

GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATIONS AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

February 25, 2025
5:01 p.m.
Committee Meeting Room

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.

Committee Members Present:

Frank Farmer, *Chairman*
Rick Bradley, *Vice-Chairman*
Liz Seman
Kelly Long, *via zoom*

Committee Members Absent:

Dan Tripp

Others Present:

Steve Shaw, *District 20*
Bob Mihalic, *Governmental Affairs Officer*
Chris Antley, *County Attorney*

Jessica Stone, *Deputy Clerk to Council*
Pam Gilliam, *Administrative Assistant to Clerk to Council*
Terrance Galloway, *Information Systems*

Item (1) **Call to Order** Chairman Farmer

Item (2) **Invocation** Councilor Seman

Item (3) **Approval of Minutes**

- a. October 24, 2023, Regular Committee Meeting

Action: Councilor Seman moved to approve the minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (4) **Presentation – Greenville Housing Fund**

Presenter: Tiffany Santagati, VP of Operations

Item (5) **Requirement to Broadcast to the Public All County Council and Standing Committee Meetings**

Action: Councilor Seman moved to approve the Ordinance to require transparency for all Greenville County Council and Committee Meetings in broadcasting meetings to the public.

Chairman Farmer passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Bradley at 5:28 p.m.

Action: Chairman Farmer moved to amend the Ordinance with the following:

1. Change “Public Broadcasting” to “Streaming.” Chairman Farmer stated that term Broadcasting was too broad and could cause issues in the future.
2. Exempt Emergency called meetings, in case of no power, etc.

3. Strike paragraph stating "If a technical (or other) problem causes the audio or video broadcast of a Greenville County Council meeting or a standing or special committee meeting on the County website to end, the meeting must stop or adjourn until the problem has been resolved and the broadcast continues." Chairman Farmer stated that it was not be conducive to interrupt and stop the meeting since the County had the ability to post the recordings of the whole meetings at a later time.

Councilor Seman stated that she agreed with the amendments, especially about the emergency meetings. She agreed that since the County had the ability to record the meetings, the public would be able to hear everything that was said and that there could be issues out of the County's control or that the county was unaware of.

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Action: Councilor Seman moved to approve the Ordinance as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Bradley passed the gavel back to Chairman Farmer at 5:23 p.m.

Item (6) **Opposition to Annexation by the City of Travelers Rest to Build a Hotel on Paris Mountain**

Action: Chairman Farmer opened the floor for discussion.

Chairman Farmer stated that even though he agreed with the Paris Mountain Community, Greenville County did not have jurisdiction over this. He stated that he was willing to pass this Resolution to show the County's support to preserve and protect Paris Mountain.

Chairman Farmer asked Mr. Antley if grammatical errors, that a citizen pointed out to him, would affect the legality of the statement.

Mr. Antley explained that most grammatical errors would be corrected as scrivener's errors as long as it is not a substantive change. He stated that he would be happy to go back through and change the errors.

Chairman Farmer stated that he would give Mr. Antley the corrections.

Councilor Seman stated that she appreciated the support and engagement from the community but she agreed that we do not have authority over this matter. She stated that she was supportive but would abstain from voting.

Action: Vice Chairman Bradley moved to approve a Resolution of the Greenville County Council opposing annexation by the City of Travelers Rest to build a hotel on Paris Mountain.

Motion carried with a vote of two in favor (Bradley and Long) and one abstention (Seman).

Item (7) **Adjournment**

Action: Vice Chairman Bradley moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jessica M. Stone
Deputy Clerk to Council