



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes

Special Called Council Meeting

December 14, 2021

5:01 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

None

Staff Present

Joe Kernell, *County Administrator*

Mark Tollison, *County Attorney*

Chris Antley, *Assistant 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*

Nicole Wood, *Assistant County Administrator*

Tee Coker, *Planning Director*

Hesha Gamble, *Engineering*

Keith Brockington, *Transportation Planning Manager, GPATS*

Others Present

None

Call to Order

Chairman Willis Meadows

Invocation

Councilor Harrison

Pledge of Allegiance

Item (3) Public Hearings

a. Woodruff Road Congestion Relief Project

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance to accept financial assistance from the South Carolina State Infrastructure Bank and provide a local match for the Woodruff Road Congestion Relief Project; and to authorize various agreements in furtherance of the project.

- **Ed Paxton** – appeared in opposition to the proposed

There being no other speakers, Vice-Chairman Tripp declared the public hearing closed.

Item (4) Ordinance – Second Reading

a. Woodruff Road Congestion Relief Project

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to accept financial assistance from the South Carolina State Infrastructure Bank and provide a local match for the Woodruff Road Congestion Relief Project; and to authorize various agreements in furtherance of the project.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Road Improvement Funding

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to authorize funding for road and bridge improvements for FY 2022, 2023, and 2024.

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved to amend the ordinance to reflect the changes outlined in the copy of the ordinance provided at each Council Member’s seat and agreed upon during the Special Called Finance Committee meeting, held earlier in the day.

Vice-Chairman Tripp stated the \$30 million could be applied to roads and bridges over the proposed three-year time span or it could be used for the Woodruff Road Congestion Relief Project. If the monies were used for the Woodruff Road project, the County would save approximately \$15 million in interest payments.

Mr. Kernell stated the Woodruff Road Congestion Relief Project required \$30 million from Greenville County. Bonds could be issued and the County would repay the money over 20 years. The payment for the bonds would come from the Road Maintenance Fees, which were used to fund road maintenance. Mr. Kernell stated interest had to be paid when money was borrowed; the additional amount taken from the road maintenance fees would cover the interest. The proposed ordinance would shift cash to pay for the Woodruff Road Congestion Relief Project and the road maintenance fee would stay “whole.” The interest on the bonds would be approximately \$10 - \$15 million.

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Tripp moved approval at second reading an ordinance to authorize funding for road and bridge improvements for FY 2022, 2023, and 2024, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (5)

Adjournment

Action:

Councilor Ballard moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina G. McCaskill
Clerk to Council