



MINUTES
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting
June 2, 2015
6:07 p.m.
County Square – Council Chambers

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Bob Taylor, Chairman
Mr. Butch Kirven, Vice Chairman
Mr. Joe Dill
Mr. Joe Baldwin
Mr. Willis Meadows
Mr. Sid Cates

Mr. Jim Burns
Mrs. Xanthene Norris
Mrs. Liz Seman
Mrs. Lottie Gibson
Mr. Lynn Ballard
Mr. Fred Payne

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 MEMBER(S) ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Joe Kernell, County Administrator
Mark Tollison, County Attorney
Dean Campbell, Assistant County Attorney
Jeff Wile, Assistant County Attorney
John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator
Theresa Kizer, Clerk to Council
Regina McCaskill, Deputy Clerk to Council
Bob Mihalic, Governmental Relations Officer
John Vandermosten, Assistant County Administrator, Public Safety
Paula Gucker, Assistant County Administrator, Public Works
Eric Vinson, Director, Planning and Code Compliance

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Cocciolone, Greenville County Disabilities and Special Needs Board, Executive Director
Teressa Cawley, City of Simpsonville

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bob Taylor

INVOCATION

Chairman Bob Taylor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Item (4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Councilor Seman moved to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2015, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (5) PUBLIC HEARINGS

(a) Hazard Mitigation Plan

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding a resolution approving an update to the Greenville County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.

There being no speakers, Councilor Payne declared the public hearing closed.

(b) Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park / One World Technologies Inc. (formerly Project Machine)

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding an Ordinance authorizing an amendment to the agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Anderson County, South Carolina, in order to expand the boundaries of the park to include certain property located in Anderson County and other matters related thereto.

There being no speakers, Councilor Kirven declared the public hearing closed.

(c) Fountain Inn Fire Service Area / Millage Request

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding an Ordinance to provide for the millage rate to be levied by the Fountain Inn Fire Service Area for the 2015-2016 tax year.

- *Eddie Case, 200 N. Main St, Fountain Inn – appeared in favor of the proposed*

Eddie Case elected not to speak. He provided letters from community members in favor of the proposed.

There being no speakers, Councilor Kirven declared the public hearing closed.

(d) Glassy Mountain Fire Service Area / Millage Request

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding an Ordinance to provide for the millage rate to be levied by the Glassy Mountain Fire Service Area for the 2015-2016 tax year.

- *Robert Ellis, 15 Pink Flame Way, Landrum – appeared in favor of the proposed*
- *Joe Hutchinson, 2 Autumn Oak Way, Travelers Rest – appeared in favor of the proposed*
- *Dave Hoffman, 8104 Hidden Knoll Way, Travelers Rest - appeared in favor of the proposed*
- *Bill Atkins, 24 Boulder Lookout Drive, Landrum – appeared in favor of the proposed*
- *Gerald Gaige, 10 flint Hill Lane, Landrum – appeared in favor of the proposed*

- *Dwight Hammack, 690 Edson Lane, Landrum – appeared in favor of the proposed*
- *Kelly Murphy, 7 Lima Baptist Church Rd, Travelers Rest – appeared in favor of the proposed*
- *Jim Solberg, 8 Sunset Rock Drive, Landrum – appeared in favor of the proposed*
- *Jack DePriester, 100 Outlook Ledge, Landrum – appeared in opposition to the proposed*
- *Rick Blackwell, 178 Duffs Mountain Rd, Marietta – appeared in opposition to the proposed*

There being no other speakers, Councilor Kirven declared the public hearing closed.

(e) **Glassy Mountain Fire Service Area / General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds**

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding an Ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding two million four hundred thousand dollars Greenville County, South Carolina General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds (Glassy Mountain Fire Service Area Project), Series 2015A; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended; to provide for the payment thereof; and other matter relating thereto.

There being no speakers, Councilor Kirven declared the public hearing closed.

Item (6) APPEARANCES – CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

- *Ed Paxton, 1 York Circle, Greenville – appeared regarding the proposed budgets*

Councilor Meadows requested the Proposed FY 2016 and FY 2017 Budgets be posted online.

Item (7) RESOLUTIONS

(a) **Hazard Mitigation Plan**

ACTION: Councilor Payne moved for adoption a resolution approving an update to the Greenville County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Councilor Payne stated Mauldin, South Carolina was added to the plan. Mauldin experienced a major flood a few years ago and was not eligible for FEMA assistance as the city was not included in the Greenville County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion as presented carried unanimously.

Item (8) ORDINANCES – THIRD READING

(a) **Zoning Ordinances**

1. **CZ-2015-26**, Property of Marvin Willimon located at 1010 N. Franklin Road requesting rezoning from R-M20 to R-S.

ACTION: Councilor Dill moved adoption of the ordinance at third reading.

Councilor Meadows stated the property was located in his district. The owner made tremendous progress updating the property and it fit well into the neighborhood. Councilor Meadows requested approval from County Council.

Motion as presented carried unanimously.

**(b) Imagine Greenville County Comprehensive Plan Amendment /
Brandon Community Plan (CP-2015-01)**

ACTION: Councilor Dill moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to adopt the Brandon Community Plan as an amendment to the Greenville County Comprehensive Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

**(c) Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park / One World Technologies Inc.
(formerly Project Machine)**

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance authorizing an amendment to the agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Anderson County, South Carolina, in order to expand the boundaries of the park to include certain property located in Anderson County and other matter related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

**(d) Glassy Mountain Fire Service Area / Fountain Inn Fire Service Area – Millage
Request**

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to provide for the millage rate to be levied by the Glassy Mountain Fire Service Area and the Fountain Inn Fire Service Area.

ACTION: Councilor Meadows moved to divide the question and take each separately.

Motion to divide the question carried unanimously.

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to provide for the millage rate to be levied by the Glassy Mountain Fire Service Area.

Councilor Cates stated he was in favor of fire services and providing services to keep citizens safe. He added the need for an increase was not dire and he could not support an increase. Councilor Cates stated the former Fire Chief wrote a letter indicating the situation at Glassy Mountain was not dire and the current Fire Chief confirmed the same.

Councilor Gibson asked of those citizens who were present to stand if they were in favor. She then asked those present who were opposed to stand.

Councilor Meadows stated he had asked citizens some of the same questions as Councilor Cates. He felt some citizens were concerned about EMS response times and had mixed EMS response times with Fire Service response times. Councilor Meadows reviewed the cash balance for the Glassy Mountain Fire Service Area which indicated projected net revenue of \$268,000 by the end of the current year. He stated he did not support the millage increase. Councilor Meadows stated he had no problem with the citizens increasing the millage rate if that was what they wanted but he had a problem with County Council making the decision for the people and preferred they vote on the issue.

ACTION: Councilor Meadows moved for an amendment to require a referendum vote regarding the Glassy Mountain Fire Service Area proposed millage increase.

Councilor Kirven provided a summary of services, equipment, costs, employees, and population of the Glassy Mountain Fire Service Area. He stated without the millage increase, Glassy Mountain would deplete its reserve funds within four years. Councilor Kirven stated he was opposed to a referendum and a referendum should not be used by County Council as a means to avoid making decisions that fall within the duties and authority of the Council.

Chairman Taylor inquired about the increase to taxpayers if the increase was approved.

Chairman Baldwin stated the amount was \$11.20 on a home with a tax value of \$100,000.00.

Councilor Kirven stated if the referendum passed, voting would not occur until November 2015 and would not be on the tax books until FY 2016-2017.

Councilor Burns inquired about the Reserve Fund for the fire district.

Councilor Cates replied the fire district had \$464,000.00 in the Reserve Fund.

Councilor Burns stated the fire district would be capable of operating even if the Reserve Fund was used.

Councilor Meadows stated he spoke with a member of the Glassy Mountain Fire District Board and was advised it was unknown if a referendum would pass.

Councilor Dill stated this affected him greatly as it was in his district. He stated the Oak Grove Fire Station, a new fire station, was fully equipped but not staffed. He stated the people of Oak Grove deserved fire coverage. He stated he would not want to vote for a tax increase and would rather put the issue on a referendum which allowed the citizens to vote; however, he would not vote in favor of a referendum.

Dwight Hammock, Glassy Mountain Fire District Commission Chairman, stated there were insufficient funds to staff the station and the plan was to hire six (6) people. Those individuals were not paid employees but would be provided incentives, training and equipment. The cost involved was approximately \$3000.00 per volunteer. Mr. Hammock stated the volunteer program would be the first program cut if the millage increase request was not approved. He stated the fire district had approximately 28 volunteers on staff.

ACTION: Councilor Gibson called for the question.

Motion carried with Councilor Meadows voting in opposition.

ACTION: Motion on the floor was to approve a referendum in regards to the Glassy Mountain Fire District millage increase request.

Motion was denied by vote of 3 in favor (Baldwin, Meadows, Cates) and 9 opposed (Gibson, Ballard, Kirven, Payne, Dill, Burns, Taylor, Norris, Seman).

Motion on the floor was the millage rate to be levied by the Glassy Mountain Fire Service Area.

Motion as presented carried with Councilor Meadows voting in opposition.

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to provide for the millage rate to be levied by the Fountain Inn Fire Service Area.

Councilor Meadows indicated he had several questions regarding the area in Laurens County serviced by the Fountain Inn Fire District.

Eddie Case, Fountain Inn City Manager, was called to answer the questions.

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| 1. <i>How much revenue was received by Laurens County?</i> | <i>In excess of \$200,000.00 which was part of a contract, not a millage rate.</i> |
| 2. <i>How many homes were covered under the contract?</i> | <i>5652 homes and 355 businesses in Greenville County only.</i> |
| 3. <i>Did Laurens County pay money for the fire service in Greenville County?</i> | <i>No</i> |
| 4. <i>How large was the Laurens County area of the fire district and how many homes were included in that area?</i> | <i>14 square miles and 2600 homes</i> |
| 5. <i>How many houses were covered in the Greenville County area of the fire service?</i> | <i>5652 homes and 355 businesses in Greenville County only.</i> |
| 6. <i>What was the total amount of money received from Greenville County?</i> | <i>\$553,325.00</i> |
| 7. <i>Did the fire district own a ladder truck?</i> | <i>Yes</i> |
| 8. <i>How much had the population grown in Fountain Inn in the past 10 years?</i> | <i>26% from 2010 Census</i> |

Councilor Meadows added Greenville County grew 20% during the same time but had not raised taxes; however, Fountain Inn had received 26% more and had asked for another increase. This was not the first time Fountain Inn had requested a millage increase. Councilor Meadows commended Mr. Case on the City of Fountain Inn's success in more efficient bookkeeping and budget practices since 2008.

Councilor Kirven provided a summary of Fountain Inn's demographics and that of the fire service area. Current millage was currently 32.7 and the millage request of 3.9 for operations was to be utilized for two additional fire fighters. Their last millage increase was 2010.

Councilor Burns referenced funds collected in the amount of \$131,000 from fee in lieu tax agreements from a multi-county park. He asked if there were other fire districts who received fee in lieu money other than Donaldson Center Fire Service Area.

Mark Tollison replied if there was an economic development property located within a district that received fee in lieu status then the fire service area in that district would receive money.

Councilor Baldwin asked how often the contract with Laurens County was renegotiated.

Eddie Case stated the contract was renegotiated on an annual basis, year to year. A 7% increase was requested for FY 2015-2016.

Councilor Baldwin if the yearly increases went up every year or had they remained stayed static.

Eddie Case stated past yearly increases were similar to the 7% requested.

Councilor Baldwin stated he wanted to make sure the Greenville County residents served by the fire district were not subsidizing the Laurens County residents.

Eddie Case assured the Council that was not the case.

Motion as presented carried with Councilor Meadows voting in opposition.

(e) **Glassy Mountain Fire Service Area /
General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds**

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$2,400,000 Greenville County, South Carolina, General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds (Glassy Mountain Fire Service Area Project), Series 2015A; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended; to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters relating thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (9) ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

(a) **Pet Waste Ordinance**

ACTION: Chairman Payne moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to amend Chapter 4: Animals and Fowl, Article II: Dogs, Cats, Wildlife and Exotic Animals, Section 4-18 Unlawful Acts, to include failure to properly remove animal waste.

Motion carried unanimously.

(b) **Anderson / Greenville Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement
(Projects Stitch, Wilbur, Bugle and Taber)**

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park (2010 Park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park.

Motion carried unanimously.

(c) **Project Stitch / Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement and Infrastructure Credit Agreement**

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement and an infrastructure finance agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and a Company or Companies known to the County at this time as Project Stitch, with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, and such Companies will receive certain infrastructure credits in respect of investment in related infrastructure; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

(d) Project Wilbur / Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement and Infrastructure Credit Agreement

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement and an infrastructure finance agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and a Company or Companies known to the County at this time as Project Wilbur, with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, and such Company will receive certain infrastructure credits in respect of investment in related infrastructure; and request third reading of this item to be delayed until such a time as the public hearing can be scheduled.

Motion carried unanimously.

(e) Project Bugle / Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and a Company or Companies known to Greenville County at this time collectively as Project Bugle, with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

(f) Project Taber / Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of one or more incentive agreements by and among Greenville County, South Carolina and a Company known to the County as Project Taber, and one or more existing or to-be-formed or acquired subsidiaries, or affiliated or related entities, as sponsor, to provide for a fee in lieu of ad valorem taxes incentive; to provide for the inclusion of the project in a multi-county business or industrial park; addition of sponsor affiliate; and other related matters.

Motion carried unanimously.

(g) Property Sale / Portion of Matrix Lot 16

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing the sale of County owned property consisting of approximately 16 acres, more or less, known as a portion of Lot 16 located off Bracken Road, and to authorize the Chairman and County Council and the County Administrator to execute appropriate deeds and agreements related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

(h) Greenville County Library System / Millage Request

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to approve the appropriation of funds for the Greenville County Library System for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016; and to authorize the annual ad valorem property tax millage levy for library purposes.

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved to amend the ordinance to reflect the changes highlighted in the amended version included in the agenda packet.

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

ACTION: Councilor Meadows moved to allow for amendments at third reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion as amended carried unanimously.

(i) Simpsonville Fire Service Area Project / General Obligation Bonds

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$4,000,000 Greenville County, South Carolina, General Obligation Bonds (Simpsonville Fire Service Area Project), Series 2015b; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended; to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters relating thereto.

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved to amend the ordinance to reflect the changes in the red-lined version included in the agenda packet.

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Motion as amended carried with Councilor Cates voting in opposition.

(j) Canebrake Fire Department / Millage Request

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to provide for the millage rate to be levied by the Canebrake Fire Service Area.

Motion carried unanimously.

(k) Simpsonville Fire Service Area Project / Millage Request and Contract Renewal

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to provide for the millage rate to be levied by the Simpsonville Fire Service Area consistent with the state law limits; to adopt a ten-year capital improvement plan; and to authorize execution of a new contract for the continued provision of fire protection services.

ACTION: Councilor Meadows moved to allow for amendments at third reading.

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Motion as amended carried with Councilor Cates voting in opposition.

(l) FY 2016 Budget for Greenville County

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to adopt the County of Greenville Fiscal Year 2016 Budget.

Councilor Burns stated he still had several questions and encouraged Council to review the process of budget approval. The budget was discussed in January and Council asked for facts and information regarding the budget as it was compiled. He added there has only been a total of two hours of questions regarding the proposed budget and he felt it deserved more time. Councilor Burns stated he was not comfortable with approving the budget and added there had been no time for comments from the citizens of Greenville County. He stated he had received more comments regarding the Glassy Mountain millage request than the County budget.

Chairman Taylor advised Council members to discuss the budget with Joe Kernell, County Administrator, and added Council could approve the motion at second reading and recommend having amendments at third reading. He also advised questions could be entertained in a Council Workshop.

Councilor Burns stated all of Chairman Taylor's ideas appeared to be good, but the budget was presented to Committee of the Whole very fast with no debate or discussion in only a 45 minute presentation. The proposed budget was not posted online and the public had not seen it as of yet. He felt it deserved more scrutiny and greater public access.

Councilor Seman commended the budget staff for all their hard work and the number of hours put into the budget. She added Council had ample opportunity to ask questions and thanked Councilor Ballard for the questions he submitted.

Councilor Ballard stated it was only his questions that were discussed as time ran short. He stated he learned a lot during the discussion and many questions piggy-backed his questions. Councilor Ballard added it would behoove Council to entertain questions in an open forum.

Councilor Burns stated he was aware very smart people had put the budget together and it was not a question of trust. He stated he did learn quite a bit from Mr. Ballard's questions and subsequent conversations produced additional questions. Councilor Burns added he still needed answers to some of the questions presented. He stated County Council was responsible to the taxpayers to pass the budget but needed to understand the budget and feel comfortable with approving the budget.

Councilor Kirven asked Joe Kernell the following questions:

1. *Is the proposed budget for FY 2016 a balanced budget?* *There is actually a surplus.*
2. *Is there a tax increase included in the budget for County operations?* *No.*
3. *Does the budget meet the objectives of County Council that have been expressed over a period of time?* *All the additions to the budget have been skewed towards Public Safety which was the Number 1 Priority of County Council.*
4. *Does the budget meet the policy objectives that have been directed to the County Administrator from County Council?* *Yes.*

Councilor Kirven stated he did not feel it was the Administrator's job to teach a class on public finance and budgeting to County Council. He stated legitimate questions were welcomed but Council should not belabor the process. He added Council members were policy makers and their job was to execute policy.

Councilor Payne stated he felt Councilor Burns' suggestion was a good suggestion. He added there should be more opportunity for public hearings and more open discussion. Councilor Payne asked Chairman Taylor to delegate a committee to answer questions for anyone interested. Councilor Payne added he was comfortable with budget and would be willing to answer any questions.

ACTION: Councilor Meadows moved to allow amendments at third reading.

Motion carried with eleven in favor and one (Seman) opposed.

ACTION: Councilor Burns moved to send the FY 2016 budget back to Committee of the Whole for additional discussion and public input.

Councilor Kirven stated this was second reading for the proposed budget. A public hearing was scheduled in two weeks and then third reading. There were multiple formats for questions and the public was aware of the budget. He stated he did not support sending the proposed budget back to Committee of the Whole.

Councilor Meadows stated it concerned him when there were public hearings and 15 minutes later Council voted on any issue, not just the proposed budget. It was difficult to digest what the public wanted. He suggested having public hearings and then come back the next week to vote.

Councilor Cates stated he had total trust in John Hansley and Joe Kernell and County Council should support the proposed budget.

Chairman Taylor asked Councilor Burns to restate his motion.

ACTION : Councilor Burns moved to send the Greenville County FY 2016 proposed budget to Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Joe Kernell stated if the proposed budget was sent back to Committee of the Whole then it would not make the end of the month deadline. He added Council needed to pass the budget at second reading and then send it back to Committee of the Whole or schedule a Council Workshop.

Mark Tollison stated approving the proposed budget at second reading and sending it back to Committee of the Whole needed to be combined.

ACTION : Councilor Burns moved to approve the Greenville County FY 2016 proposed budget at second reading and refer the budget back to Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Councilor Dill asked what would happen if the budget did not pass.

Joe Kernell stated he would to research that question.

Councilor Kirven stated it was important to pass a clean and unobstructed vote at second reading. Third reading was scheduled for 06-16-15 which gave Council plenty of time to ask questions.

Chairman Taylor stated amendments could be made during Committee of the Whole.

Mark Tollison added the proposed budget was eligible for subsidiary ruling.

Councilor Burns withdrew his motion and stated he would take Chairman Taylor at his word that a Committee of the Whole meeting would be scheduled for next week.

ACTION: Motion as presented carried unanimously.

Chairman Taylor referred the Greenville County FY 2016 proposed budget back to Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

(m) FY 2017 Budget for Greenville County

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to adopt the County of Greenville Fiscal Year 2017 Budget.

ACTION: Councilor Dill moved to allow for amendments at third reading.

Motion to amend carried with eleven in favor and one (Seman) opposed.

Motion as amended carried unanimously.

(n) Disabilities and Special Needs Board / Seat Additions and Term Lengths

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 2378, as amended by Ordinance No. 4584, regarding the number and term limits of the members of the Board of Directors of the Greenville County Disabilities and Special Needs Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (10) COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports.

Item (11) APPEARANCES – non agenda items

- *Geneva Lawrence, 207 Beattie St, Simpsonville – appeared regarding Greenville County Animal Care*
- *Tamara Desmond, 3010 Kelsey Creek Road, Spartanburg – appeared regarding Greenville County Animal Care*
- *Katy Ballard, 12 Bridgeport Drive, Greenville – appeared regarding traffic/speeding in Wellington Green subdivision*
- *Ed Paxton, 1 York Circle, Greenville – appeared regarding screening of candidates to Boards and Commissions*
- *Drew Laye, 1 Gladsworth Drive, Greenville – appeared regarding traffic/speeding in Wellington Green and Kingsgate subdivisions*

Item (12) ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

There was no Administrator’s report.

Item (13) REQUESTS AND MOTIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Councilor Gibson requested the matter of EMS be placed on the Public Safety Committee agenda.
- Councilor Payne requested the Chairman appoint a committee to study the fire departments’ financing equity and coverage.
- Councilor Kirven stated there was an Ad Hoc Committee created to study the fire departments which resulted in an ordinance that was passed by Council. He suggested Kimberly Wunder, the Assistant County Attorney who worked with the Ad Hoc Committee, make a presentation to the Committee of the Whole regarding the findings of their study.
- Councilor Payne stated he was recently in Washington DC for the Global Cities Team Challenge. He stated 65 entities were represented and talked about how to create better

communities and smart cities. He stated Greenville's goal was to demonstrate the Bruin I Automated Electric Vehicle. The vehicle was assembled in Simpsonville by Star EV and was donated to the Bob Jones University Robotics Team where 10 students devoted about 1500 hours and used about \$5000.00 to buy off-the-shelf parts to automate the vehicle.

- Councilor Baldwin stated a few years ago, Council had wanted the citizens of the districts to vote on more of the things that were being presented to Council because they were always presented with some sort of urgency about them. Secondly, he suggested that Council look into the possibility of consolidating some of the fire districts to see if they could run more efficiently.
- Councilor Cates invited his colleagues to the official opening of the old Taylors Mill, on Friday June 5th at 6:00.
- Councilor Burns remarked about the passing of Bill Page, a former trustee of the Greenville County School District and local businessman. He expressed his condolences to the family.
- Councilor Norris stated she had a very good summer program in place for the children of District 26 even though they had no facility to accommodate them.
- Councilor Seman stated site work was underway for Phase II of the South Carolina Army Air National Guard Aviation campus at SCTAC. This final phase consisted of two new buildings that would support Army Aviation Support Facility which opened last year. First the Regional Field Maintenance Shop and second the Joint Use Readiness Center. The Joint Use Readiness Center will be the new home of the Greenville Tech Aircraft Maintenance School. Completed Aviation Center of Excellence will attract Guard units from around the nation and was a tremendous economic engine for SCTAC and Greenville County.
- Councilor Gibson stated in the day's newspaper was an article which indicated Greenville County sent more of its youth to the Department of Juvenile Justice and that Greenville opened a facility last year to house them. She felt it looked poorly on the County that they could not get something going for the children to keep from detaining them now as well as later in life, but rather to educate them.

Item (14) ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Councilor Seman moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa Kizer, Clerk to Council