



MINUTES GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Committee of the Whole

April 5, 2016

4:45 p.m.

County Square – Conference Room D

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Bob Taylor, Chairman	Mr. Jim Burns
Mr. Butch Kirven, Vice Chairman	Mrs. Xanthene Norris ARRIVED @ 4:47 p.m.
Mr. Joe Dill ABSENT	Mrs. Liz Seman
Mr. Joe Baldwin ARRIVED @ 5:32 p.m.	Mrs. Lottie Gibson ABSENT
Mr. Willis Meadows	Mr. Lynn Ballard
Mr. Sid Cates	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:

Joe Dill, District 17
Lottie Gibson, District 25

STAFF PRESENT:

Joe Kernell, County Administrator
John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator
Mark Tollison, County Attorney
Theresa Kizer, Clerk to Council
Regina McCaskill, Deputy Clerk to Council
Paula Gucker, Assistant County Administrator, Public Works
Bob Mihalic, Governmental Relations Officer
Beverly James, Executive Director, Greenville County Library

OTHERS PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bob Taylor

INVOCATION

Councilor Sid Cates

Item (3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Councilor Seman moved to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2016 Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (4) ENVISION UPSTATE SC PRESENTATION TO COUNTY COUNCIL

*Presented by: Fred Cartwright, Executive Director
 Clemson University's International Center for Automotive Research (CU-ICAR).*

- Presentation explored how the automotive and transportation industry was changing and how Clemson University and CUICAR were meeting those challenges.
- 5 major changes:
 - More battery operated vehicles
 - Lightweight materials
 - Rapid advances in connected vehicles
 - Shifts in mobility preferences
 - Emergence of autonomous vehicles
- Automotive Industry was a \$2 trillion business in the United States
- Envision Greenville Goals
 - Intelligent Transportation
 - Vibrant Bus System
 - Multi-Modal Connectivity
 - Smart Mobility Hubs
 - Automated Transportation Network (ATN) Technology
- Automated Vehicle-Automation Levels
 - No automation
 - Driver assistance
 - Partial assistance
 - Conditional automation
 - High automation
 - Full automation
- Cyber security was an issue – to prevent a “hacker” from taking control of an automated vehicle
- Need to work with city and county partners
- Significant changes in infrastructure needed
- Project Focus – 5 years
 - Connected, multi-modal transportation
 - Smarter GreenVillages Development
 - Smarter, electric cars and bus transit, mobility hubs, street and traffic light sensors, etc.
 - More bike and pedestrian-friendly pathways
 - Assisted or Automated LSEV shuttles (aTaxi)
 - Verdae
 - City View / Legacy Charter School
 - Automated Transit Network (ATN) system
 - GSP Airport (2016 RFP for 2017-18 completion)
 - Greenville Urban Corridors
 - Clemson Urban Corridors
- Transportation changing quickly
- Move toward sustainable forms of mobility would happen in cities around the world
- Large sectors of the US economy are affected with many inherent risks

- Federal Government announced \$4 billion budget for FY2017 related to automated vehicles
- The knowledge and resources of Greenville and the Upstate have an unprecedented opportunity to lead the way
 - In order to compete, must get in the game
 - Begin by stating the Council's support via the proposed resolution

Chairman Taylor stated both Spartanburg and Greenville Counties have large carbon fiber manufacturers. He added carbon fiber was used in the aviation industry but considered expensive for the automotive industry. Chairman Taylor asked if that had changed and would those manufacturers be considered a source of construction materials for automobiles.

Mr. Cartwright shared that Doug Webster was instrumental in the process along with Councilor Fred Payne and others in compiling the necessary information. He added that Greenville did not win but it was a good step forward. Mr. Cartwright stated 78 cities competed and there were now five finalists.

Councilor Ballard asked if Greenville was chosen to receive a grant, would the grant be available for review before acceptance by the County. He stated he had reviewed possible grants and some appeared to come with heavy strings attached, including local government bodies losing control to federal agencies. Councilor Ballard stated Greenville County would not want to agree to a grant and then lose governing control because of the terms of the grant.

Councilor Burns stated Council had been presented with Resolutions in the past asking for support for various opportunities. He asked what would be expected in terms of support if Greenville County was chosen for this type of grant. Councilor Burns stated Council certainly wanted to be supportive of an effort but needed to know what that support meant. He asked what exactly was County Council being asked to support and in what ways.

Mr. Cartwright stated he came to the meeting with a proposed Resolution but did not feel it answered Council's questions. He stated his presentation was intended to be a way to gain a consensus for CUICAR and Greenville County to establish a private / public partnership to help define what was needed to be done.

Councilor Payne stated there were many challenges to be faced in applying for grants. He added all federal grants require some type of matching funds. Councilor Payne stated all entities involved needed to organize and work together. He stated if there was no effort to step up and get involved, other communities and universities would take advantage of the opportunities and Greenville County would lose out. Councilor Payne requested Doug Webster address Council.

Doug Webster stated he worked for CBRE Real Estate and was often approached by his counterparts requesting information about the Greenville area in regards to major corporations and site selection. He added mobility and transportation were factors when a major corporation chose a site, along with quality of life, community connection, etc. Mr. Webster stated those inquiries were an opportunity to talk about assets in Greenville County such as CUICAR, ITIC, and Proterra. He stated organization and support were needed to be successful in order to recruit and gain available assets. Mr. Webster stated he felt the proposed Resolution should state Greenville County Council supported the ability for CUICAR to pursue research and development as well as supported Greenville County in looking at multi-level transportation and other methods of transportation.

Item (5)

PLANNING COMMISSION INTERVIEWS AND NOMINATIONS

(a) Greenville County Planning Commission *(2 vacancies)*

The following individuals appeared before the Committee of the Whole and gave their personal presentations.

1. Katherine **Howard** - *(District 25)*
2. Kim **Kauffman** - *(District 21)*
3. John **Liston** - *(District 17)*
4. David **Stevenson** - *(District 19)*
5. Michael **Teal** - *(District 26)*

ACTION: By ballot vote, Katherine **Howard** and David **Stevenson** were elected to fill two vacancies on the Greenville County Planning Commission.

Item (6)

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS NOMINATIONS

(a) Committee on Finance

1. Arena District *(3 vacancies)*

1. Clifton (Buddy) **Dyer** - *(District 26)*
2. Barry **Formanack** - *(District 20)*
3. Dante **Russo** - *(District 24)*

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved to close nominations and elect by acclamation Clifton (Buddy) **Dyer**, Barry **Formanack** and Dante **Russo** to fill three vacancies on the Arena District Board.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

2. Greenville Area Development Corporation *(3 vacancies)*

1. Marshall **Franklin** - *(District 22)*
2. Donald **Godbey** - *(District 24)*
3. Thomas **Quantrille** - *(District 21)*

ACTION: Councilor Ballard nominated Levetta **Williams**.

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved to close nominations and send forward the names of Marshall **Franklin**, Donald **Godbey**, Thomas **Quantrille** and Lavetta **Williams** to full County Council for a ballot vote.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

(b) Committee on Public Safety

1. Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict *(1 vacancy)*

1. Caleb C. **Freeman** - *(District 26)*

ACTION: Councilor Seman moved to close nominations and elect by acclamation Caleb C. **Freeman** to fill one vacancy on the Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict Board.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

(c) Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

1. Library Board of Trustees (1 vacancy)

1. Fritz **Moise** - (District 28)

ACTION: Councilor Burns nominated Judy **Prince**.

ACTION: Councilor Payne moved to close nominations and send forward the names of Fritz **Moise** and Judy **Prince** to full County Council for a ballot vote.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

2. Parks, Recreation and Tourism Advisory Board (2 vacancies)

1. Bob **Bunchman** - (District 28)
2. Edward T. **Robinson** - (District 23)

ACTION: Councilor Payne moved to close nominations and elect by acclamation Bob **Bunchman** and Edward T. **Robinson** to fill two vacancies on the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Advisory Board.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

3. South Carolina Technology and Aviation Center Board (1 vacancy)

ACTION: Councilor Payne moved to close nominations and elect by acclamation Henry **McCullough** to fill one vacancy on the South Carolina Technology and Aviation Center Board.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (7) SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT NOMINATIONS

(a) Foothills Fire Service Area (1 vacancy) – **District 17**

1. Dave **Gunter, Jr.**

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved to close nominations and elect by acclamation Dave **Gunter, Jr.** to fill one vacancy on the Foothills Fire Service Area Board.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

(b) Tigerville Fire District (2 vacancies) – **District 17**

1. Morris **Fisher, Jr.**
2. John **Wheeler**

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved to close nominations and elect by acclamation Morris **Fisher, Jr.** and John **Wheeler** to fill two vacancies on the Tigerville Fire District Board.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

(c) Buxton Tax District Commission (1 vacancy) – District 19

1. Christine **Robb**

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved to close nominations and elect by acclamation Christine **Robb** to fill one vacancy on the Buxton Tax District Commission.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

(d) Linkside Special Tax District (2 vacancies) – District 20

1. Bill **Frady**

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved to close nominations and elect by acclamation Bill **Frady** to fill one of two vacancies on the Buxton Tax District Commission.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

(e) Devenger Tax District (1 vacancy) – District 21

1. Greg **Horrocks**

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved to close nominations and elect by acclamation Greg **Horrocks** to fill one vacancy on the Devenger Tax District Board.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

(f) Boiling Springs Fire District (2 vacancies) – District 21/22

1. William **McDowell, Jr.**

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved to close nominations and elect by acclamation William **McDowell, Jr.** to fill one of two vacancies on the Boiling Springs Fire District Board.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

(g) Ashwicke Tax District (2 vacancies) – District 22

1. David **Cook**

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved to close nominations and elect by acclamation David **Cook** to fill one of two vacancies on the Ashwicke Tax District Board.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

(h) Freetown Community Special Tax District (1 vacancy) – District 23

1. Peggy **Adams-Robinson**

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved to close nominations and elect by acclamation Peggy **Adams-Robinson** to fill one vacancy on the Freetown Community Special Tax District Board.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

(i) Clear Spring Fire and Rescue District *(1 vacancy)* – **District 27**

1. Randy **Allison**

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved to close nominations and elect by acclamation Randy **Allison** to fill one vacancy on the Clear Spring Fire and Rescue District Board.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

(j) Greenville County Economic Development Corporation *(1 vacancy)* – **Ex-Officio Seat**

ACTION: Councilor Payne nominated Joe Dill.

Councilor Seman moved to close nominations and elect Joe Dill to fill the Ex-Officio Seat on the Greenville County Economic Development Corporation.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (8) **ADJOURNMENT**

ACTION: Councilor Ballard moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Motion to adjourn carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa B. Kizer, Clerk to Council