



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes

Regular Council Meeting

April 5, 2022

6:03 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*

John Hansley, *Deputy County Administrator*

Regina McCaskill, *Clerk to Council*

Jessica Stone, *Deputy Clerk to Council*

Pam Gilliam, *Administrative Assistant*

Hesha Gamble, *Engineering*

Nicole Wood, *Assistant County Administrator*

Others Present

Sheriff Hobart Lewis, *Greenville County Sheriff's Office*

Steve Cole, *Director, Greater Greenville Sanitation*

Call to Order

Chairman Willis Meadows

Invocation

Councilor Steve Shaw

Pledge of Allegiance

Item (4) **Approval of Minutes**

Action: Councilor Seman moved to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2022, Regular County Council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (5) **Proclamation**

a. Greenville Civitan Club

Councilor Seman presented a proclamation to the members of the Greenville Civitan Club, proclaiming April 2022 as Civitan Awareness Month in Greenville County. She acknowledged the significant impact made by the generous and talented members of the club and thanked them for their valuable contributions to Greenville County.

Councilor Tzouvelekas recognized the members of Homes of Hope who were in attendance. He thanked them for their hard work and many contributions to the community.

Item (6) **Appearances – Current Agenda Items**

- **Ed Paxton** – appeared regarding Item 9.b. Project Stagecoach 3 / Inducement Resolution; Item 12.a. MDH F2 Greenville 301GR, LLC / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement and Assignment; Item 12.b. Project Stagecoach 3 / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement
- **William Cashion** – appeared regarding Item 15.a. Request the Building of a New High School in the Slater-Marietta Community
- **Robbie Kubler** - appeared regarding Item 15.a. Request the Building of a New High School in the Slater-Marietta Community
- **Lawrence Ledford** - appeared regarding Item 15.a. Request the Building of a New High School in the Slater-Marietta Community
- **Robert Cashion** - appeared regarding Item 15.a. Request the Building of a New High School in the Slater-Marietta Community
- **Eugenia Hinton** - appeared regarding Item 15.a. Request the Building of a New High School in the Slater-Marietta Community
- **Tikeeta Wallace** - appeared regarding Item 12.c. Right to Life County

Item (7) **Public Hearings**

a. Project Rebuild / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina, and Caraustar Mill Group, Inc., a company formerly known to the County as Project Rebuild, 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.

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

Item (8) **Consent Agenda**

- a. SC Hospital Preparedness Program Grant – Emergency Management** *(Finance)*
- b. SC JAG – Drug Lab Improvement and Enhancement** *(Finance)*
- c. FY2023 Solid Waste Used Oil Grant** *(Finance)*

- d. **FY2023 Solid Waste General Recycling Grant** *(Finance)*
- e. **FY2023 Solid Waste Tire Grant** *(Finance)*
- f. **SC JAG – Digital Laser Imaging System Upgrade** *(Finance)*
- g. **SC Rural Infrastructure Authority Grant – Cedar Falls Park** *(Finance)*
- h. **Community Project Application / Berea Fire District – Department Anniversary \$1,000** *(Finance)*
- i. **Community Project Application / Berea Fire District – Mobile Data Terminals \$4,000** *(Finance)*
- j. **Community Project Application / Berea Fire District – Blue Star Marker \$1,600** *(Finance)*

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (9) **Resolutions**

- a. **Abandoned Textile Mill Site Certification – American Spinning Mill**

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption a resolution to provide certification as provided by Section 12-65-60 of the South Carolina Textiles Communities Revitalization Act for that certain property located at 300 Hammett Street, Greenville, South Carolina.

Motion carried unanimously.

- b. **Project Stagecoach 3 / Inducement Resolution**

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an inducement agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Project Stagecoach 3, whereby, under certain conditions, Greenville County would execute a fee in lieu of tax agreement with respect to a project in the County whereby the project would be subject to payment of certain fees in lieu of taxes, and providing for related matters.

Motion carried unanimously.

- c. **FY2022 Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant**

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption a resolution to commit county funds to match a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant from the National Park Service - United States Department of the Interior to Greenville County Parks, Recreation & Tourism, a Department of the County of Greenville, South Carolina.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (10) **Ordinances – Third Reading**

- a. **Zoning Ordinances**

- i. **CZ-2022-015:** Property of Brooks A. Henderson Jr., Susan C. Henderson, Roald C. Cox, Shirley C. Long, Christopher Henderson & Cynthia Henderson, located on Woodruff Road, requesting rezoning from R-S to R-12.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- ii. **CZ-2022-016:** Property of Arrow Properties, LLC, located on Hatcher Creek Street, Carruth Street, and Ellis Mill Street, Simpsonville, requesting rezoning from R-12 to NC with a previously approved condition.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- iii. **CZ-2022-017:** Property of Southside Christian School of the Upstate, located at 2211 Woodruff Road, Simpsonville, requesting rezoning from R-S to C-2.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Master Lease Authorization for the New Greenville County Administrative Building

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to authorize the County Administrator to negotiate leases of available office space in the Greenville County Administrative Building located at the corner of Church Street and University Ridge, Greenville, South Carolina; and to authorize the County Administrator and Chairman of County Council to execute such lease agreements.

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Trane Technologies Manufacturing, LLC (formerly Project Lightyear) / Fee in Lieu of Tax 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 Trane Technologies Manufacturing, LLC, 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.

Item (11) Ordinances – Second Reading

a. Project Rebuild / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for approval at second 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 Rebuild, 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.

b. An Ordinance to Repeal and Amend Provisions of Ordinance No. 5248 as Amended and Ordinance No. 5249 as Amended - Regarding the Sewer Sub-District Consolidation

Action: Councilor Seman moved for approval at second reading an ordinance (1) enlarging the boundaries of Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict to overlap the boundaries of the Parker Sewer and Fire Subdistrict and the Taylors Fire and Sewer District; (2) repealing the creation of the Parker Fire Service Area; (2) repealing certain provisions of Ordinance No. 5248, as amended by Ordinance 5283, pertaining to the consolidation of Parker Sewer and Fire Subdistrict and Taylors Fire and Sewer District into Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict; (3) repealing the provisions of Ordinance No. 5249, as amended by Ordinance No. 5284, pertaining to the establishment of fire service areas within he areas of Parker Sewer and Fire Subdistrict and Taylors Fire and Sewer District; and (4) other matters related thereto.

Action: Councilor Seman moved to hold the item until the April 19, 2022, scheduled public hearing.

Motion to hold carried unanimously.

Item (12) Ordinances – First Reading

a. MDH F2 Greenville 301GR, LLC / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement and Assignment

Vice-Chairman Tripp presented for first reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and MDH F2 Greenville 301GR, LLC, and affiliates, 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.

Chairman Meadows stated the item would remain on the floor until a public hearing was scheduled.

b. Project Stagecoach 3 / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

Vice-Chairman Tripp presented for first 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 known at this time as Project Stagecoach 3 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.

Chairman Meadows stated the item would remain on the floor until a public hearing was scheduled.

c. Right to Life County

Councilor Tzouvelekas presented for first reading an ordinance declaring Greenville County, South Carolina to be a right-to-life county, encouraging a culture of life, dignity, and opportunity for all, and urging the citizens of Greenville County to promote the inalienable right to life and the inherent dignity of all human beings through all stages of life, from conception to natural death.

Chairman Meadows referred the item to the Public Safety Committee.

Item (13) Committee Reports

There were no reports.

Item (14) Administrator's Report

Mr. Kernell provided an update on the University Ridge Project. To date, a total of 263,828 man-hours had been put into the project. Installation of mechanical and electrical components was occurring along with plumbing and drywall. Crews were in the process of installing the brick veneer, the pre-cast stair foundation on the connector, and the PTFE roofing between the two buildings. Other progress included window coverings, painting and terrazzo flooring. Mr. Kernell invited Council Members to tour the site; he requested they contact him to make arrangements.

Item (15) Requests and Motions

a. Request the Building of a New High School in the Slater-Marietta Community

As noticed on the County Council agenda, Council Dill presented a resolution requesting the Greenville County School Board to consider the feasibility of building a new high school in the Slater-Marietta community.

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

- Councilor Harrison stated the Pelham Road Design Overlay public workshop was held on March 28. It was well attended and they received good feedback regarding the project. Mr. Harrison stated the long term plan would help with the overall aesthetics of the area, as well as property values. He thanked the Planning Department staff for all their hard work.
- Councilor Tzouvelekas stated, in light of the recent tragedy at Tanglewood Middle School, he wanted to commend Sheriff Lewis and his team for how they handled the situation. It was a very unfortunate situation.
- Councilor Seman thanked everyone who was involved in hosting the NCAA tournament that was recently held in Greenville. She thanked Beth Paul, General Manager of the Bon Secours Wellness Center, and her team for all their hard work. Ms. Seman stated Greenville "showed well" and it was nice to have so many visitors to the area.

Ms. Seman stated April 5 was Gold Star Spouses Day, which honored the surviving loved ones of military service members who died while serving their country. She requested thoughts and prayers for those individuals and their families.

Councilor Seman stated April was National Volunteer Month. She asked everyone to show appreciation for those citizens who volunteered on the County's boards and commissions, as well as the area's non-profit organizations.

- Councilor Fant thanked the Planning Department for continuing to work on the Augusta Road Gateway Redevelopment Project. They were in the process of exploring walkable greenspace in that area and the feasibility of connecting the "right side of 85" to the "left side of 85", via the existing waterways. Interstate 85 split the community 60 years ago.

The SCTAC Board of Directors recently appointed Amy Tinsley, Executive Director of the SC Automotive Council, to a second two-year term on the ITIC Test Track Board of Directors. Mr. Fant congratulated Ms. Tinsley on her reappointment.

- Councilor Ballard stated he had been very busy lately. During the previous week, he attended a number of events, including but not limited to: Unity Park's new plaza, a groundbreaking at the new United Community Bank, Vietnam Veterans Day celebration and the 10-year anniversary of a Habitat for Humanity build in Simpsonville.

- Councilor Dill thanked Sheriff Lewis and his staff for their quick response to the Tanglewood Middle School tragedy. He thanked his colleagues for approving the salary increase for first responders, as well as funds to hire new staff; an additional 30 deputies had been hired. Mr. Dill thanked Mr. Kernell for additional funds to hire 61 new EMS workers. He stressed that public safety was the first priority for Greenville County.
- Vice-Chairman Tripp echoed Mr. Dill's comments regarding the quick response to Tanglewood Middle School. Greenville County was blessed to have Sheriff Lewis.
- Councilor Barnes stated he appreciated Sheriff Lewis and his staff. He expressed appreciation to Mr. Kernell for getting ambulances back to the Boiling Springs and Lake Cunningham areas.
- Councilor Norris stated she wanted to make sure that David Davis was nominated to the Greater Greenville Sanitation Board.

Item (16) Adjournment

Action: Councilor Harrison moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina G. McCaskill
Clerk to Council