



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes

Regular Meeting

April 2, 2019

6:07 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
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

Others Present

None

Call to Order

Chairman Kirven

Invocation – *Introduced by Councilor Sid Cates*

Dr. John Monroe, Pastor
Faith Baptist Church
Taylors

Pledge of Allegiance

Item (4) Approval of Minutes

Action: Councilor Roberts moved to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2019, Regular Council Meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

Item (5) Public Hearings

a. Proposed Relinquishment of a Portion of McLinda Street

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding the proposed relinquishment of a portion of McLinda Street to the adjacent property owner, Tax Map Number 0663010101601, for use as private property.

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

Item (6) Appearances – current agenda items

- Patricia Dillow, 41 Forest Lake Drive, Simpsonville – appeared regarding Item 7.c. Greenlink Funding
- Lindsey Jacobs, 52 Glenn Street, Greenville - appeared regarding Item 7.c. Greenlink Funding
- Lawson Wetli, 5 Wren Drive, Greenville - appeared regarding Item 7.c. Greenlink Funding
- David Hanna, 124 Sun Meadow Road, Greer - appeared regarding Item 15.a. Resolution – Support Miracle Hill's Rescue Mission Programs
- John (Jeff) Alden, 206 McDaniel Green, Greenville - appeared regarding Item 7.c. Greenlink Funding

Item (7) Consent Agenda

- a. Proposed Relinquishment of a Portion of McLinda Street (PWI)**
- b. Waterline Grant – 40 Finley Road, Travelers Rest (PWI)**
- c. Greenlink Funding (Finance)**
- d. Community Project Applications / SCTAC – Sheriff's Office Defensive Driving - \$5,000.00 (Finance)**
- e. Community Project Applications / Blue Ridge HS – Air Force Junior ROTC Flag Ceremony - \$100.00 (Finance)**
- f. Community Project Applications / Simpsonville Trails Project - \$10,000.00 (Finance)**

Action: Councilor Seman moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items.
Motion carried unanimously.

Item (8) Resolutions

- a. Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict Annexation / Expansion of Current Boundary to West Georgia Road – Request for Public Hearing**

Action: Councilor Seman moved for adoption a resolution to hold a public hearing to consider enlarging the boundaries of Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict.
Motion carried unanimously.

Item (9) Ordinances – Third Reading

a. Zoning Ordiances

1. **CZ-2019-14:** Property of Bobby M. (II) and Lisa P. Safrit, located on Wood Duck Way, requesting rezoning from R-12 to R-S.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

2. **CZ-2019-15:** Property of C. Louise Kerr, located at 115 Farris Bridge Road, requesting rezoning from C-1 to R-12.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

3. **CZ-2019-18:** Property of SJJ Property Development LLC, and Business Park Properties, LLC, located on Fork Shoals Road, requesting rezoning from C-2 to S-1.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

4. **CZ-2019-19:** Property of NWH Properties LP, Moonville Investment Co. LLC and Rural Renaissance LLC, located on Augusta Road, Ray Road and Carr Road, requesting rezoning from R-R1 to BTB.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Greenville County Comprehensive Plan Amendment / City View Community Plan (CP-2019-02)

Action: Councilor Dill moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to adopt the City View Community Plan as an amendment to the Imagine Greenville County Comprehensive Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Action: Councilor Taylor moved for adoption at third 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.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (10) Ordinances – Second Reading

a. Berea Public Service District / \$2,000,000 General Obligation Bond Issuance

Action: Councilor Taylor moved for approval at second reading an ordinance finding that the Berea Public Service District, South Carolina, may issue not exceeding \$2,000,000 general obligation bonds; to authorize Berea Public Service Commission to issue such bonds and to provide for the publication of notice of the said finding and authorization.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Project Moonrise / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

Action: Councilor Taylor moved for approval at second 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 Moonrise, 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; and requested that third reading and public hearing of the item be delayed until May 7th.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (11) Ordinances – First Reading

a. Simpsonville Fire Service Area and Donaldson Fire Service Area – General Obligation Bonds

Councilor Taylor presented for first reading an ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of (i) not exceeding six million dollars (\$6,000,000) Greenville County, South Carolina, general obligation bonds (Simpsonville Fire Service Area Project), Series 2019A; and (ii) not exceeding nine hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000) Greenville County, South Carolina general obligation bonds (Donaldson Fire Service Area Project), Series 2019B; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended; to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters relating thereto.

Chairman Kirven stated the item would remain on the floor.

b. Ordinance to Amend County Ordinance No. 2767 Regarding Greenville County Council Salary Adjustment

Councilor Dill presented for first reading ordinance to amend Ordinance Number 2767, establishing the method of salary adjustments for members of Greenville County Council.

Councilor Ballard stated he objected to first reading of the item as it was only a title with no explanation.

Chairman Kirven stated there was ample precedent to have title only at first reading. He added the item would be referred to committee to be discussed in detail.

Councilor Ballard stated he had confirmed with the County Attorney that the item could be presented for first reading; however, he was opposed to Council being asked to consider an item for first reading with no explanation. Mr. Ballard stated he was aware the item would be sent to committee but he felt more was needed than just a title.

Chairman Kirven advised Councilor Ballard that his objection was duly noted but there was no basis to rule the item out of order.

Councilor Ballard stated he understood but wanted his objection noted for the record.

Chairman Kirven referred the item to the Committee of the Whole.

Item (12) Committee Reports

a. Committee of the Whole

1. Board and Commission Appointments

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to close nominations and elect the following by acclamation:

- **Arena District** – 3 vacancies
Clifton Dyer
Barry Formanack
Dante Russo
- **Greenville Area Development Corporation (GADC)** – 3 vacancies
Justin Bagwell
Don Godbey
Barry Leasure
- **Construction Board of Appeals**
Nelson Neal
Peter Nomikos
- **Parks, Recreation and Tourism Advisory Committee** – 2 Vacancies
Robert Bunchman
Frank Mansbach
- **South Carolina Technology and Aviation Corporation (SCTAC)** 1 vacancy
Henry McCullough
- **Buxton Tax District** (2 vacancies / 1 applicant)
Christine Robb
- **Devenger Tax District** (1 vacancy / 1 applicant)
Kevin Laliberty
- **Foothills Fire Service Area** (1 vacancy / 1 applicant)
Allen Smith
- **Old Mill Estates Tax District** (1 vacancy / 1 applicant)
Randy Boyette;

and to close nominations for the Board of Zoning Appeals and move forward the names of Stephen Shaw and Brittany Farrar to a ballot vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (13) Appearances by Citizens

- Lee Turner, 21 Twin Springs Drive, Greenville – appeared regarding solutions
- Jeremy Krober, 245 Old Grove Road, Greenville – appeared regarding gun violence
- Bruce Wilson, 14 Freestone Street, Greenville – appeared regarding Greenville County Detention Center
- Ed Paxton, 1 York Circle, Greenville – appeared regarding tax assessments and appeal hearings

Item (14) Administrator's Report

No report.

Item (15) Requests and Motions by Council Members

a. Resolution – Support Miracle Hill's Rescue Mission Programs

Action: Councilor Cates moved to suspend Council Rule 4(a) regarding committee consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Per notice provided on the Council agenda, Councilor Cates moved to approve a resolution in support of Miracle Hill's Rescue Mission programs impacted by the proposed location of a new brewery and restaurant at 101 S. Hudson Street in Greenville.

Councilor Cates stated Nautic Greenville, LLC was planning to open a brewery and restaurant selling beer at 101 S. Hudson St. in downtown Greenville. The proposed location was mere feet from Miracle Hill's Rescue Mission which housed up to 142 men nightly, with more than 100 additional guests sleeping on the floor of its gym in cold weather; many have issues related to alcohol addiction or were formerly addicted. Mr. Cates added that the Rescue Mission held a required Chapel program each evening prior to the meal; attendees regularly gathered outside the Mission waiting for Chapel. Nautic Greenville's decision to place a brewery at this incompatible location would impede Miracle Hill in achieving its mission to assist individuals to overcome addiction and move toward productive lives.

Councilor Cates stated he felt the placement of a brewery next to the Greenville Rescue Mission was inappropriate and showed insensitivity to the background of the men served at the Mission. He urged his colleagues to support the resolution to respectfully request that Nautic Greenville strongly consider relocating its business away from the Mission property.

Vice-Chairman Meadows asked if Nautic Greenville had obtained a liquor license.

Councilor Cates stated he had contacted the Governor's Office to determine if a liquor license had been granted.

Vice-Chairman Meadows stated if the liquor license had not been obtained, residents living within three (3) miles of the proposed establishment could vote to oppose it with the Department of Revenue.

Councilor Cates stated he spoke with Lillian Brock-Fleming with the City Council (Greenville) and she was also opposed to the brewery being built beside the Rescue Mission; he also spoke with Mayor Knox White. Mr. Cates stated Greenville County had no jurisdiction over the matter but he had concerns about the issue.

Councilor Norris stated the proposed brewery would be located in her district. She agreed with Councilor Cates and offered to work with him to see what could be done about the situation.

Motion as presented carried unanimously.

- Councilor Ballard stated on the previous day, he attended the South Greenville Fire Department's groundbreaking ceremony for a new fire station; the old station was approximately 50 years old.
- Councilor Fant recognized the members of Vision 25 who were in attendance. He added Councilor Tripp spoke with him recently about solar farm tax breaks. Mr. Fant also reported they were unable to get the Metropolitan Sewer boundaries expanded to Highway 418, but they were able to get them down to W. Georgia Road.

- Councilor Seman congratulated 3M and GADC for the recent announcement of a \$60 million capital investment at SCTAC.
- Councilor Taylor stated he was looking forward to the upcoming Council Retreat.
- Councilor Roberts stated Council had a great informational session during the Committee of the Whole. He added he recently attended a meeting of the area Fire Chiefs where EMS presented some very good ideas. Some of the ideas suggested were positive and it appeared they would be beneficial moving forward.
- Councilor Norris thanked the speakers who appeared regarding funding for Greenlink as well as some of the other speakers. Ms. Norris also thanked everyone involved in making life better for the residents of City View. She stated Council appeared to be getting on the right track.
- Chairman Kirven announced the formation of an Ad Hoc committee for the purpose of studying areas of Greenville County designated by the US Congress as Opportunity Zones. Mr. Kirven stated Opportunity Zones were designed to encourage long-term private investments in low-income communities.

Mr. Kirven stated Opportunity Zones were focused as follows:

- Fund the development of workforce and affordable housing in areas with escalating prices and inventory shortages.
- Fund new infrastructure to support population and economic growth.
- Invest in startup businesses who have potential for rapid increases in scale.
- Upgrade the capability of existing underutilized assets through capital improvement investments.

Mr. Kirven appointed Councilor Fant as Chairman and Mr. Meadows to serve on the committee. Mr. Kirven encouraged other interested Council Members to serve.

- Vice-Chairman Meadows inquired about the Board Tax Assessment and Appeals meetings. He asked if the board could meet prior to the next Council meeting in order to assist one of the evening's speakers.
- Councilor Barnes stated he was happy to report that E. Main Street in Taylors was excelling. He added he was very excited about the progress being made.
- Councilor Dill stated while there were no County ordinances regarding the discharge of a weapon, there were state laws. He added the state laws were very specific regarding property lines, caliber of the weapons, etc.; but it was very difficult to catch someone in the act.
- Councilor Dill stated Tuesday, April 8, was Joel's birthday; everyone wished him a Happy Birthday.

Item (16) Adjournment

Action: Councilor Dill moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina G. McCaskill, Clerk to Council