



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Committee of the Whole

Minutes

October 5, 2021

4:31 p.m.

County Square - Council Chambers

Council Members

Mr. Willis Meadows, *Chairman, District 19*

Mr. Dan Tripp, *Vice-Chairman, District 28*

Mrs. Xanthene Norris, *Chairman Pro Tem, District 23*

Mr. Joe Dill, *District 17*

Mr. Mike Barnes, *District 18*

Mr. Stephen Shaw, *District 20*

Mr. Chris Harrison, *District 21*

Mr. Stan Tzouvelekas, *District 22*

Mrs. Liz Seman, *District 24*

Mr. Ennis Fant, Sr., *District 25*

Mr. Lynn Ballard, *District 26*

Mr. Butch Kirven, *District 27*

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted online and on the bulletin board at County Square and made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Council Members Absent

Stephen Shaw, *District 20*

Xanthene Norris, *District 23*

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*

Bob Mihalic, *Governmental Affairs Officer*

Nicole Wood, *Assistant County Administrator*

Meredith Papapieris, *CARES Program Director*

Others Present

None

Call to Order

Chairman Willis Meadows

Invocation

Councilor Lynn Ballard

Item (3) Approval of Minutes

Action: Councilor Seman moved to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2021, Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (4) Violins of Hope Presentation

Presented by: Sharon Tchonev, Varna International

Ms. Tchonev stated Violins of Hope was a project of concerts based on a private collection of violins, violas and cellos all collected since the end of World War 2. All of the instruments belonged to Jews, before and during the war. Many were donated by or bought from survivors; some arrived through family members.

Violin-makers Amnon and Avshalom Weinstein, father and son, owned the collection. They dedicated their expertise and endless love to ensure that the instruments, most of which were rather cheap and unsophisticated, got a new beautiful make-over.

Violins of Hope was not only a memorial to a lost culture and people, it was also an educational act that reached young students and adults, wherever the concerts were performed. Every concert brought together people of all faiths and backgrounds.

Item (5) Board and Commission / Nominations

a. Committee on Public Safety

i. Airport Commission (1 vacancy)

Action: On behalf of the Committee on Public Safety, Councilor Barnes nominated **Kevin Brady** to fill one vacancy on the Airport Commission.

Councilor Barnes added **Scott Crosby** to the list of nominees.

Councilor Kirven added **Ronald Tamaccio** to the list of nominees.

Councilor Harrison added **Sheldon Early** to the list of nominees.

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved to close nominations and move forward the names of **Kevin Brady, Scott Crosby, Ronald Tamaccio and Sheldon Early** to full County Council for a ballot vote on October 19, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

ii. Airport Environs Planning Commission (2 vacancies)

Action: On behalf of the Committee on Public Safety, Councilor Barnes nominated **Brad Medcalf and Van Swafford** to fill two vacancies on the Airport Environs Planning Commission.

Action: Councilor Seman moved to close nominations and elect **Brad Medcalf and Van Swafford** to fill two vacancies on the Airport Environs Planning Commission and to forward the names to full Council.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

iii. Greater Greenville Sanitation District (1 vacancy)

Action: On behalf of the Committee on Public Safety, Councilor Barnes nominated **David Bendig** to fill one vacancy on the Greater Greenville Sanitation District Commission.

Action: Councilor Seman moved to close nominations and elect **David Bendig** to fill one vacancy on the Greater Greenville Sanitation District Commission and to forward the name to full Council.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

iv. **Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict** (1 vacancy)

Action: On behalf of the Committee on Public Safety, Councilor Barnes nominated **Theresa Aldrich** to fill one vacancy on the Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict Commission.

Action: Councilor Ballard moved to close nominations and elect **Theresa Aldrich** to fill one vacancy on the Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict Commission and to forward the name to full Council.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

b. **Planning and Development Committee**

i. **Construction Board of Appeals** (1 vacancy)

Action: On behalf of the Planning and Development Committee, Councilor Dill nominated **William Bartlett** to fill one vacancy on the Construction Board of Appeals.

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved to close nominations and elect **William Bartlett** to fill one vacancy on the Construction Board of Appeals and to forward the name to full Council.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

ii. **Historic Preservation Commission** (5 vacancies)

Action: On behalf of the Planning and Development Committee, Councilor Dill nominated **Dorothy Bishop, Tyler Corn, Walter Hursey, Lindsey Strand and Al Wills** to fill five vacancies on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Action: Councilor Seman moved to close nominations and elect **Dorothy Bishop, Tyler Corn, Walter Hursey, Lindsey Strand and Al Wills** to fill five vacancies on the Historic Preservation Commission and to forward the names to full Council.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

iii. **Board of Zoning Appeals** (1 vacancy)

Action: On behalf of the Planning and Development Committee, Councilor Dill nominated **Michelle Rash** to fill one vacancy on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Councilor Dill added **Ben Carper** to the list of nominees.

Councilor Barnes added **Patricia Barbera** to the list of nominees.

Action: Councilor Seman moved to close nominations and move forward the names of **Michelle Rash, Ben Carper and Patricia Barbera** to full County Council for a ballot vote on October 19, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

c. **Public Works and Infrastructure Committee**

i. **Library Board of Trustees** (6 vacancies)

Action: On behalf of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee, Councilor Seman moved to nominate **Brian Aufmuth, Ken Baxter, Sid Cates, Elizabeth Collins, James Hoard and Kristen Odom** to fill six vacancies on the Library Board of Trustees.

Action: Councilor Seman moved to close nominations and elect **Brian Aufmuth, Ken Baxter, Sid Cates, Elizabeth Collins, James Hoard and Kristen Odom** to fill six vacancies on the Library Board of Trustees and to forward the names to full Council.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

ii. **Museum Commission** (2 vacancies)

Action: On behalf of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee, Councilor Seman nominated **Pearlie Harris and Natasha Sexton** to fill two vacancies on the Museum Commission.

Action: Councilor Seman moved to close nominations and elect **Pearlie Harris and Natasha Sexton** to fill two vacancies on the Museum Commission and to forward the names to full Council.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (6) Special Tax District / Nominations

a. **Canebrake Fire District** (2 vacancies / District 26)

Action: Councilor Ballard nominated **Mark Jones and Amelia Masters** to fill two vacancies on the Canebrake Fire District.

Action: Councilor Ballard moved to close nominations and elect **Mark Jones and Amelia Masters** to fill two vacancies on the Canebrake Fire District and to forward the names to full Council.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

b. **Clear Spring Fire and Rescue District** (2 vacancies / District 27)

Action: Councilor Kirven nominated **Randy Allison and Todd Milam** to fill two vacancies on the Clear Spring Fire and Rescue District.

Action: Councilor Kirven moved to close nominations and elect **Randy Allison and Todd Milam** to fill two vacancies on the Clear Spring Fire and Rescue District and to forward the names to full Council.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

c. **Devenger Pointe Tax District** (2 vacancies / District 21)

Action: Councilor Harrison nominated **Samuel Hankins and Jessica Saravia** to fill two vacancies on the Devenger Pointe Tax District.

Action: Councilor Harrison moved to close nominations and elect **Samuel Hankins and Jessica Saravia** to fill two vacancies on the Devenger Pointe Tax District and to forward the names to full Council.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

d. **Donaldson Fire Service Area** (1 vacancy / District 25)

Action: Councilor Fant nominated **Benjamin Peat** to fill one vacancy on the Donaldson Fire Service Area.

Action: Councilor Fant moved to close nominations and elect **Benjamin Peat** to fill one vacancy on the Donaldson Fire Service Area and to forward the name to full Council.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

e. **Old Mill Estates Tax District** (2 vacancies / District 20)

Action: On behalf on Councilor Shaw, Vice-Chairman Tripp nominated **Pauline Brown and Raymond Hammond** to fill two vacancies on the Old Mill Estates Tax District.

Action: Councilor Shaw moved to close nominations and elect **Pauline Brown and Raymond Hammond** to fill two vacancies on the Old Mill Estates Tax District and to forward the names to full Council.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

f. **Terra Pines Estates Special Tax District** (1 vacancy / District 22)

Action: Councilor Tzouvelekas nominated **Jerrald Dempsey** to fill one vacancy on the Terra Pines Estates Special Tax District.

Action: Councilor Tzouvelekas moved to close nominations and elect **Jerrald Dempsey** to fill one vacancy on the Terra Pines Estates Special Tax District and to forward the names to full Council.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (7) **Executive Session**

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved to go into Executive Session for the receipt of legal advice as it relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the County in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the County of a claim.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present and the Committee of the Whole entered Executive Session at 4:57 p.m.

Reconvened

County Attorney Mark Tollison reported the Committee of the Whole out of Executive Session stating no action was taken during that session. The regular Committee of the Whole meeting reconvened at 5:41 p.m.

Item (8) **Settlement of Claims in C. A. No. 2017-CP-23-01914**

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved to authorize the County Administrator to implement the refund program associated with Civil Action Number 2017-CP-23-01914.

Motion carried by a vote of six (Dill, Barnes, Meadows, Tzouvelekas, Kirven and Tripp) in favor, four (Harrison, Seman, Fant and Ballard) in opposition and two (Shaw and Norris) absent.

Action: Councilor Seman moved to authorize the County Attorney to settle the claims in Civil Action Number 2017-CP-23-01914 pursuant to the terms as discussed in executive session.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (9) **Adjournment**

Action: Councilor Kirven moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present and the meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina G. McCaskill
Clerk to Council