. Mr. Kernell stated there were policies in place to collect delinquent EMS bills.
- Councilor Burns inquired about a recent email regarding the Arena District. He asked if Council would be receiving an update on the matter. Mr. Kernell stated the board took no action on the matter at their last meeting, but they did set up a committee to look at the issue in more detail. He stated he would be happy to update Council as he obtained more information.

- Councilor Norris stated she would be providing each Council Member with some information regarding the children's summer programs.

Item (14)

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Councilor Norris moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously by all County Council Members.

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa Kizer, Clerk to Council