

**GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
May 1, 2012
5:03 p.m.
County Square - Conference Room D**

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted on the bulletin board at County Square and posted on the County's web page for all media and concerned citizens to access and review.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN BUTCH KIRVEN
VICE CHAIRMAN BOB TAYLOR
DAN RAWLS
LOTTIE GIBSON
WILLIS MEADOWS
XANTHENE NORRIS

JOE DILL
JIM BURNS
JOE BALDWIN
FRED PAYNE
SID CATES
LIZ SEMAN

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

NONE

STAFF PRESENT:

JOE KERNELL, County Administrator
MARK TOLLISON, County Attorney
THERESA KIZER, Clerk to Council
REGINA MCCASKILL, Deputy Clerk to Council
BOB MIHALIC, Governmental Relations Officer
JOHN HANSLEY, Deputy County Administrator
JEFF WILE, Assistant County Attorney
DEAN CAMPBELL, Assistant County Attorney
SHANNON HERMAN, Assistant to the County Administrator
KIMBERLY WUNDER, Assistant County Attorney
BOB MIHALIC, Governmental Relations Officer
SADNRA YUDICE, Assistant to the County Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT:

JOHN BOYANOSKI, President, Complete Public Relations
TAMI MILLER, Leadership Development Coordinator, Chamber of Commerce
TAMMY JOHNSON, Chairperson, PULSE

INVOCATION

Councilor Bob Taylor

Item (3)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Councilor Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting of April 17, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (4)

PULSE - GREENVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GROUP

Tami Miller, Leadership Development Coordinator, Chamber of Commerce stated (PULSE) Professionals United for Leadership and Social Enrichment, was an exciting new program in the Chamber's effort to address every need in the community.

Tammy Johnson, Chairperson for PULSE, stated the entity was formed six years ago, tasked with engaging Greenville's young professionals. There were 11 members on the Advisory Council, supported by the Chamber of Commerce. They closed 2011 with approximately 1,000 members and the group was considered one of the largest young professional groups in the southeast.

John Boyanoski, President of Complete Public Relations, stated there were seven PULSE Programs: Leadership (6 luncheons, 2 Rise and Shine breakfast events and at least one Leadership Signature Event); Social (after-hour networking fun), Signature Events (annual young professionals hangar party and annual report to members); Pace Setters (mentoring program); PULSE Talent (summer-intensive program open to Chamber member interns); PULSE in the Arts (arts scene); PULSE Sports (sporting activities and leagues); and PULSE connects (community projects and volunteerism).

Tammy Johnson stated the primary goal was to grow leaders of tomorrow. The group's age ranged from 22 -39 years old. She stated PULSE was unique because it was an organization, not a class. She stated PULSE networking was about building relationships at a young age. She stated she moved to Greenville three years ago and owned Liquid Catering, a special events bartending company.

Councilor Dill asked what was their mission statement.

As a voice for Greenville's young talent, PULSE connects, engages and inspires through leadership development and social enrichment.

Ms. Johnson stated for every program and event scheduled or conceived, the question is asked, will it build leaders and will it engage people in the community.

Chairman Kirven stated County Council recognized the value that the Chamber of Commerce brought to Greenville through the array of organizations it sponsored and supported and how it helped promote entrepreneurship and economic development.

Item (5)

POINSETT CORRIDOR UPDATE

Joe Kernell, County Administrator, updated the committee on the Poinsett Corridor. The steering committee was very engaged in concepts and progress was being made. He stated Greenville County, Furman University, Recreation District, Redevelopment Authority, property owners and business owners would all be a part of the project. He stated a ½ mile section was chosen to determine a sense of place. The corridor would have a positive affect on the surrounding area. He encouraged the committee to keep in mind the Power Point was a concept to give an idea of what could happen in the area. Streetscapes, signage and greenery were all a part of the concept. Mr. Kernell stated property values would increase with the updates to the area. There was strong potential to partner with the Recreation District to improve the much needed recreation in the area. On April 11, 2012, Furman University brought approximately 750 students and staff to spend the day painting, cleaning and planting throughout the corridor, and there was a thank you concert held in a vacant lot at the end of the day. There was a lot of cooperation from the railroad and SCDOT with the project and he informed County Council he would keep them updated. He stated because of the amount and the closeness to buildings, it was not feasible to bury the power lines, however, they could camouflage the lines with trees and plants and straighten up some of the power lines and install decorative light posts in an attempt to avert people from looking at the lines and more at the beauty.

Chairman Kirven asked if some of the lines could be moved behind some of the building, away from the road.

Mr. Kernell stated there were discussions to move the power lines; however the cost was prohibitive.

STATEMENT

Chairman Kirven stated because of the arousal of legal issues, the County Attorney would need to brief Council in an executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (legal matter)

ACTION: Councilor Taylor made a motion to go into Executive Session for discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual agreements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the County in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the County of a claim.

Motion carried unanimously and the Committee of the Whole entered into Executive Session at 5:24 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mr. Tollison reported Greenville County Committee of the Whole out of Executive Session stating no action was taken. The meeting reconvened at 5:51 p.m.

