



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes
Committee of the Whole Meeting
May 21, 2024
5:32 p.m.

Council Chambers
301 University Ridge
Greenville, South Carolina

Council Members

Mr. Dan Tripp, *Chairman, District 28*
Mrs. Liz Seman, *Vice-Chairwoman, District 24*
Mr. Butch Kirven, *Chairman Pro Tem, District 27*
Mr. Joey Russo, *District 17*
Mr. Mike Barnes, *District 18*
Mr. Benton Blount, *District 19*
Mr. Stephen Shaw, *District 20*
Mr. Chris Harrison, *District 21*
Mr. Stan Tzouvelekas, *District 22*
Mr. Alan Mitchell, *District 23*
Mr. Ennis Fant, Sr., *District 25*
Mr. Rick Bradley, *District 26*

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted online, at 301 University Ridge, Greenville, and made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Council Members Absent

None

Council Members Remote Participation

Benton Blount, District 19
Dan Tripp, District 28

Staff Present

Joe Kernell, County Administrator
Mark Tollison, County Attorney
Andrew Price, Assistant County Attorney
Regina McCaskill, Clerk to Council
Jessica Stone, Deputy Clerk to Council

Pam Gilliam, Administrative Assistant Clerk to Council
Terrance Galloway, Information Systems
Nicole Wood, Assistant County Administrator
Lyndsey Sloan, Information Systems
Ted Lambrecht, Director, Greenville County Parks, Recreation and Tourism

Others Present

None

Call to Order

Vice-Chairwoman Liz Seman

Invocation

Councilor Chris Harrison

Item (3) Approval of Minutes

a. May 7, 2024 – Regular Committee Meeting

Action: Chairman Pro Tem Kirven moved to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2024, Regular Committee Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (4) Board and Commission Appointments

a. Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee (2 vacancies)

Action: By ballot vote, Danielle Nance and Jake O’Dare were elected to fill two vacancies on the Accommodations Tax Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Greenville Area Development Corporation (3 vacancies)

Action: Councilor Barnes moved to close nominations and elect by acclamation Patrick Epps, Michael Johnson and Amanda O’Brien to fill three vacancies on the Greenville Area Development Corporation.

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Historic and Natural Resources Trust (1 vacancy / District 28)

Action: Councilor Fant moved to close nominations and elect by acclamation Matthew Thomas to fill one vacancy (District 28) on the Historic and Natural Resources Trust.

Motion carried unanimously.

d. Board of Zoning Appeals (6 vacancies)

Councilor Tzouvelekas stated it was his opinion that Council should have voted for candidate Michelle Shuman during the previous Committee of the Whole meeting. He stated Ms. Shuman was the only incumbent to reapply, she had attended all the meetings and submitted her application timely. Mr. Tzouvelekas stated Ms. Shuman had been a good representative of District 22. He requested his colleagues re-elect Michelle Shuman to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Action: By ballot vote, John Boyanoski, Yolanda Brockman, Josh Hakala, Angelica Hall, Brennan Stonerock and Christopher Winters were elected to fill six vacancies on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (5)

Greenville County Historic and Natural Resources Trust / Oakland Plantation

Carlton Owen addressed Council regarding Oakland Plantation Property. He stated the Historic and Natural Resources Trust was asking Council to approve the acquisition of a piece of property that could become the County's first regional County park in more than 15 years.

Mr. Owens stated the YMCA of Greenville had done an outstanding job of stewarding the effort and working with the Trust. The YMCA could have received more than \$3 million for the property; instead, the price was \$1.2 million. The County would foot \$600,000 of that amount and the South Carolina Conservation Bank would be responsible for the remaining balance.

Mr. Owen requested the County approve the acquisition of the property, allowing Parks and Recreation to "do their magic" and turn it into a wonderful historic and open space park for all the citizens of Greenville County, both current and future.

Action:

Chairman Pro Tem Kirven moved to approve the Greenville County Historic and Natural Resources Trust recommendation on acquisition of the Oakland Plantation property and to authorize the County Administrator, with the advice and counsel of the County Attorney, to negotiate and execute agreements with the Upstate Preservation Trust for the transfer of the property to the County.

Councilor Tzouvelekas inquired about the \$3 million price of the property.

Mr. Owen stated the YMCA of Greenville had the property on the market for approximately \$3.5 million. If it had been sold for housing, the price would have been within that \$3.5 million range.

Councilor Tzouvelekas asked if there were any offers on the property while it was listed on the market.

Mr. Owen stated the YMCA was in discussions regarding the possible sale of property when the Historic and Natural Resources Trust intervened and suggested a better use for the property, amidst all the development in the County. He stated there were not very many open spaces left in that part of the County.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (6)

Adjournment

Action:

Councilor Fant moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina G. McCaskill
Clerk to Council