



# GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

JANUARY 24, 2017

5:09 P.M.

COUNTY SQUARE – CONFERENCE ROOM D

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

MR. BUTCH KIRVEN, CHAIRMAN

MR. WILLIS MEADOWS, VICE CHAIRMAN

MRS. XANTHENE NORRIS, CHAIRMAN PRO TEM ARRIVED @ 5:20 P.M.

MR. JOE DILL

MR. MIKE BARNES ARRIVED @ 5:29 P.M.

MR. SID CATES

MR. RICK ROBERTS ARRIVED @ 5:25 P.M.

MR. BOB TAYLOR

MRS. LIZ SEMAN

MR. ENNIS FANT, SR.

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

Bob Mihalic, Governmental Relations Officer

Paula Gucker, Assistant County Administrator, Public Works

Shannon Herman, Assistant to the County Administrator

### OTHERS PRESENT

J.R. Christy, Boiling Springs Fire District

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Butch Kirven

### INVOCATION

Councilor Joe Dill

**Item (3)            APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:**            Councilor Ballard moved to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2016, Regular Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

**Item (4)            COUNTY COUNCIL RULES / PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

Chairman Kirven stated there were a couple of refinements to the proposed County Council Rules amendments that were previously discussed at the County Retreat. Copies of the proposed refinements were given to each Council member.

Mark Tollison reviewed the refinements as follows:

**Removal of Section I. (A) Initial Meeting**

- The removal of Section 1. (A) Initial Meeting would eliminate back-to-back meetings; instead, there would be one organizational meeting that would include both the Oath Ceremony and the election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

**Amend Section V. (C) (2)**

- Section V. (C) (2) would be amended to state the Vice-Chairman of Council would serve as Chairman of the Finance Committee and up to five (5), but not less than four (4), other members would be appointed by the Chairman of Council. The original draft stated the Vice-Chairman and Chairman would both serve.

Councilor Taylor asked if there could be a question as to whether the Chairman could vote if six (6) Council members were appointed to serve.

Mark Tollison stated if six (6) members were appointed it would be below a quorum and in a committee setting. The Chairman, if appointed, would be a voting member.

Councilor Ballard asked when new Council members were elected, could the Council Retreat be held prior to the election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Mark Tollison stated Council could choose to have some type of orientation prior to the election.

Councilor Ballard asked why motions did not require a second.

Mark Tollison stated Council could require seconds on motions; however, he stated he had studied the issue and since Council was devised of twelve (12) equal member districts, each member had a co-equal right to bring items to Council. Mr. Tollison stated requiring seconds was not beyond the procedural rules of Council.

Councilor Payne stated he preferred to have the Oath Ceremony at the Initial Meeting and the election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman at the Organizational Meeting. He stated the election of officers was, at times, contentious and he felt it was best to separate the two functions.

**ACTION:**            Councilor Seman moved to approve the proposed changes to Council Rules as presented in both red-lined versions.

Councilor Payne asked if the amendment regarding the Initial Meeting could be addressed separately.

Councilor Seman accepted Councilor Payne's request to vote on the refined amendments separately.

The proposed amendments, as presented at the Council Retreat, carried unanimously by Council Members present.

The additional refinements carried with Councilor Payne voting in opposition.

**Item (5) BOILING SPRINGS FIRE DISTRICT / RESULTS OF BOND REFERENDUM**

Mark Tollison stated the bond referendum was approved and had been certified by the Election Commission.

**ACTION:** On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Cates moved to adopt a resolution declaring the results of a bond referendum conducted in the Boiling Springs Fire District on January 10, 2017.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

*Chairman Kirven stated, without objection, Item 7 would be moved forward on the agenda as Councilor Mike Barnes was running late for the meeting.*

**Item (7) MARIETTA WATER, FIRE, SANITATION AND SEWER DISTRICT NOMINATION**

**ACTION:** On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved to recommend Linda Tankersley to fill the unexpired term on the Marietta Water, Fire, Sanitation and Sewer District.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

**RECESS**

**ACTION:** Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to recess the meeting for 15 minutes to allow for Councilor Barnes' arrival.

Motion carried by Council Members present and the Committee of the Whole recessed at 5:29 p.m.

**RECONVENED**

The Committee of the Whole Meeting reconvened at 5:44 p.m.

**Item (6) GREENVILLE AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (GADC)  
COUNCIL MEMBER SEAT NOMINATION**

**ACTION:** Councilor Taylor moved to nominate Sid Cates to fill the Council Member seat on the Greenville Area Development Corporation.

**ACTION:** Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to nominate Ennis Fant, Sr. to fill the Council Member seat on the Greenville Area Development Corporation.

**ACTION:** Councilor Seman moved to close nominations.

Motion to close carried unanimously.

By a show of hands with a vote of eight (Dill, Barnes, Roberts, Meadows, Kirven, Norris, Fant and Ballard) in favor of Councilor Fant and four (Cates, Taylor, Seman and Payne) in favor of Councilor Cates, Councilor Fant was elected to the GADC Board.

**Item (8)**      **ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION:**      Councilor Dill moved to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Theresa B. Kizer, Clerk to Council