

**GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MINUTES  
November 5, 2013  
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 BOB TAYLOR  
VICE CHAIRMAN WILLIS MEADOWS  
JIM BURNS  
JOE DILL  
XANTHENE NORRIS  
LOTTIE GIBSON

SID CATES  
DAN RAWLS  
BUTCH KIRVEN  
JOE BALDWIN  
FRED PAYNE  
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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

NONE

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bob Taylor

**INVOCATION**

Councilor Joe Dill

**Item (3)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Councilor Rawls moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting of October 15, 2013 and the October 28, 2013 Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by all County Council Members present.

**Item (4)**

**BOARD INTERVIEWS AND NOMINATIONS**

**Greenville Technical College Area Commission (2 vacancies)**

The following individuals appeared before the Committee of the Whole and gave their personal presentations:

1. **Harold Batson, Jr.**
2. **James Blakely, Jr.**
3. **Barbara League**
4. **William Pitman**

Councilor Burns asked would individual County Council Members have the ability to nominate individuals to the Greenville Technical College Area Commission.

Chairman Taylor informed Councilor Burns, County Council Members would have the ability to nominate individuals to the Greenville Technical College Area Commission.

Councilor Burns confirmed it was possible County Council's recommendations would not be elected by the Greenville Legislation Delegation.

Councilor Gibson questioned when County Council was given the responsibility to nominate individuals.

Chairman Taylor stated the State Legislature passed a law mandating County Government to nominate a specified amount of candidates.

Councilor Burns stated the Legislative Delegation had the sole authority to elect members to the board.

By ballot vote, Hayne Hipp and Barbara League were nominated and forwarded to the County Council for ratification.

**Item (5)**

**DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD AND LAKE FOREST SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT BOARD/STAGGERING BOARD SEATS**

Chairman Taylor stated due to the fact the Disabilities and Special Needs Board and the Lake Forest Special Tax District Board were new boards, they would have staggered terms, initially.

Mrs. Kizer stated the interview process would be held during the next Committee of the Whole and the voting process would be held during the subsequent County Council Meeting.

Chairman Taylor stated County Council would vote individuals to fill the seats on the Lake Forest Special Tax District as follows: Seat 1= 3-year term; Seat 2= 2-year term; Seat 3 = 1 year term.

Chairman Taylor stated County Council would vote individuals to fill the seats on the Disabilities and Special Needs Board as follows: Seats 1, 2 and 3 = 1-year term; Seats 4 and 5 = 2-year term; Seats 6 and 7 = 3-year term.

Councilor Burns stated voting individuals by term would take an enormous amount of time.

Councilor Gibson suggested allowing the term limit for each individual be determined by the amount of votes received.

Chairman Taylor stated determining term limits by the amount of votes received would not work.

Councilor Seman suggested asking applicants to select their preference.

Mrs. Kizer stated the procedure could be altered to have one, two and three year term ballots. She stated some applicants indicated they were interested in a one, two or three year term however, they would accept whatever County Council decided.

Chairman Taylor stated it would be helpful if applicants would inform County Council of their desired term limit.

**ACTION:** Councilor Burns moved to allow the individual with the most votes to obtain the longest term seats.

Mrs. Kizer suggested contacting the 12 applicants to inquire about their desired term limit and draft term limit ballot sheets to place their names on.

Councilor Seman stated in her experience with boards, applicants had been asked to express their desired term length.

Chairman Taylor stated the three year seat would include all twelve applicants unless they had indicated a term limit preference and the voting process would proceed; then the remaining names would carry over to the two-year term and the voting process would proceed; then the remaining names would be used to make the final one-year term selections.

Councilor Kirven suggested asking Mr. Alex McNair, Disabilities and Special Needs Interim Board Chairman, his suggestion.

Mr. McNair suggested in an attempt to allow continuity in leadership, it would be a good idea to elect the three current Disabilities and Special Needs Interim Board members who applied. He stated the three DSNB Interim Board Members were interested in serving a one-year first term. He stated if County Council elected those three members, it would take care of the three one-year term seats. He stated one of

the seven seats would require an abbreviated term.

Councilor Cates asked if there was a deadline.

Chairman Taylor stated the appointments needed to be made as soon as possible.

Councilor Burns stated Mr. McNair made a good point in saying electing the three interim board members to serve on the regular board would elevate some of the stress in the selection process.

Mr. McNair stated there were five interim board members of which three had applied to continue to serve. He stated the interim board members had enjoyed their time on the board. Mr. McNair stated he was unsure if the other two interim board applicants would be interested in serving more than a one-year term.

Councilor Cates asked if County Council would have the ability to change the rules to determine the three interim board members would move to a one-year term on the regular board.

Councilor Gibson stated she did not agree with the interim members only fulfilling a one-year term.

Councilor Burns retracted his previous motion. He suggested electing by the following: one-year term, two-year term and three-year term.

**ACTION:** Councilor Burns made a motion for the Clerk to County Council to poll the applicants of their preference and County Council vote accordingly. Also, if an applicant with a preference was not chosen, ask them if they would like to be considered for a two or three-year term.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item (6)      RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION ON GANG VIOLENCE**

**ACTION:** Councilor Cates moved to approve a resolution brought forth by Representative Phyllis Henderson to crackdown on gang violence and repeat violent offenders.

Councilor Gibson stated she would vote against the proposed resolution because there were too many young people in jail related to gang affiliation. She stated guidance was needed to deter young people from becoming involved with gangs.

Councilor Baldwin stated he did not agree with mandatory sentencing or mandatory bonds. He stated he had dealt with individuals who were falsely accused of being in a gang.

Councilor Norris stated due to the fact minors were often involved with gangs, it was a good idea to ensure the sentences received were equal.

Councilor Cates stated Representative Henderson was researching information and she planned on presenting a proposal to the House of Representatives. The proposed resolution on the floor was to encourage her to work on cracking down on gang violence in South Carolina.

Councilor Norris stated Greenville County was doing a great job in relation to gang violence.

Motion carried with Councilor Gibson, Norris and Baldwin voting in opposition.

**Lake Forest Special Tax District Board**

Councilor Dill inquired about Lake Forest Special Tax District.

Chairman Taylor stated the Lake Forest Special Tax District Board item would be handled in the subsequent County Council Meeting.

**Item (7)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION:** Councilor Dill moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

Motion to adjourn carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

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Theresa B. Kizer, Clerk to Council