



# MINUTES GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Regular Council Meeting

May 17, 2016

6:02 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* **Absent**

*Mr. Lynn Ballard*

*Mr. Fred Payne*

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*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.*

## 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

**John Vandermosten**, Assistant County Administrator, Public Safety

**Eric Vinson**, Director, Planning and Code Enforcement

**Bob Mihalic**, Governmental Relations Officer

**Jessica Stone**, Administrative Assistant, Clerk to Council

## OTHERS PRESENT:

**Beverly James**, Executive Director, Greenville County Library System

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bob Taylor

## INVOCATION – introduced by Councilor Jim Burns

Father Jay S. Newman, Pastor  
St. Mary's Catholic Church

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**Item (4)            APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:**            Councilor Norris moved to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2016, Regular Council Meeting.  
  
Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

**Item (5)            PROCLAMATION**

**(a)    Emergency Medical Services Week**

Chairman Taylor presented a Proclamation to Randall Davis, Melvin Alexander and Tim Ayers of the Greenville County Emergency Medical Services, which declared May 16-22, 2016 as Emergency Medical Services Week, and encouraged all residents to observe the occasion by showing their support to Greenville County EMS and the talented and dedicated men and women that make it one of the finest teams in the nation.

**Item (6)            PUBLIC HEARING**

**(a)    Greer Middle College Charter High School / JEDA Bonds**

**ACTION:**            A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding a resolution in support of the issuance by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its Economic Development Revenue Bonds (Greer Middle College Charter High School Project) Series 2016, pursuant to the provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, in the aggregate amount of not exceeding \$7,500,000.

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

**Item (7)            APPEARANCES**

None

**Item (8)            CONSENT AGENDA**

- (a)    Community Project Application / Dunklin Fire District – Emergency Lift Bags**
- (b)    Community Project Application / Duncan Chapel Fire District – Fire/Rescue Skid Unit**
- (c)    Community Project Application / Berea Public Service District – Digital Radios**

**ACTION:**            Councilor Seman moved approval of the Consent Agenda Items.  
  
Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

**Item (9)            RESOLUTION**

**(a)    Greer Middle College Charter High School / JEDA Bonds**

**ACTION:**            Councilor Kirven moved for adoption a resolution in support of the issuance by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its Economic Development Revenue Bonds (Greer Middle College Charter High School Project) Series 2016, pursuant to the provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, in the aggregate amount of not exceeding \$7,500,000.

Councilor Baldwin stated Greer Middle College Charter High School was in his district and he was very impressed with the students and the faculty. He added the school was an asset to Greenville County.

Councilor Dill stated he wanted to clarify that Greenville County was not financing the bond.

Councilor Kirven confirmed approval of the resolution would have no financial effect on Greenville County. The County would not be responsible for paying the bonds or for the interest rate the bonds would bear, if approved.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

**Item (10) ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

**(a) Zoning Ordinances**

- 1. CZ-2016-26: Property of Greenville Revitalization Corporation located on McBeth Street requesting rezoning from I-1 to R-MA.**

The Planning Commission and the Committee recommended approval.

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

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

- 2. CZ-2016-27: Property of Connector Plus, LLC, located at I-185 and S. Old Piedmont Highway requesting rezoning from I-1 and S-1 to R-S.**

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the updated request and the Committee recommended approval as amended.

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

**AMENDMENT:** Councilor Dill moved to amend the request to rezone the updated 32.97 acre portion to R-S.

Councilor Ballard inquired about the zoning classification of the remaining acreage.

Councilor Dill confirmed the remaining acreage would remain at I-1.

Motion to amend carried unanimously by Council Members present.

**ACTION:** Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance as amended at second reading.

Motion as amended carried unanimously by Council Members present.

- 3. CZ-2016-28: Property of Christopher Chambers, et.al. located at I-85 and Staunton Bridge Road requesting rezoning from R-S to S-1.**

The Planning Commission and the Committee recommended approval.

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

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

- 4. CZ-2016-30: Property of Arthur J. Robarge located at 524 Mills Avenue requesting rezoning from C-1 to C-2.**

The Planning Commission and the Committee recommended approval.

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

Motion carried with Councilor Meadows and Councilor Cates voting in opposition.

**(b) Transfer of Real Property to SCDOT / Intersection of Woodruff Road and Sunnydale Drive**

**ACTION:**

Councilor Kirven moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to authorize and approve the transfer of a portion of real property adjoining Woodruff Road at its intersection with Sunnydale Drive, and to authorize the execution of deeds and other appropriate documents and agreements related thereto.

Councilor Kirven added this was a small piece of property, approximately 3900 square feet, that was needed for additional lanes to improve traffic flow in the area.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

**Item (11)**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

**(a) Zoning Ordinances**

Councilor Dill presented for first reading **Zoning Dockets CZ-2016-25, and CZ-2016-31 through CZ-2016-37.**

Chairman Taylor referred the items to the Planning and Development Committee.

**(b) Greenville County Library / Millage Request**

Councilor Kirven presented for first reading an ordinance to approve the appropriation of funds for the Greenville County Library System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017; and to authorize the annual ad valorem property tax millage levy for library purposes.

Chairman Taylor stated the item would remain on the floor.

**(c) Project Bulwark /  
Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement and Special Source Credit Agreement**

Councilor Kirven presented for first reading an ordinance authorizing a first amendment to a fee-in-lieu of tax and special source credit agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina, and a company known to the County as Project Bulwark, to provide for additional special source revenue credits; and to enter into such other necessary agreements or amendments to effect the intent of this ordinance; and other related matters.

Chairman Taylor stated the item would remain on the floor.

**(d) Greenville / Laurens (Octagon Park) Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement  
Amendment – CRI Tolling, LLC (formerly Project Synergy)**

Councilor Kirven presented for first reading an ordinance to amend that certain master agreement governing the Octagon Industrial Park dated September 1, 2010 between Laurens County and Greenville County to add the CRI Tolling, LLC tract located in Laurens County.

Chairman Taylor stated the item would remain on the floor.

**Item (12)**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No Report

**Item (13) APPEARANCES – non agenda items**

- **Ed Paxton**, 1 York Circle, Greenville – appeared regarding questions
- **Jessica Monroe**, 150 Fernwood Court, Greer – appeared regarding animal care
- **Bob Davis**, 6 Setinel Court, Greer – appeared regarding American families in danger

**Item (14) ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

County Administrator Joe Kernell stated on Saturday, May 7th, Greenville Animal Care, with support from Greenville Rec, would host the second annual Tails and Trails 5K in Conestee Park. He then reminded everyone of the 6th Annual Cardiac Survivors’ Ceremony on Friday, May 20th at 2 pm at the TD Convention Center.

**Item (15) REQUESTS AND MOTIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

- Chairman Taylor encouraged everyone to attend the Cardiac Survivors’ Ceremony, stating it was a very moving event.
- Councilor Norris stated the Brandon Mills Art School was a fine program and was gearing up for the summer. She also announced the Legacy School was planning a childcare program. Ms. Norris stated much was being accomplished in the “unseen areas”, but there was still much to do.
- Councilor Seman stated Moodys recently reaffirmed SCTAC’s Baa2 bond rating and the outlook remained stable. Moodys noted SCTAC’s conservative financial management and strong debt service coverage were factors in their positive rating. Ms. Seman stated she, Mr. Payne and Mr. Ballard had the opportunity to attend the Law Enforcement Memorial Service earlier that day and it was a very moving ceremony.
- Councilor Ballard thanked all the agencies involved in the Southside High School incident. He stated the entire matter was handled very professionally. He announced the ribbon cutting for the new Gantt Fire Department Headquarters on White Horse Road was held earlier that day. Mr. Ballard invited everyone to the Fork Shoals Market Day which was being held Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, from 10am until 2pm.
- Councilor Kirven stated he had been contacted regarding heavy construction noise in residential areas on Sunday afternoons. He inquired as to how this problem could be remedied. He reminded everyone of the Memorial Day Ceremony at County Square on Monday, May 30th at 10am.
- Councilor Payne stated he was thankful to live in Greenville County.
- Councilor Baldwin stated he was at the Berea Magistrate Court again recently and people were still standing around on the sidewalk due to the lack of space.
- Councilor Cates commended the board and the City for a wonderful Artisphere event.
- Councilor Burns stated he sent an email out to everyone inviting them to listen to survey results from the [www.visitgreenvillesc.com](http://www.visitgreenvillesc.com) website to hear what people think of Greenville.
- Councilor Meadows apologized for providing incorrect information at the last meeting regarding the pet festival in Berea. He stated the event would be held this weekend.
- Councilor Meadows wished Mr. Burns a Happy Birthday.

**Item (16)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION:**

Councilor Meadows moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present and the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Theresa B. Kizer, Clerk to Council