



# GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

FEBRUARY 21, 2017

5:03 P.M.

COUNTY SQUARE – CONFERENCE ROOM D

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

MR. BUTCH KIRVEN, CHAIRMAN  
MR. WILLIS MEADOWS, VICE CHAIRMAN  
MRS. XANTHENE NORRIS, CHAIRMAN PRO TEM  
MR. JOE DILL  
MR. MIKE BARNES  
MR. SID CATES  
MR. RICK ROBERTS  
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  
Paula Gucker, Assistant County Administrator, Public Works  
Shannon Herman, Assistant to the County Administrator  
Bob Mihalic, Governmental Relations Officer

### OTHERS PRESENT

None

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Butch Kirven

### INVOCATION

Councilor Mike Barnes

**Item (3)            APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:**            Councilor Ballard moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2017, Regular Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item (4)            STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK RESOLUTION**

Vice-Chairman Meadows stated the resolution allowed Council to submit an application to the State Infrastructure Bank but would not lock Council into anything; changes could be made in the future if Council felt they were necessary.

Councilor Cates asked if the five (5) projects outlined in the Resolution had already been presented to the Department of Transportation, or to the appropriate agency, through GPATS.

Chairman Kirven stated some had and others had not; the Highway 25 Improvement Project was not in the GPATS jurisdiction. The project was located in the County and could potentially be funded by the State Infrastructure Bank. He added that the project was needed and would benefit the citizens of Greenville County in terms of safety and future growth. Chairman Kirven stated the application could not be submitted without the approval of County Council. If a project was selected by the State Infrastructure Bank and came back to the County with recommendations, GPATS could not commit funds for the project; only the County could submit the additional funds.

Councilor Ballard stated it was very similar to grant proposals and the County's willingness and ability to commit additional funds in order to receive the grant money.

Chairman Kirven stated the submission of the application demonstrated the County's willingness to work with the State Infrastructure Bank and agree to terms that were agreeable to both parties.

**ACTION:**            Councilor Ballard moved to approve a resolution in support of Greenville County's application to the South Carolina State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) for assistance in funding major transportation improvement projects in Greenville County; and forward to full Council.

Councilor Cates inquired as to when the County would be notified regarding the status of the application.

Chairman Kirven stated deadline to submit applications was February 28, 2017. The five member board of the State Infrastructure Bank would make the decision as to how the funds were distributed. He stated there was reportedly \$420 million available statewide.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item (5)            ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Theresa B. Kizer, Clerk to Council