



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes
Committee of the Whole
May 19, 2020
3:12 p.m.

County offices closed for public meetings
Meeting conducted by remote participation

Council Members present by remote participation

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 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*
Shannon Herman, *Assistant County Administrator*
Nicole Wood, *Assistant County Administrator*

Others Present

None

Call to Order

Chairman Kirven

Invocation

Councilor Xanthene Norris

Item (3) Approval of Minutes

Action: Councilor Seman moved to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2020, Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (4) Board and Commission Policy Timeline Waiver

Chairman Kirven stated that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there was a need to waive the established timeline for boards and commissions nominations and appointments. By two-thirds (2/3) vote of County Council, any and all requirements of the Board and Commissions Policy could be waived or modified in order to nominate or appoint members.

Councilor Seman asked if the applicants had been notified of the proposed change. She was aware the interview process was not required; however, she wanted to know if the applicants had been informed that interviews would not be held.

Regina McCaskill stated she had not specifically informed the applicants of the proposed change. She had received several phone calls from applicants and had informed them it was unclear how Council would proceed with board and commission nominations and appointments. Ms. McCaskill stated she also told them there was a possibility that interviews would not be held due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

Action: Councilor Ballard moved to waive the board and commission policy timeline.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (5) Boards and Commissions / Committee of the Whole Appointments and Nominations

a. Board of Tax Assessment and Appeals (1 vacancy)

Prince, Christopher (District 24)

By ballot vote, Christopher Prince was elected to fill one vacancy on the Board of Tax Assessment and Appeals.

Action: Councilor Norris moved to forward the name of Christopher Prince to County Council to fill one vacancy on the Board of Tax Assessment and Appeals.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Greenville County Redevelopment Authority (1 vacancy)

Black, Lawrence (District 18)

By ballot vote, Lawrence Black was elected to fill one vacancy on the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority.

Action: Councilor Norris moved to forward the name of Lawrence Black to County Council to fill one vacancy on the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

c. Greenville Technical College Area Commission (2 vacancies)

Howard, Hunter (*at-large*)

Stafford, Dave (*at-large*)

By ballot vote, Hunter Howard and Dave Stafford were elected to fill two vacancies on the Greenville Technical College Area Commission.

Action: Councilor Norris moved to forward the names of Hunter Howard and Dave Stafford to County Council to fill two vacancies on the Greenville Technical College Area Commission.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

d. Human Relations Commission (3 vacancies)

Baumwaft, Dorothy (*District 23*)

Henderson, Nono (*District 25*)

Nedwards, Jamika (*District 26*)

By ballot vote, Dorothy Baumwaft, Nono Henderson and Jamika Nedwards were elected to fill three vacancies on the Human Relations Commission.

Action: Councilor Norris moved to forward the names of Dorothy Baumwaft, Nono Henderson and Jamika Nedwards to County Council to fill three vacancies on the Human Relations Commission.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (6) Boards and Commissions / Standing Committee Nominations

a. Finance Committee

1. Arena District (3 vacancies)

Patel, Neetu (*District 22*)

Pittman, James (*District 21*)

Rodgers, Rebecca (*District 18*)

By ballot vote, Dorothy Neetu Patel, James Pittman and Rebecca Rodgers were elected to fill three vacancies on Arena District.

Action: Councilor Taylor moved to close nominations and move forward the names of Dorothy Baumwaft, Nono Henderson and Jamika Nedwards to County Council to fill three vacancies on the Human Relations Commission.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

2. Greenville Area Development Corporation (3 vacancies)

Burns, Jim (*District 23*)

Franklin, Marshall (*District 22*)

Tumblin, Chad (*District 21*)

By ballot vote, Jim Burns, Marshall Franklin and Chad Tumblin were elected to fill three vacancies on the Greenville Area Development Corporation.

Action: Councilor Taylor moved to close nominations and move forward the names of Jim Burns, Marshall Franklin and Chad Tumblin to County Council to fill three vacancies on the Greenville Area Development Corporation.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

b. Planning and Development Committee

1. Historic Preservation Commission (1 vacancy)

Hayes, Samuel (District 19)

By ballot vote, Samuel Hayes was elected to fill one vacancy on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Action: Councilor Dill moved to close nominations and move forward the name of Samuel Hayes to County Council to fill one vacancy on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

2. Zoning Board of Appeals (2 vacancies)

Jacobs, Lindsey (District 23)

Shaw, Stephen (District 20)

By ballot vote, Lindsey Jacobs and Stephen Shaw were elected to fill two vacancies on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Action: Councilor Dill moved to close nominations and move forward the names of Lindsey Jacobs and Stephen Shaw to County Council to fill two vacancies on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

c. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

1. Greenlink (1 vacancy)

Astemborski, Stephen (District 24)

By ballot vote, Stephen Astemborski was elected to fill one vacancy on the Greenlink Board.

Action: Councilor Seman moved to close nominations and move forward the name of Stephen Astemborski to County Council to fill one vacancy on the Greenlink Board.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

2. Parks, Recreation and Tourism Advisory Committee (2 vacancies)

Dwyer, Tamara (District 19)

Roche, Sherry (District 26)

By ballot vote, Tamara Dwyer and Sherry Roche were elected to fill two vacancies on the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Advisory Committee.

Action: Councilor Seman moved to close nominations and move forward the names of Tamara Dwyer and Sherry Roche to County Council to fill two vacancies on the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Advisory Committee.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

3. South Carolina Technology and Aviation Corporation – SCTAC (1 vacancy)

West, Stephen (District 27)

By ballot vote, Stephen West was elected to fill one vacancy on the South Carolina Technology and Aviation Corporation Board.

Action: Councilor Seman moved to close nominations and move forward the name of Stephen West to County Council to fill one vacancy on the South Carolina Technology and Aviation Corporation Board.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (7) Special Tax District Appointments

a. Buxton Tax District Commission (2 vacancies)

Higginbotham, Sandra (District 19)

Switzer, Lauran (District 19)

Vice-Chairman Meadows nominated Sandra Higginbotham and Lauran Switzer to fill two vacancies on the Buxton Tax District Commission.

Action: Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to close nominations and move forward the names of Sandra Higginbotham and Lauran Switzer to County Council to fill two vacancies on the Buxton Tax District Commission.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

b. Linkside Special Tax District (5 vacancies)

Armstrong, David (District 20)

Barrett, Norman (District 20)

Burns, Les (District 20)

Gratz, Ronald (District 20)

Pike, George (District 20)

Councilor Cates nominated David Armstrong, Norman Barrett, Les Burns, Ronald Gratz and George Pike to fill five vacancies on the Linkside Special Tax District.

Action: Councilor Cates moved to close nominations and move forward the names of David Armstrong, Norman Barrett, Les Burns, Ronald Gratz and George Pike to County Council to fill five vacancies on the Linkside Special Tax District.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

c. Old Mill Estates Tax District (1 vacancy)

Fraser, Sandra (District 20)

Councilor Cates nominated Sandra Fraser to fill one vacancy on the Old Mill Estates Tax District.

Action: Councilor Cates moved to close nominations and move forward the name of Sandra Fraser to County Council to fill one vacancy on the Old Mill Estates Tax District.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

d. Boiling Springs Fire District (2 vacancies)

Faulkenberry, Tonia (District 21)

McDowell, William (District 21)

Councilor Roberts nominated Tonia Faulkenberry and William McDowell to fill two vacancies on the Boiling Springs Fire District.

Action: Councilor Roberts moved to close nominations and move forward the names of Tonia Faulkenberry and William McDowell to County Council to fill two vacancies on the Boiling Springs Fire District.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

e. Devenger Tax District (3 vacancies)

Laliberty, Kevin (District 21)

McCombs, Buddy (District 21)

Price, Randy (District 21)

Councilor Roberts nominated Kevin Laliberty, Buddy McCombs and Randy Price to fill three vacancies on the Devenger Tax District.

Action: Councilor Roberts moved to close nominations and move forward the names of Kevin Laliberty, Buddy McCombs and Randy Price to County Council to fill three vacancies on the Devenger Tax District.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

f. Ashwicke Tax District Commission (5 vacancies)

Munafo, Jan (District 22)

Munafo, Michael (District 22)

Councilor Taylor nominated Jan Munafo and Michael Munafo to fill two of five vacancies on the Ashwicke Tax District Commission.

Action: Councilor Taylor moved to close nominations and move forward the names of Jan Munafo and Michael Munafo to County Council to fill two of five vacancies on the Ashwicke Tax District Commission.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

g. Freetown Community Special Tax District (1 vacancy)

Cramer, James (District 23)

Councilor Norris nominated James Cramer to fill one vacancy on the Freetown Community Special Tax District.

Action: Councilor Norris moved to close nominations and move forward the name of James Cramer to County Council to fill one vacancy on the Freetown Community Special Tax District.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (8) **Adjournment**

Action: Councilor Norris moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Regina G. McCaskill
Clerk to Council