



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes

Regular Meeting

June 18, 2019

6:11 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

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

Councilor Norris stated she had incorrectly reported that the Phillis Wheatley Center was finished; she requested the minutes reflect the correct information.

Action: Councilor Norris moved to amend the minutes to indicate the Phillis Wheatley Center was not finished.

Without objection, the motion to amend was approved.

Action: Councilor Norris moved to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2019, Regular Council Meeting, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (5) Public Hearings

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

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

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

b. FY 2020 Budget Ordinance for Greenville County

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance to approve the FY2020 Budget for Greenville County.

- **Erin Cruce, 301 Cleveland Street, Apartment 6D, Greenville** – appeared in favor of the proposed

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

Item (6) Appearances – current agenda items

No speakers

Item (7) Consent Agenda

a. Community Project Applications (Finance):

i. Canebrake Fire Department / Fitness Equipment - \$5,000.00

**ii. Greenville County Parks and Recreation Department /
Conestee Park Fields and Locker Room Maintenance - \$12,356.00**

iii. **Greenville County Parks and Recreation Department / Phillis Wheatley Kitchen Upgrades - \$16,953.00**

iv. **Lake Cunningham Fire Department / Equipment - \$3,457.00**

b. Grant Applications (Finance):

i. **FY 2018 Homeland Security Grant – Bomb Team**

ii. **FY 2019 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program**

iii. **FY 2019 VOCA Grant**

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

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (8) Resolutions

a. **Greater Greenville Sanitation District Annexation / Woodland Point Subdivision, 120 Pasco Court, 207 Woodbury Circle and 211 Groce 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 the Woodland Point Subdivision, 120 Pasco Court, 207 Woodbury Circle and 211 Groce Road.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (9) Ordinances – Third Reading

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

Action: Councilor Taylor moved for adoption at third 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 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 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.

Action: Councilor Taylor moved to hold the item until a public hearing could be scheduled.

Motion to hold carried unanimously by Council Members present.

c. FY 2020 Budget Ordinance for Greenville County

Action: Councilor Taylor moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to approve the FY 2020 Budget for Greenville County.

Vice-Chairman Meadows inquired about the funding allotted for the Swamp Rabbit Trail.

Joe Kernell stated approximately \$200,000 was allotted in the budget for trail maintenance. He added that the proceeds from the sale of the River Street property were designated for expansion of the trail; the amount received was \$4.2 million.

Councilor Meadows asked if some of the \$4.2 million could be used for repairs.

Mr. Kernell confirmed the monies could also be utilized for needed repairs.

Councilor Seman addressed the audience and said that “showing up and speaking up” made a difference; she encouraged them to continue to do so.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (10) Ordinances – Second Reading

a. Zoning Ordinances

- i. CZ-2019-32:** Property of Juan G. Rodriguez, located on White Horse Road, requesting rezoning from R-12 to C-1. The Planning Commission and the Committee recommended denial.

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

Motion was denied unanimously by Council Members present.

- ii. CZ-2019-33:** Property of Juan G. Rodriguez, located on Old Easley Highway, requesting rezoning from R-S to S-1. The Planning Commission and the Committee recommended denial.

Councilor Dill stated the applicant had since requested the docket be amended to C-3; neither the Planning Commission nor the Committee had considered the new request.

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

Motion was denied unanimously by Council Members present.

- iii. **CZ-2019-34:** Property of Shannon Dobbins Woodward and Kelly Dobbins Morris, etal., located on Furr Road, requesting rezoning from R-S to FRD. The Planning Commission recommended denial and the Committee recommended approval.

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

Action: Councilor Dill moved to hold the item until the next County Council meeting in order to allow time for a community meeting to take place.

Motion to hold carried unanimously by Council Members present.

- iv. **CZ-2019-35:** Property of Jerry C. Long, located on AD Asbury Road, requesting rezoning from R-MA and C-2 to I-1. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

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

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

- v. **CZ-2019-36:** Property of Raymond Mark Cox, located at 114 Dusty Lane, requesting rezoning from R-S to C-3. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

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

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

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

Action: Councilor Taylor moved for approval at second 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.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

c. Project Blackbird / Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement

Action: Councilor Taylor moved for approval at second 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 would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

d. Project Ghost / Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement

Action: Councilor Taylor moved for approval at second 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 would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, including the provision of certain special source credits; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (11) Ordinances – First Reading

a. Zoning Ordinances

Councilor Dill presented for first reading Zoning Dockets CZ-2019-28, CZ-2019-39 through CZ-2019-45 and CP-2019-04.

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

b. Greenville County Land Development Amendment / Financial Securities

Chairman Dill presented for first reading an ordinance to amend Section 3.4.3 “Financial Security Requirements” of the Greenville County Land Development Regulations to allow for letters of credit to be issued by federally insured financial institutions.

Chairman Kirven stated the item would remain on the floor.

c. Tigerville Fire District / Millage Request

Chairman Taylor presented for first reading ordinance to provide for the millage rate to be levied in the Tigerville Fire District.

Chairman Kirven stated the item would remain on the floor.

d. Windstone Special Tax District / Millage Request

Councilor Taylor presented for first reading an ordinance to provide to the millage rate to be levied in the Windstone Special Tax District.

Chairman Kirven stated the item would remain on the floor.

Item (12) Committee Reports

No report.

Item (13) Appearances by Citizens

- **Bruce Wilson**, 14 Freestone Street, Greenville – appeared regarding the Greenville County Detention Center
- **Johnny Gregory**, 2504 Wade Hampton Blvd., Greenville – appeared regarding update on the STEAM Center
- **Robin Goolsby**, 110 Cotton Bay Way, Simpsonville – appeared regarding abortion

Item (14) Administrator’s Report

No Report

Item (15) Requests and Motions by Council Members

- Councilor Dill commended Joe Kernell, John Hansley and staff for the budget; deputies were getting a raise along with EMS and all county employees. Mr. Dill added that he hoped this was a step in the right direction.
- Councilor Barnes thanked Mr. Kernell for the budget and added he had “worked magic.”
- Councilor Meadows stated he attended a luncheon earlier in the day at Greater Greenville Sanitation with Councilors Fant and Ballard. He was impressed with the fact that 45% of GGS’s employees had been with the company for more than 5 years. Mr. Meadows added many had worked there for 10, 15, 20 years; one employee had been with the company for 45 years. The week of June 17 was *National Garbage Man Day*; he encouraged everyone to thank their garbage man for all their hard work.
- Councilor Norris thanked Randy Jackson for all his hard work at the Phillis Wheatley Center. She added more money was still needed for the kitchen but things were moving along. Ms. Norris stated Mr. Daso would be teaching art at Phillis Wheatley this summer. She thanked Joe Kernell and the Parks and Recreation Department for doing such a great job. The owner of the New Washington Heights Community Center building passed away recently and something needed to be done in order for the County to continue using the building.
- Councilor Roberts stated the Committee of the Whole meeting had been very educational. While debate and disagreements were sometimes healthy, he was very pleased that Council had agreed on almost everything during the evening’s meetings.
- Councilor Taylor stated he celebrated his 56th wedding anniversary this past Saturday; he congratulated his wife for putting up with him for so many years.
- Councilor Seman stated she agreed with Councilor Roberts; the Committee of the Whole meeting had been very good. She thanked Susan McLarty for the presentation and for all the hard work the Greenville Homeless Alliance was doing. Ms. Seman stated Council Members were policy makers and it was their responsibility to make the infrastructure of the community was a place where people and organizations could do their work. The steps taken in the budget in regards to Greenlink and affordable housing were just the “tip of the

iceberg”; she encouraged her colleagues to be open to ways to be creative and continue to build out the infrastructure. Ms. Seman also encouraged the citizens of Greenville County to continue attending the meetings and speaking up; the more people involved in the process the better it could become.

Ms. Seman stated SCTAC’s Annual Report highlighted several construction projects: Vestroresina’s expansion of its longtime existing facility was almost complete; Multi-Pack Solutions, the newest resident of the park, had broken ground and started construction on its new 125,000 square feet facility; PP&G’s new \$10 million 82,000 square feet coding facility was also taking shape.

- Councilor Fant stated the meetings had been very productive and he commended Joe Kernell for the budget; it met all the needs Council had identified to include funding for Greenlink and Affordable Housing as well as pad-ready sites for future economic growth. Mr. Fant stated it was always good to try and reach for common ground.
- Councilor Ballard stated he was honored to represent Council this past Thursday at the *Elected Officials Build Day* at Habitat for Humanity. He stated it was fun and they were able to complete a number of construction projects. Mr. Ballard stated he also attended employee appreciation day at SHARE on Thursday. There was a good turnout and employees from all four counties participated.

Item (16) Adjournment

Action: Councilor Ballard moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Member present and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina G. McCaskill
Clerk to Council