



## GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes

Regular Meeting

June 4, 2019

6:08 p.m.

County Square – Council Chambers

301 University Ridge

Greenville, South Carolina 29601

### **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

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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.

### **Council Members Absent**

**Dan Tripp**, *District 28*

### **Staff Present**

**Joe Kernell**, *County Administrator*

**Mark Tollison**, *County Attorney*

**Jeff Wile**, *Assistant County Attorney*

**John Hansley**, *Deputy County Administrator*

**Regina McCaskill**, *Clerk to Council*

**Jessica Stone**, *Deputy Clerk to Council*

**Paula Gucker**, *Assistant County Administrator, Public Works*

**John Vandermosten**, *Assistant County Administrator, Public Safety*

**Nicole Wood**, *Assistant to the County Administrator*

**Bob Mihalic**, *Governmental Relations Officer*

### **Others Present**

None

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Kirven

### **Invocation**

Councilor Bob Taylor

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Item (4) Approval of Minutes**

**Action:** Councilor Norris moved to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2019, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

**Item (5) Public Hearings**

**a. Drexel Terrace Special Tax District / Creation**

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance to create the Drexel Terrace Special Tax District; to define the boundaries of the district and the purpose for which it was created; to establish the district as an administrative division of Greenville County; and to impose an annual fee of not more than \$45.00 on all real property located within the district.

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

**b. Transfer and Conveyance of Real Property / Hilltop Drive –  
TMS #0491.00-03-020.00 and 0491.00-03-005.00**

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance to authorize the transfer and conveyance of 4.2 acres, more or less, of real property located on Hilltop Drive in the City of Travelers Rest owned by Greenville County for the exclusive use and benefit of the Greenville County Library System.

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

**Item (6) Appearances – current agenda items**

- **Asya Sheffield**, 203 Highland Drive, Greer – appeared regarding the FY 2020 – FY 2021 Budget
- **Ed Paxton**, 1 York Circle, Greenville - appeared regarding the FY 2020 – FY 2021 Budget
- **Paul Guy**, 10 Cornerton Pass, Simpsonville - appeared regarding the FY 2020 – FY 2021 Budget

**Item (7) Consent Agenda**

**a. Greenville County Redevelopment Authority 2019 Annual Action Plan and Budget (Finance)**

**b. Community Project Applications (Finance):**

- 1. Dunklin Fire District / LED Lighting Conversion - \$5,000.00**
- 2. Blue Ridge High School / Scoreboard Project - \$13,626.00**
- 3. Heritage Green Music Museum / Parking - \$5,000.00**

4. **City of Travelers Rest / Scottish Games - \$956.00**
5. **Berea Station Events / Community Signage - \$2,000.00**
6. **Duncan Chapel Fire District / Ladder Truck Light Bar - \$2,000.00**
7. **Piedmont Fire Department / Upgrades - \$5,000.00**
8. **City of Simpsonville / South Greenville Fair (4H Program) - \$2,500.00**

**Action:** Councilor Norris moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

**Item (8) Resolutions**

**a. Project Blackbird / Inducement Resolution**

**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 Blackbird, whereby, under certain conditions, Greenville County would execute a fee in lieu of tax agreement with respect to an industrial project in the County whereby the Project would be subject to payment of certain fees in lieu of taxes; and providing for related matters

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

**b. Project Ghost / Inducement Resolution**

**Action:** Councilor Taylor moved for adoption a resolution authorizing, under certain conditions, the execution and delivery by Greenville County, South Carolina of a fee in lieu of tax agreement with Project Ghost with respect to an industrial project in the County whereby the Project would be subject to payment of certain fees in lieu of taxes, and whereby Project Ghost would be provided certain credits against fee payments in reimbursement of investment in related qualified infrastructure; and providing for related matters.

Councilor Fant applauded Mark Tollison for his extraordinary leadership in figuring out a way to make the resolution possible. He added that he was totally opposed to the proliferation of fossil fuels; he believed in climate change and felt Greenville County should take steps to reduce its carbon footprint. He commended Council and County Administration for being forward thinking in making solar farms workable and amenable as renewable sources of energy.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

**Item (9)     Ordinances – Third Reading**

**a.     Zoning Ordinances**

- 1.     CZ-2019-12:**     Property of Judson Mill Ventures, LLC, located on Easley Bridge Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 6<sup>th</sup> Street (Judson Mill) requesting rezoning from PD to PD (Major Change) as amended.

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

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

- 2.     CZ-2019-27:**     Property of Metts Street Holdings LLC, located on Metts Street, requesting rezoning from R-MHP to S-1.

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

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

- 3.     CZ-2019-29:**     Property of The Old House, LLC, Rural Renaissance LLC, Hayne W. Hipp and Mason A. Goldsmith, et.al., located on Augusta Road, Pine Drive, Old Gunter Road, Graystone Drive and Emily Lane, requesting rezoning from Unzoned to BTM as amended.

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

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

**b.     Greenville County Comprehensive Plan Amendment / Riverdale-Tanglewood Community Plan (CP-2019-03)**

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

Councilor Norris voiced her support of the item.

Councilor Fant commended the community for its hard work in bringing the item to fruition.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

**c.     Drexel Terrace Special Tax District / Creation**

**Action:**     Councilor Taylor moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to create the Drexel Terrace Special Tax District; to define the boundaries of the district and the purpose for which it was created; to establish the district as an administrative division of Greenville County; and to impose an annual fee of not more than \$45.00 on all real property located within the district.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

**d. Greenville County Museum of Art / General Obligation Bonds**

**Action:** Councilor Taylor moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$3,000,000 Greenville County, South Carolina, General Obligation Bonds (Greenville County Museum of Art Project), Series 2019C; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended; to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters relating thereto.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

**e. Project Fiber / Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement and Special Source Revenue Credit 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 Fiber 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 a public hearing could be scheduled.

Motion to hold carried unanimously by Council Members present.

**f. Transfer and Conveyance of Real Property / Hilltop Drive – TMS# 0491.00-03-020.00 and 0491.00-03-005.00**

**Action:** Councilor Taylor moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to authorize the transfer and conveyance of 4.2 acres, more or less, of real property located on Hilltop Drive in the City of Travelers Rest (TMS# 0491.00-03-020.00 and 0491.00-03-005.00) owned by Greenville County for the exclusive use and benefit of the Greenville County Library System.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

**Item (10) Ordinances – Second Reading**

**a. Bausch & Lomb Inc. (formerly Project Project) / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement Amendment**

**Action:** Councilor Taylor moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing an amendment to an existing fee agreement between Greenville County, South Carolina and Bausch & Lomb Incorporated to extend the project period for an additional five years, in return and expectation for additional investment in the County.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

**b. Project Charm / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement and Special Source Revenue Credit 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 Charm 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 revenue credits; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

**c. FY 2020 Budget Ordinance for Greenville County**

**Action:** Councilor Taylor moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to approve the FY 2020 Budget for Greenville County.

Councilor Roberts thanked Joe Kernell for revising the budget to meet the needs of the citizens of Greenville County.

Councilor Cates also thanked Mr. Kernell for the proposed budget, especially for the monies designated for Greenlink.

Councilor Norris stated she supported the item and encouraged her colleagues to do the same.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

**e. FY 2021 Budget Ordinance for Greenville County**

**Action:** Councilor Taylor moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to approve the FY 2021 Budget for Greenville County.

Councilor Ballard asked if the public hearings for both budgets could be held on the same night.

Joe Kernell stated he recommended the hearings be scheduled separately.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

**Item (11) Ordinances – First Reading**

**a. Cytec Carbon Fibers (Solvay) / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement**

Councilor Seman presented for first reading ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a first amendment to a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Cytec Carbon Fibers LLC; the addition of sponsor affiliates under that agreement; and other matters related thereto.

Chairman Kirven stated the item would remain on the floor.

**b. Project Blackbird / Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement**

Councilor Seman presented for first reading 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 Blackbird with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes; and other matters related thereto.

Chairman Kirven stated the item would remain on the floor.

**c. Project Ghost / Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement**

Councilor Seman presented for first reading ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of fee in lieu of tax agreements by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and White Horse A, White Horse B, Berry Road, & Gedosch Solar, each a South Carolina Limited Liability Company (collectively the “companies”) with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property will 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.

**Item (12) Committee Reports**

No report.

**Item (13) Appearances by Citizens**

- **Cynthia Chance**, 33 Seyle Street, Greenville – appeared regarding Dunean Community
- **Johnny Gregory**, 2504 Wade Hampton Blvd., Greenville – appeared regarding STEAM Center
- **Sandra Brosious**, 810 Donaldson Road, Lot 84 – appeared regarding the 10 Commandments
- **Ed Paxton**, 1 York Circle, Greenville – appeared regarding Greater Greenville Sanitation Commission
- **Paul Guy**, 10 Cornerton Pass, Simpsonville – appeared regarding Greenville County Public Safety Inspector’s office and Citizen Law Enforcement Review Board

**Item (14) Administrator’s Report**

Mr. Kernell stated all the tower sites for the Palmetto 800 radio system were live and optimized; Greenville County users were in the process of migrating to the new radio network. The City of Travelers Rest and South Greenville Fire were now live on the CAD system which was a big benefit to both.

Mr. Kernell stated public safety department personnel were now certified to dispense NARCAN®, which was used when an individual overdosed on opioids. Mr. Kernell added that many times, persons being admitted to the Detention Center were able to conceal opioids within their person

which could result in an overdose. More importantly, the County's public safety professionals were also subject to exposure to large amounts of opioids at crime scenes. Mr. Kernell stated the County was now prepared to respond appropriately to those situations and hopefully save lives.

**Item (15) Requests and Motions by Council Members**

- Councilor Seman stated *Site Selection Magazine*, the world's leading publication serving the site selection industry, prominently featured SCTAC, Lockheed Martin Greenville and ITIC in its May 2019 Upstate South Carolina Intelligence Report. Ms. Seman stated the SCTAC team was very excited about the great publicity.
- Councilor Ballard thanked Paula Gucker for making arrangements for staff to deal with a late night waterline issue at the South Greenville Fire Department.
- Councilor Dill stated a community center in the Dunean community could solve a number of problems.

Mr. Dill stated former governor, Nikki Haley, was the keynote speaker at the recent Susan B. Anthony gala. Ms. Haley spoke about abortion and Mr. Dill stated he was very impressed.

- Councilor Barnes commended Joe Kernell and his staff in finding a way to increase deputy pay. Mr. Barnes stated the increase would raise morale and he hoped everyone could continue to work together.
- Chairman Kirven recognized the audience members in support of Greenville Transit Authority and thanked them for attending the meetings.
- Councilor Norris thanked Mr. Kernell for assisting her in getting summer programs started. She added that the Phillis Wheatley Center was finished and invited everyone to visit. Mr. Norris also thanked Paul Guy for his assistance with *Beyond Differences* as well as other numerous community programs. She stated she would like to see the youth programs be extended to year-round and not just during the summer.
- Vice-Chairman Meadows wished Councilor Ballard, Councilor Fant and Councilor Roberts a Happy Birthday.

**Item (16) Adjournment**

**Action:** Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted:

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Regina G. McCaskill  
Clerk to Council