



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes

Regular Meeting

January 22, 2019

6:06 p.m.

County Square – Council Chambers

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. Dan Tripp

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 Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Joe Kernell, County Administrator
Mark Tollison, County Attorney
Dean Campbell, Deputy County Attorney
John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator
Regina McCaskill, Clerk to Council
Jessica Stone, Deputy Clerk to Council
Pam Gilliam, Administrative Assistant, County Council Office
Paula Gucker, Assistant County Administrator, Public Works
Bob Mihalic, Governmental Relations Officer
John Vandermosten, Assistant County Administrator, Public Safety
Sarah Holt, Planning Director

Others Present

None

Call to Order

Chairman Kirven

Invocation – *Introduced by Councilor Joe Dill*

Dr. Ben Carper
Rock Springs Baptist Church
Easley, SC

Pledge of Allegiance

Item (4) Approval of Minutes

ACTION: Councilor Seman moved to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2018 Regular Council Meeting, the January 7, 2019 Installation Meeting and the January 8, 2019 Organizational Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (5) Public Hearings

a. Fuyao Glass South Carolina, Inc. (formerly Project Crystal) / Fee in Lieu of Taxes

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Fuyao Glass South Carolina Inc., with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes; and other matters related thereto.

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

Item (6) Appearances – current agenda items

- **Arnold Hogue**, 116 Stoneybrook Trail, Mauldin – appeared regarding Item 15.b. Motion to Reconsider the Office of Chairman vote of January 8, 2019
- **Dr. U.A. Thompson**, 31 Mountain Oak Lane, Travelers Rest – appeared regarding Item 15.b. Motion to Reconsider the Office of Chairman vote of January 8, 2019

Item (7) Consent Agenda

- a. Waterline Grant Application / 310 Phillips Road (PWI)**
- b. Waterline Grant Application / 941 Tubbs Mountain Road (PWI)**
- c. Release of rail-banked ROW for Public Road and Trail Parking Project (PWI)**

ACTION: Councilor Norris moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (8) Resolutions

a. Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict Annexation / Goodwill Industries – Midlands (Property at Sandy Springs Road and Highway 25) – Request for Public Hearing

ACTION: Councilor Seman moved for adoption a resolution to hold a public hearing to consider enlarging the Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict to include the real property identified as Tax Map Number #0602020101802 located at the intersection of Sandy Springs Road and Highway 25.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Greater Greenville Sanitation District Annexation / 2 Cunningham Road – Request for Public Hearing

ACTION: Councilor Seman moved for adoption a resolution to hold a public hearing to consider enlarging the Greater Greenville Sanitation District to include 2 Cunningham Road off Old Spartanburg Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (9) Ordinances – Third Reading

a. Zoning Ordinances

- 1. CZ-2018-58:** Property of TRS Properties, Guy Richard & Ann E. Chapman and Kirk S. Chapman, located on East Main Street, requesting rezoning from R-20 and C-3 to PD.

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

ACTION: Councilor Dill moved to hold the item as requested by the applicant.

Motion to hold carried unanimously.

- 2. CZ-2018-62:** Property of Multiple Southern Greenville County Citizens with properties on Fairview, Peden, McKittrick Ridge Ext., Dean Woods, Hopkins, Hillside Church, Terry, Slotton Shoals, McKelvey and Reedy Fork Road, requesting rezoning from Unzoned to R-R3.

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

Councilor Ballard stated the properties, located in his district, were part of 7000 acres that were zoned last year. The petitions were submitted after the process had started; staff, along with the County's Legal Department, assisted the owners by finding a way for them to be added to the original petition. Mr. Ballard encouraged his colleagues to support the request.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

- 3. CZ-2018-63:** Property of Castelforte, LLC, located at 130 Prospect Street, requesting rezoning from R-7.5 to R-M20.

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

Councilor Fant stated he supported the request.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

- 4. CZ-2018-64:** Property of John M. Ward, located at 106 Sulphur Springs Road, requesting rezoning from I-1 to S-1.

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

Vice-Chairman Meadows urged his colleagues to vote in favor of the request.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

5. **CZ-2018-65:** Property of Dean Edward Dupont, located at 103 Lake Sunshine, requesting rezoning from S-1 to R-S.

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

Chairman Kirven stated the property was located in his district and he recommended approval of the request.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

b. Textile Communities Revitalization Certification / Beattie Plant

ACTION: Councilor Taylor moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to certify the Beattie Plant as a textile mill site under the South Carolina Textiles Communities Revitalization Act for the purpose of allowing the owner and/or developer to qualify for state income tax credits.

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Textile Communities Revitalization Certification / Furman Plant

ACTION: Councilor Taylor moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to certify the Furman Plant as a textile mill site under the South Carolina Textiles Communities Revitalization Act for the purpose of allowing the owner and/or developer to qualify for state income tax credits.

Motion carried unanimously.

d. Fuyao Glass South Carolina Inc. (formerly Project Crystal) / Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement

ACTION: Councilor Taylor moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Fuyao Glass South Carolina Inc., with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

e. Project Treehouse / Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement

ACTION: Councilor Taylor moved for adoption at third 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 known to the County at this time as Project Treehouse with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, including the provision of certain special source credits; and other matters related thereto.

ACTION: Councilor Taylor moved to hold the item until the February 19, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion to hold carried unanimously.

f. Greenville County Procurement Ordinance Amendments

ACTION: Councilor Taylor moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to amend the Greenville County Procurement Ordinance as codified at Chapter 7, Article VIII of the Greenville County Code of Ordinances to increase threshold purchasing and procurement limits.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (10) Ordinances – Second Reading

a. Zoning Ordinances

- 1. CZ-2018-67:** Property of Shelley Bauer, located on Talley Street, Loom Street, Goldsmith Street and Hammett Street Ext., requesting rezoning from R-7.5 to R-M15.
The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. CZ-2018-53:** Property of Paul D. Gatlin, located 206 Gordon Street and N. Florida Avenue, requesting rezoning from R-7.5 to S-1.
The Planning Commission and Committee recommended denial.

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

Motion was denied unanimously.

b. Greenville / Laurens Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement – Project Gator

Councilor Taylor moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to amend that certain agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park by and between Laurens County, South Carolina and Greenville County, South Carolina dated January 31, 2000 to enlarge the park to add certain property located in Laurens County (Project Gator) and to address other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (11) Ordinances – First Reading

a. Zoning Ordinances

Councilor Dill presented for first reading Zoning Dockets **CZ-2019-01 through CZ-2019-11, CZ-2019-13 and CP-2019-01.**

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

b. Greenville / Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement (2010 Park) / Project Treehouse

Councilor Taylor presented for first 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.

Chairman Kirven referred the item to the Finance Committee.

Item (12) Committee Reports

a. Legislative Delegation Liaison Committee

Councilor Fant reported that the Legislative Delegation Liaison Committee met with members of the Legislative Delegation on January 18, 2019. The meeting was spawned from a proposed resolution to open up the Southern Connector. Mr. Fant stated it was a great first meeting with very good dialogue. Some of the topics discussed were the Local Government Fund, Act 388 as well as the Southern Connector, which was received favorably. Senator Ross Turner indicated he would present the idea to the Delegation. Mr. Fant stated there may be some Federal Highway monies available but the specifics were unknown at this time. He added that Congressman Timmons had been contacted along with Congressman Jeff Duncan; both appointed staff to work on the issue. Mr. Fant also spoke with Tim Brett who had agreed to provide information regarding the actual financial structure of the Southern Connector.

Item (13) Appearances by Citizens

- **Cynthia Chance**, 33 Seyle Street, Greenville – appeared regarding general information about Dollar Store Impacts
- **Ed Paxton**, 1 York Circle, Greenville – appeared regarding Evaluations and Appeals
- **Katherine Thompson**, 17 Biltmore Drive, Greenville – appeared regarding Greenlink Funding
- **Dr. U.A. Thompson**, 31 Mountain Oak Lane, Travelers Rest – appeared regarding EMS
- **James Moore**, 359 Hillside Church Road, Fountain Inn – appeared regarding Southern Connector financial status
- **Tim Brett**, 10 Endeavor Circle, Mauldin – appeared regarding Southern Connector
- **Madalyn Meyer**, 411 River Street, Unit 818, Greenville – appeared regarding Greenlink Funding
- **William Asbury**, 100 Whispering Pines Drive, Moore – appeared regarding Greenlink Funding
- **Rebekah Lawrence**, 12 Celand Street, Greenville – appeared regarding Greenlink Funding

Item (14) Administrator's Report

No Report

Item (15)

Requests and Motions by Council Members

a. Open Special Application Period / Foothills Fire Service Area

ACTION:

Councilor Dill moved to open a special application period in order to receive applications for the Foothills Fire Service Area, in order to fill a recent vacancy due to the passing of a commissioner.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Motion to Reconsider the Office of Chairman Vote of January 8, 2019

Councilor Fant stated there was great consternation regarding the recent Council elections. He thanked speakers Hogue and Thompson as well as the members of Vision 25 who were in attendance. He stated there were three choices he could make regarding his proposed motion: withdraw, make his point and then withdraw or make his point and call for a vote. Mr. Fant stated he already knew the outcome of a possible vote.

Mr. Fant stated Greenville was South Carolina's largest and most populous county and outsiders also looked at the decisions that were made. Mr. Fant stated there were xenophobic and misogynistic problems on Council; he thought most Council Members were unaware of these problems.

Some of his colleagues had contacted him and "fussed" because he did not like the way things had transpired. He added that "the greatness of America is the right to protest for right." Council, in its make-up as well as its decision-making, should be reflective of the entire community with regards to race and gender.

The City of Greenville was the 4th fastest growing city in the country. When talking about economic growth, potential industries would have diverse workforces and needed to know that was considered.

Mr. Fant withdrew his motion but hoped Council could do better going forward.

- Councilor Ballard congratulated Councilor Norris for the luncheon that was held last week recognizing her years of dedicated service to the community. He was unable to attend due to a prior engagement.

Mr. Ballard thanked the Boy Scout Troop in attendance as well as their leaders. He added it was so important to understand the importance of local government. Mr. Ballard encouraged them to get involved in local government and register to vote.

- Councilor Seman stated Jody Bryson with SCTAC recently lost his mother-in-law; she asked everyone to keep Mr. Bryson and his family in their prayers. Ms. Seman was proud to announce Donaldson Field successfully passed its annual FAA Part 139 Inspection in December.

Ms. Seman also congratulated Ms. Norris. She added she always felt that Ms. Norris had done a lot for the community but she was not aware of how much she had actually done. She thanked Ms. Norris for allowing her to attend.

Ms. Seman thanked Chairman Kirven for attending the MLK Breakfast last week at Furman University. She stated the speaker, Wade Davis, was very thought-provoking and the timing was perfect, considering all the things that had recently transpired. Ms. Seman stated she wanted Council to focus on issues of the County, not on

gathering votes, and pledge to be more open and honest with each other. She added that she had not done a very good job at building relationships with some of her colleagues. When Wade Davis was asked when would “we overcome”; he replied he could only speak for himself and would “overcome” when he was able to look at himself and be honest about the mistakes he had made. Ms. Seman stated she hoped Council had learned some lessons over the past month and regardless of feelings, views or parties, they had been elected to do the work of all the people. There was great opportunity to address the issues, move forward and do good work together regardless of what committee she was on or what Chairmanship she held.

- Councilor Taylor asked everyone to keep Ronnie Boyce, Fire Chief at Donaldson Field, in their prayers. Mr. Boyce was suffering from cancer and was such an asset to Greenville County.
- Councilor Roberts welcomed Councilor Tripp. He thanked Councilor Seman for her comments and added Council had dealt with a few difficult weeks. He also congratulated Ms. Norris and thanked her for her dedication to the community. Mr. Roberts stated he was honored to serve with Councilor Norris.
- Councilor Norris stated she appreciated all of her colleagues who were able to attend the luncheon honoring her. She also thanked Paul Guy for all of his help. Ms. Norris stated she had dedicated her life to children. Although she and some of her fellow Council Members did not always agree, they were there to get things done. She stated she had been very fortunate and would continue to work hard. Ms. Norris stated she was so relieved to know that she did not have to worry about Confederate Flags being brought into Council Chambers again as they were in the past. She stated there was a lot to be accomplished and she planned on being around for a long time. Ms. Norris asked everyone to learn to love, not hate.
- Chairman Kirven asked for prayers for Council, Greenville County and everyone.
- Vice-Chairman Meadows asked for the Zoning Board of Appeals Committee to meet and discuss the issue brought up by one of the speakers, Mr. Ed Paxton. Mr. Meadows requested Mr. Kernell report to Council the outcome.
- Councilor Cates stated he lost his temper at the last meeting and made some comments to a fellow Council Member which he should not have done. He added he had made things right with the individual and wanted his colleagues to know he had done so.
- Councilor Barnes stated he appreciated Ms. Seman's remarks and he hoped Council would continue to work together. Mr. Barnes congratulated Chairman Kirven, Vice-Chairman Meadows and all the other Council Members named to head committees.
- Councilor Dill thanked everyone for their comments. He stated that sometimes you have to “bottom out” before you can look up. There were serious problems in Greenville County and not just with the bus system; with the jail, EMS and the Sheriff's deputies. He stated it would take all of Council working together to solve the County's problems.

Mr. Dill wished Happy Birthday to Joe Kernell.

Item (16) **Adjournment**

ACTION: Councilor Dill moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina G. McCaskill, Clerk to Council