



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes

Regular Meeting

February 5, 2019

6:03 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
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

Others Present

None

Call to Order

Chairman Kirven

Invocation – *Introduced by Councilor Mike Barnes*

Eric Wooten, Pastor
Northwood Baptist Church
Greer, SC

Pledge of Allegiance

Item (4) Approval of Minutes

ACTION: Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (5) Public Hearings

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

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding 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.

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

Item (6) Appearances – current agenda items

There were no speakers.

Item (7) Consent Agenda

- a. S.C. Hospital Preparedness Program Grant *(Finance)***
- b. Petsmart Charities Grant – Large Dog Spay/Neuter *(Finance)***
- c. 1200 Pendleton Street Lease Extension – S.C. Children’s Theatre *(Finance)***

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (8) Resolutions

a. Project Pak / Inducement Agreement

ACTION: Councilor Taylor moved for adoption a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an inducement agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina, and Project Pak, whereby, under certain conditions, Greenville County would execute a fee in lieu of tax and special source credit agreement with respect to a Project in the county whereby the Project would be subject to payment of certain fees in lieu of taxes, and whereby Project Pak would be provided certain credits against fee payments in reimbursement of investment in related qualified infrastructure; and providing for related matters.

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 Barnes moved to return the docket to the Planning and Development Committee.

Motion to return the docket to the Planning and Development Committee carried unanimously.

2. **CZ-2018-67:** Property of Shelly Bauer located on Talley Street, Lom Street, Goldsmith Street and Hammett Street Ext., requesting rezoning from R-7.5 to R-M15.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

ACTION: Councilor Taylor moved for adoption at third 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 (10) Ordinances – Second Reading

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

ACTION: Councilor Taylor moved for approval at second 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.

ACTION: Councilor Taylor moved to return the item to the Finance Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (11) Ordinances – First Reading

a. Sale of County Owned Property / 1501 W. Washington Street

Councilor Seman presented for first reading an ordinance to authorize the sale and transfer of county owned property located at 1501 W. Washington Street, Greenville, South Carolina 29601, to the Greater Greenville Sanitation District.

Chairman Kirven stated the item would remain on the floor.

b. Project Pak / Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement

Councilor Seman presented for first 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 or companies known to the County at this time as Project Pak 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.

Chairman Kirven stated the item would remain on the floor.

c. Greenville / Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement (2010 Park) – Project Pak

Councilor Seman 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 stated the item would remain on the floor.

d. Tower Automotive Operations USA I, LLC / Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement Amendment

Councilor Seman presented for first reading an ordinance authorizing a second amendment to a fee-in-lieu of tax and special source credit agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina, Tower Automotive Operations USA I, LLC and Stag Industrial Holdings, LLC, to provide for an extended investment period; and to enter into such other necessary agreements or amendments to effect the intent of this ordinance; and other related matters.

Chairman Kirven stated the item would remain on the floor.

Item (12) Committee Reports

There was no report.

Item (13) Appearances by Citizens

- **Jack Logan**, 5051 Old Augusta Road, Apt. C, Greenville – appeared regarding Sheriff Department staffing and salaries
- **Lindsey Jacobs**, 52 Glenn Street, Greenville – appeared regarding transit
- **Mary McGowan**, 12 Berkley Avenue, Greenville – appeared regarding transit
- **Donald Smith**, 1222 Boiling Springs Road, Greer – appeared regarding leadership in District 25
- **Clarence Thornton**, 114 Douthit Street, Greenville – appeared regarding better equality
- **Ed Paxton**, 1 York Circle, Greenville – appeared regarding planning

Item (14) Administrator's Report

Joe Kernell reported Council was recently provided the County's Quarterly Financial Report for the period ending 12-31-18. Approximately \$73.2 million was collected in the General Fund, which represented about 42% of the amount budgeted (\$171.8 million), and was \$4 million more than the amount collected the same period in the prior fiscal year. He added that collections were accelerated to some degree which could be associated with timing of property taxes and other issues. Expenditures through 12-31-18 were \$79.0 million, which represented 45.4% of the \$174.0 million budgeted. Mr. Kernell stated the County's other funds were included in the report and all appeared to be on track.

Item (15) Requests and Motions by Council Members

- Councilor Ballard stated he wanted to personally thank the members of the Planning & Development Committee, especially Councilor Dill for his leadership. Mr. Ballard stated there were some difficult rezoning issues in his District and he appreciated the support of the committee in agreeing with his position regarding the requests.
- Councilor Fant recognized the members of Vision 25 and District 25 who were in attendance. Mr. Fant stated it was currently a difficult time on Council. He added that Council looked basically the way it looked in 2004; nothing had changed except a few names. Mr. Fant stated he was not on Council for symbolism, to look out the window or go to chicken dinners. He vowed to make a difference in the community and leave it better than when he inherited it. The idea of one authoritarian person with the ability to isolate, marginalize and be dismissive of another individual, just because they had the power to do so, did not mean it was the right thing to do. Mr. Fant stated it was possible to get away with this type of behavior if you had constituents who did not care. He added that he had a constituency that cared; they were invested and wanted to see their community improved. Mr. Fant stated this would not go away until justice and equality were fair across the board. The dismissiveness and marginalization he had experienced on Council would not be tolerated; it was now being directed at Councilor Norris, which was unconscionable.
- Councilor Seman stated *Southern Business & Development* magazine recently recognized SCTAC as the best industrial site in South Carolina for aerospace manufacturing. She added SCTAC was excited about the honor and more good news was to come in the near future regarding ITIC.
- Councilor Roberts stated a lot of people took time out to attend the meeting; it took a lot of nerve to address Council. The individuals concerned about Greenlink had shown up week after week and were a very diverse group. Greenlink did not service the area he represented but he could see a change which was being led by the voices of the speakers. He recently met with the leaders of Greenlink and a group of business leaders from his area. While they would certainly not utilize the bus system, they understood the importance of Greenlink. Mr. Roberts stated Council needed to either look at effective funding levels for Greenlink or abandon it. In order for Greenville County to be both compassionate and economically-minded, it needed to help Greenlink grow.

Mr. Roberts stated he listened to every word of the speakers who were present on behalf of Dr. Fant. He added there appeared to be some merit to what was said; Council needed to see what could be done to make the community closer.

- Councilor Norris stated the meeting started with a prayer and the minister said, "We are broken." She stated she had been on Council for a long time and was older than most of her colleagues. She remembered being good friends with her fellow Council members and did not know what had happened. Council needed to engage in democracy and fund transit. Ms. Norris stated she was certain that Council could do better because they had no choice. She added she had a good relationship with the County Administrator. Ms. Norris said "Forget the color. Forget the party. Let's work together."
- Chairman Kirven stated on Saturday, February 16, Greenville Technical College would honor a distinguished visitor and speaker, Ambassador Andrew Young from Atlanta. Councilor Fant would represent Council at the event and present a proclamation to Ambassador Young.
- Vice-Chairman Meadows stated it was his understanding that some of the boards and commissions had been unable to meet recently due to financial issues stemming from an inability to pay members either a salary or for mileage. He requested the Clerk's office complete a survey regarding the information and submit the results as soon as possible.
- Councilor Cates stated Dr. Bob Jones, III, recently lost his wife. The funeral was planned for Wednesday, February 6.
- Councilor Dill stated Jack Logan made an eloquent speech earlier and he agreed with everything Mr. Logan had said. Mr. Dill stated he had observed fewer deputies on patrol in his district; the community deputies were more visible even though their numbers had been decreased. He urged Council to support an endeavor to determine why this was occurring. Some business owners in his district were hiring off-duty law enforcement to patrol their businesses.

Mr. Dill stated at the last Council meeting, they had all talked about how much they loved each other and how they planned to work together.

Councilor Dill wished Liz Seman a Happy Birthday.

Item (16) Adjournment

ACTION: Councilor Dill moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina G. McCaskill, Clerk to Council