

**GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 17, 2012
6:09 p.m.
County Square – Council Chambers**

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 made available to the newspapers, radio stations and television stations and concerned citizens.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN BUTCH KIRVEN	FRED PAYNE
VICE CHAIRMAN BOB TAYLOR	XANTHENE NORRIS
JOE DILL	LIZ SEMAN
JOE BALDWIN	JIM BURNS
WILLIS MEADOWS	DAN RAWLS
SID CATES	LOTTIE GIBSON

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

NONE

STAFF PRESENT:

MARK TOLLISON, County Attorney
JOE KERNELL, County Administrator
JOHN HANSLEY, Deputy County Administrator
THERESA KIZER, Clerk to County Council
REGINA MCCASKILL, Deputy Clerk to County Council
MELLONE LONG, Assistant County Administrator, Planning
PAULA GUCKER, Assistant County Administrator, Public Works
JEFF WILE, Assistant County Attorney
SANDRA YUDICE, Assistant to the County Administrator
DEAN CAMPBELL, Assistant County Attorney
KRYSLIA KIMLIN, Intern, County Administrator
BOB MIHALIC, Governmental Relations Officer
WAYNE MULLEN, Human Resources

OTHERS PRESENT:

CHIEF DEPUTY JOHN ELDRIDGE, Sheriff's Office
SUSAN TURNER, Regional Director, SC DHEC
REVEREND JESSIE JACKSON, President, Rainbow PUSH Coalition

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Butch Kirven

INVOCATION

Reverend Jerry Madden, Pastor
Praise Cathedral

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Item (4)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: (a) Councilor Rawls moved to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2011 regular County Council meeting.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION

Councilor Gibson recognized Reverend Jessie Jackson.

Reverend Jessie Jackson thanked Council for recognizing the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday in Greenville County. Reverend Jackson challenged Council to be sensitive to issues relating to poverty and prejudice.

Item (5)

PRESENTATION

(a) Spare the Air Award

Ms. Susan Turner presented Greenville County and the City of Greenville with the 2011 Spare the Air Outstanding Local Government Award. She stated the award acknowledged positive and environmental change regarding air quality for the Electric Vehicle Ecosystem Pilot Project and were one of the first cities in the world participating in such a program. The collaborative efforts of Greenville County and the City of Greenville have achieved the following successes: a public-private partnership with Enterprise Rental Car, GE, GSP International Airport and Thurso Power Systems.

Sandra Yudice was presented the 2011 Air Quality Directors Award.

Item (6)

APPEARANCES

- Ed Paxton, 1 York Circle, Greenville - appeared regarding County Council minutes and the Greenville Water System

Item (7)

RESOLUTIONS

ACTION: Councilor Taylor moved for adoption a resolution in support of the Greenville Water System's application for a Surface Water Withdrawal Permit.

Motion carried.

Item (8)

ORDINANCES – THIRD READING

(a) North Greenville Fire District / General Obligation Bonds

ACTION: Councilor Taylor moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance finding that North Greenville Fire District, South Carolina may issue not exceeding \$1,750,000 General Obligation Bonds; to authorize the Board of Fire Control of the North Greenville Fire District, South Carolina to issue such bonds and to provide for the publication of notice of the said finding and authorization.

Chairman Kirven pointed out it would require a referendum vote.

Motion carried.

Item (9) ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

Zoning Ordinances

1. **CZ-2011-33**, Property of Taylors Plant LLC located on Mill Street at Taylors Mill requesting rezoning from I-1 to PD Major Change. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

ACTION: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Payne moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Motion carried.

2. **CZ-2011-34**, Property of Plantation Federal Bank located on East North Street requesting rezoning from R-M20 to C-1. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

ACTION: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Payne moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Motion carried.

Item (10) ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

(a) Zoning Ordinances

Councilor Payne presented for first reading Zoning Dockets CZ-2012-1 through CZ-2012-3.

Chairman Kirven referred the items to the Planning and Development Committee.

Item (11) COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Committee of the Whole

1. **Greenville County Sheriff's Office / Mutual Aid Agreement with Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office**

ACTION: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Taylor moved to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement between the Greenville County Sheriff's Office and the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office for the purpose of the jurisdictions assisting each other in narcotics investigations.

Motion carried.

2. **Tourism Ad Hoc Committee Report**

ACTION: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Taylor moved to accept the recommendations presented by the Tourism Representative Ad Hoc Committee.

Motion carried.

Item (12)

APPEARANCES BY CITIZENS

- Shane Inman, 110 Montana Road, Greenville - appeared regarding the City View streetlights
- Bob Davis, 6 Setinel Court, Greer - appeared regarding American needs re-education
- Janice Simpson, 810 Cardinal Drive, Greenville - appeared regarding the City View streetlights
- Linda Kotowski, 109 McDade Street, Greenville - appeared regarding the City View streetlights
- Milas Officer, 30 Fleetwood Drive, Greenville - appeared regarding Fleetwood Manor

COMMENTS

Mr. Tollison stated when the Town of City View was dissolved; a Circuit Court Judge deposited funds remaining from the township with the Greenville County Treasurer to maintain streetlights until a special tax district was formed, however, it never was. The funds used to maintain the streetlights have been depleted. He recommended the creation of a County Improvement District for City View to maintain streetlights and encouraged the community's citizens to move forward with a petition.

Item (13)

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

There was no Administrator's report.

Item (14)

REQUESTS AND MOTIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Councilor Seman stated SCTAC had again been recognized by Greenville Magazine in their annual edition of the 50 Most Influential Business Leaders. She also stated the SCTAC Board sent their thanks to County Council for Council's support in SCTAC's economic development initiatives.
- Councilor Norris stated she had represented County Council at the MLK event at the TD Convention Center. She then invited the people who came from City View to get together with herself and Councilor Rawls after the meeting to discuss their area.
- Councilor Burns stated in November he brought up some issues regarding the Council's relationship with the State. He stated Mr. Meadows informed him that he would be taking up some of the aforementioned State Budget issues in his committee. Mr. Burns also reiterated his earlier concerns with Greenville Tech receiving funds from the County but the Council had no authority and no say so in the way those funds were being spent. He felt they needed to deal with that matter.
- Councilor Cates asked when the lights would be turned off in City View. (February 7th). He then expressed his concern with the threat of increased crime costing the County more than the cost of maintaining the lights. He asked if the County could come up with funding to keep the City View lights on until a tax district could be created.
- County Administrator Joe Kernell stated they would check into that possibility. He stated the expense could possibly be recouped once the district was formed.
- County Attorney Mark Tollison stated the critical issue at this point was for the community to come up with some leadership and move forward with a petition drive to create the district.
- Councilor Taylor inquired about the ownership of the properties in City View; owners v/s renters. Attorney Tollison stated the research had been done and he could provide Council with those statistics. Mr. Tollison recommended steering the community toward creating a County Improvement District due to the area's high rental numbers.

- Councilor Dill stated in regards to City View, he encouraged the speaker to notify Ms. Norris, Mr. Rawls or the County's Code Enforcement Department with the addresses of properties that were not up to code. Mr. Dill then stated he, Councilor Meadows and John Hansley were asked to speak earlier that day to the sub-committee of the Ways and Means in Columbia on the Local Government Fund. He encouraged his colleagues to speak to their counter-parts on the Greenville Delegation regarding this matter.
- Councilor Meadows wished Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Payne a Happy Birthday.
- Councilor Dill wished Joe Kernell a Happy Birthday.

Item (15)

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Councilor Meadows moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried and the regular meeting of Greenville County Council was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa B. Kizer, Clerk to Council