



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes
Regular Meeting
May 7, 2024
6:00 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

Staff Present

Joe Kernell, County Administrator
Mark Tollison, County Attorney
Regina McCaskill, Clerk to Council
Jessica Stone, Deputy Clerk to Council
Pam Gilliam, Administrative Assistant
Terrance Galloway, Information Systems
Ricarte Valdez, Information Systems

Others Present

Beverly James, Director, Greenville County Library System

Call to Order

Chairman Dan Tripp

Invocation

Councilor Chris Harrison

Pledge of Allegiance

Item (4) **Approval of Minutes**

a. April 16, 2024 – Regular County Council Meeting

Action: Vice-Chairwoman Seman moved approval of the minutes from the April 2, 2024, Regular County Council Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (5) **Proclamations and Special Recognition**

a. Recognizing the Greenville Symphony Orchestra

Vice-Chairwoman Seman recognized the members of the Greenville Symphony Orchestra who were in attendance.

b. Recognizing Litter Volunteers, Kelley Magill, Michael Goucher, and Douglas Robinson

Vice-Chairwoman Seman presented proclamations to Litter Volunteers Kelley Magill, Michael Goucher and Douglas Robinson for their dedication to environmental responsibility and outstanding service to the community.

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

- **Laura Allen** – appeared regarding Item 10.d. Project Pegasus / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

Item (7) **Consent Agenda**

a. Petco Love Grant

b. SAVS Grant – Supplemental Allocation for Victims Services

c. Federal Sub Award Agreement between SC DHEC and Greenville County Detention Center

d. Community Project Application / City of Mauldin – Wreaths Across America Ceremony

Action: Vice-Chairwoman Seman moved approval of the Consent Agenda items.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (8) **Resolution**

a. Project Pegasus / Inducement Resolution

Action: Chairman Pro Tem Kirven moved for adoption a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an inducement agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Project Pegasus, whereby, under certain conditions, Greenville County would execute a fee in lieu of tax and special source credit 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 whereby Project Pegasus would be provided certain credits against fee payments in reimbursement of investment in related qualified infrastructure; and providing for related matters.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (9) **Ordinances - Third Reading**

a. Zoning Ordinances

- i. **CZ-2024-016,** Property of Millertime, LLC, located at 21, 25 and 27 S. Charles Drive, Greenville, requesting rezoning from S-1 to R-MA.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- ii. **CZ-2024-018,** Property of THF Holdco II, LLC, located at 6040 Ponders Court, Independence Boulevard and Interstate 85-South, Greenville, requesting rezoning from O-D to S-1.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- iii. **CZ-2024-020,** Property of 3795 E. North Street, LLC, located at 3795 E. North Street, Greenville, requesting rezoning from C-1 to C-2.

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

Councilor Tzouvelekas requested a roll call vote.

Motion carried by a roll call vote of eight (Russo, Barnes, Harrison, Mitchell, Seman, Fant, Kirven and Tripp) in favor and four (Blount, Shaw, Tzouvelekas and Bradley) in opposition.

b. Anderson – Greenville Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment (2010 Park) / Project Turkey

Action: Chairman Pro Tem Kirven 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 Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park (Project Turkey).

Action: Chairman Pro Tem Kirven moved to hold the item for a public hearing which was scheduled for the May 21st, County Council meeting.

Motion to hold carried unanimously.

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

a. Greenville County Library System FY2025 Budget

Chairman Pro Tem Kirven presented for first reading an ordinance to approve the appropriation of funds for the Greenville County Library System for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025; and to authorize the annual ad valorem property tax millage levy for library purposes.

Chairman Tripp stated the item would remain on the floor.

b. Clear Spring Fire and Rescue District / General Obligation Bond

Chairman Pro Tem Kirven presented for first reading an ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$2,300,000 Greenville County, South Carolina, general obligation bonds (Clear Spring Fire and Rescue District Project), Series 2024b; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended; to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters relating thereto.

Chairman Tripp stated the item would remain on the floor.

c. Greenville /Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment (2010 Park) – Project Catapult

Chairman Pro Tem Kirven presented for first reading an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park (2010 Park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties, so as to enlarge the park (Project Catapult).

Chairman Tripp stated the item would remain on the floor.

d. Project Pegasus / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

Chairman Pro Tem Kirven 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 or companies known to the County at this time as Project Pegasus, 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.

Chairman Tripp stated the item would remain on the floor.

e. Greenville / Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment (2010 Park) – Project Pegasus

Chairman Pro Tem Kirven presented for first reading an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park (2010 Park) of Anderson and Greenville counties so as to enlarge the park (Project Pegasus).

Chairman Tripp stated the item would remain on the floor.

Item (11) Committee Reports

a. Committee of the Whole

i. Open Special Application Period

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairwoman Seman moved to open a special application period for the following boards: Ashwicke Special Tax District, Devenger Tax District, Lake Forest Special Tax District, Sterling Community Special Tax District, Board of Zoning Appeals, Greenville Area Development Corporation, Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee (for small and large hotel representatives only), and the Greenville County Historic and Natural Resource Trust (for District 28 representatives only); and to waive the policy’s meeting attendance requirement due to the timing of the commissions’ meetings.

Motion carried unanimously.

ii. **Board and Commission Appointments**

Action:

On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairwoman Seman moved to appoint the following:

- **Butch Kirven** to fill the Council member seat on the **Greenville Area Development Corporation**.
- **Ennis Fant** to fill the Council member seat on the **South Carolina Technology and Aviation Center Board**.
- **Lynne Jones, Louise Poole and Scott Robinson** to fill three of four vacancies on the **Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission**.
- **Amber Drummond, Brittany Moore and Neil Smith** to fill three of four vacancies on the **Arena District**.
- **Tonja Faulkenberry and William McDowell Jr.** to fill two vacancies on the **Boiling Springs Fire District**.
- **Peggy Adams-Robinson and Joyce Miles** to fill two vacancies on the **Freetown Special Tax District Commission**.
- **Toni Crouch** to fill one vacancy on the **Greater Greenville Sanitation Commission**.
- **David Mitchell** to fill one vacancy on the **Greenlink Board**.
- **Howard Hunter and David Stafford** to fill two vacancies on the **Greenville Technical College Area Commission**.
- **Kenneth Baxter, Dennis DeFrancesco, Doug Harper, Samuel Harrison and Anne King** to fill five of six vacancies on the **Greenville County Historic and Natural Resources Trust**.
- **Judith Tanzola** to fill one vacancy on the **Historic Preservation Commission**.
- **Rahchel Forrest-Rice and Joseph Lyle** to fill two vacancies on the **Human Relations Commission**.
- **Kris Cassell, Marli Propst and Jasper Puckett** to fill three vacancies on the **Parks, Recreation and Tourism Advisory Board**.
- **Denise Franklin, John Holland, Deborah Manning and Jonelle Phillips** to fill four vacancies on the **Planning Commission**.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (12) Administrator’s Report

Mr. Kernell stated Spartanburg County had hired a contractor and intended to break ground on its new Pet Resource Center. Currently, Spartanburg County contracted with Greenville County to bring animals to the County’s center. It was a challenge for the County to accept those animals. Greenville County would continue to work with Spartanburg once its center opened.

Mr. Kernell stated the annual Cardiac Arrest Survivors Ceremony was scheduled for the following day at 2:00 p.m. at the Greenville Convention Center. He stated first responders from across Greenville County that had helped an individual suffering from a heart attack would be in attendance, as well as many of the survivors. It was a special event and very moving.

Councilor Shaw inquired as to how long it would take to complete Spartanburg County’s new Pet Resource Center.

Mr. Kernell stated he did not have any specifics regarding the projected construction timelines, but would obtain them.

Item (13) Requests and Motions

a. Housing Court Resolution

As noticed on the Council Agenda, Councilor Fant introduced a resolution to implement a Greenville Housing Court Pilot Project in Greenville County in order to provide increased legal representation to residents facing eviction. He requested the item be forwarded to the appropriate committee.

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

Item (14) Adjournment

Action: Councilor Fant moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina G. McCaskill
Clerk to Council