



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
January 19, 2021
6:00 p.m.

County Square - Council Chambers
Remote Participation by Council Members

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. Steven 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

None

Staff Present

Mark Tollison, *County Attorney*
John Hansley, *Deputy County Administrator*
Regina McCaskill, *Clerk to Council*
Jessica Stone, *Deputy Clerk to Council*
Pam Gilliam, *Administrative Assistant*
Paula Gucker, *Assistant County Administrator, Public Works*

Others Present

None

Call to Order

Chairman Willis Meadows

Invocation

Gary Rogers
Chaplain
Boiling Springs Fire Department

Pledge of Allegiance

Item (4) Approval of Minutes

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2020, Regular Council Meeting, the January 4, 2021, Installation Meeting and the January 5, 2021, Organizational Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (5) Appearances – Current Agenda Items

There were no speakers.

Item (6) Ordinances – Third Reading

a. Zoning Ordinances

- i. CZ-2019-39:** Property of Gordon E. Mann, located on West Blue Ridge Drive, Colonial Avenue and Eli Street, requesting rezoning from C-2 to S-1.

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

Councilor Dill stated the Planning and Development Committee voted to deny the request. The item was held in the committee for several months; Mr. Dill stated he was not in favor of the request.

Councilor Ballard asked if the item was approved by Council at second reading.

Councilor Dill stated it was approved at second reading and subsequently sent back to the Planning and Development Committee.

Councilor Tzouvelekas asked Chairman Meadows if he was in support of the request as the property was located in District 19.

Chairman Meadows stated he was not in support of the request. The owner had waited to see if something developed near the property that would support a planned parking lot; there had been none. If the item was denied by Council, the owner could bring it back at a later date.

Motion was denied unanimously.

- ii. CZ-2020-66:** Property of Karen Gibbs and Timmy Gibbs, located on Rosemond Drive, requesting rezoning from S-1 to R-S.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- iii. **CZ-2020-68:** Property of Greenville Revitalization Corporation and PR Designs, Inc., located on E. Parker Road and Woodside Avenue, requesting rezoning from C-2 to C-3.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- iv. **CZ-2020-69:** Property of Jeff and Dorie Fann, LLC, located at 647 Congaree Road, requesting rezoning from C-2 to S-1.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- v. **CZ-2020-73:** Property of Hicham M. Hatoum, located at 2813 Wade Hampton Boulevard, requesting rezoning from S-1 to C-2.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- vi. **CZ-2020-78:** Property of Sikes Properties LLC, located at 5151 Pelham Road, requesting rezoning from C-1 to C-2.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- vii. **CZ-2020-79:** Property of Chris Hill of Southern Land Company LLC, located on Bel Aire Drive and Easley Bridge Road, requesting rezoning from R-7.5 to FRD as amended.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- viii. **CZ-2020-80:** Property of Greenville County Redevelopment Authority, located Buncombe Road, A Street and Hammett Street, requesting rezoning from I-1 to PD as amended.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Greenville / Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment – Project Underwood

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park (2010 Park) of Greenville and Anderson Counties so as to enlarge the park to include certain parcels owned by an entity identified by the County as Project Underwood.

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved to hold the item until the February 2, 2021, Council meeting at which time the public hearing was scheduled.

Motion to hold carried unanimously.

c. Greenville / Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment – Project Ammo

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park (2010 Park) of Greenville and Anderson Counties so as to enlarge the park to include certain parcels owned by an entity identified by the County as Project Ammo.

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved to hold the item until the February 2, 2021, Council meeting at which time the public hearing was scheduled.

Motion to hold carried unanimously.

d. Project Backyard / Fee in Lieu of Tax and Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp 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 Project Backyard 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.

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved to hold the item until the February 2, 2021, Council meeting at which time the public hearing was scheduled.

Motion to hold carried unanimously.

Item (7) Ordinances – First Reading

a. Zoning Ordinances

Councilor Dill presented for first reading Zoning Dockets CZ-2021-01 through CZ-2021-03 and CZ-2021-06 through CZ-2021-12.

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

Item (8) Committee Reports

There were no reports.

Item (9) Appearances – Items not on the Current Agenda

There were no speakers.

Item (10) Administrator’s Report

No report.

Item (11) Requests and Motions

- Councilor Ballard requested follow-up information regarding his previous request to incorporate the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan into the County’s GIS system.

John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator, stated that the GIS Department was in the process of working on the issue.

- Councilor Kirven stated he was pleased to see the COVID-19 vaccine being administered increasingly and broadly throughout the community; he hoped everyone could get vaccinated as soon as possible.
- Councilor Norris requested everyone pray for the country.
- Councilor Seman stated SCTAC and Lockheed Martin were hard at work preparing for the first F-16 to roll off the assembly line later in 2021. The ongoing F-16 production, coupled with last month’s announcement of a new 10-year contract with the United States Air Force for depot and maintenance, would create the world’s only F-16 center of excellence.

Ms. Seman requested an update regarding the CARES Act money as well as the Sheriff’s Citizens Advisory Council at the next Council meeting scheduled for February 2, 2021.

- Chairman Meadows inquired about the possibility of additional CARES Act funding.

Mr. Hansley stated there was currently no formal information to report regarding additional funding.

- Councilor Tzouvelekas stated he was grateful to serve the citizens of Greenville County; he looked forward to serving with his colleagues. He asked for continued prayers for the country and the County.

- Councilor Harrison stated he was excited to be part of County Council; he looked forward to serving Greenville County.
- Councilor Shaw stated he was very happy to serve on County Council.

Mr. Shaw asked John Hansley about the actual deadline for small businesses to apply for funding through the CARES Act. It was his understanding that applications would be accepted through the end of December; however, he had heard that applications were only accepted through mid-December.

John Hansley stated the application period actually ended a week or so prior to the end of December. A final report was due to the Treasury Department regarding the expenditures by the end of the month.

- Councilor Dill requested continued prayers for his wife, Dee Dee. He thanked all those who had prayed for her as well as for the rest of his family.

Mr. Dill requested acknowledgement from the Clerk's office regarding the recent passing of Gracie Floyd, Council Member from Anderson County. She served on the Anderson County Council for over 20 years. She was a very good friend and had done quite a bit for both Anderson and Greenville Counties.

- Councilor Barnes requested prayers for the country; he hoped everyone could get along. Prayer would certainly help.
- Vice-Chairman Tripp stated he looked forward to serving Greenville County; he planned to start work immediately.
- Chairman Meadows reminded his colleagues to submit any proposed Council rule changes to Regina McCaskill or Mark Tollison.

Mr. Meadows stated there was normally very little discussion during Council meetings regarding agenda items; discussions took place at the committee level. Most of the work was done by the committee members; they investigated issues, asked for additional information and listened to staff recommendations as well as those of their colleagues. County Council rules spelled out the different subcommittees and the responsibilities of each. While all Council Members did not serve on each committee, most were involved in the different issues faced by the committees.

Prior to committee assignments, Chairman Meadows spoke with each Council Member separately regarding their strengths as well as their vision for Council. He made no promises for committee assignments in exchange for votes. It was refreshing to note each Council Member's perspective regarding what they could bring to the table, especially the new members. He felt Council was strong and willing to work with each other. Without integrity, Council would be useless.

Chairman Meadows announced the Council subcommittee assignments. Each Chairman would choose his/her own Vice-Chairman.

Finance Committee

Dan Tripp - Chairman
Liz Seman
Joe Dill
Butch Kirven
Willis Meadows

Planning and Development Committee

Joe Dill – Chairman
Steve Shaw
Xanthene Norris
Mike Barnes
Chris Harrison

Public Safety

Mike Barnes - Chairman
Stan Tzouvelekas
Ennis Fant*
Chris Harrison
Steve Shaw

Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

Liz Seman – Chairman
Xanthene Norris
Stan Tzouvelekas
Ennis Fant*
Lynn Ballard
Butch Kirven

*Councilor Fant declined to serve.

Liaison to Roca Point

Lynn Ballard

Liaison to Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission

Lynn Ballard

Chairman Meadows stated it was his intent to share the work so that no Council Member was overburdened.

Item (12) Adjournment

Action: Councilor Ballard moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Regina G. McCaskill
Clerk to Council