

**MINUTES
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE
REGULAR MEETING
September 17, 2013
3:25 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 made available to the newspapers, radio stations and television stations and concerned citizens.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN, FRED PAYNE
XANTHENE NORRIS
JOSEPH BALDWIN

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

JIM BURNS
BUTCH KIRVEN

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

NONE

STAFF PRESENT:

PAULA GUCKER, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING,
DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC WORKS
KIM WUNDER, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
JUDY JAMES, ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR
TERESA BARBER, FIRE CODE OFFICIAL / CODE ENFORCEMENT SUPERVISOR
MARK TOLLISON, COUNTY ATTORNEY

CALL TO ORDER:

CHAIRMAN, FRED PAYNE

INVOCATION:

COUNCILOR, JOE BALDWIN

Item (3) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of PWI Committee on September 3, 2013

ACTION: Councilor Xanthene Norris made a motion to approve the September 3, 2013, Public Works and Infrastructure Committee minutes as submitted.

By voice vote the motion carried unanimously by all Council Members present.

Item (4) Staff Update on Donation Receptacles in Greenville County

Teresa Barber, Fire Code Official/Code Enforcement Supervisor, stated that this item was held in Committee on May 21, 2013, and a motion was made to amend the document to eliminate the unattended boxes in Greenville County, except boxes on the charity's property. That motion was modified to hold in order to modify the document to provide for the intent of the motion.

Mrs. Barber stated that it was determined by the Zoning Administrator that the donation receptacles were not considered to be "Recycling Drop Boxes" as specified in Table 6.1 and the definitions of the Zoning Ordinance. Donation Receptacles were determined to be allowed as an Accessory Use as defined in the Zoning Ordinance, where there was a principle use. This meant that Donations Receptacles would only be allowed where there was a principle use, manned donation centers or stand-alone business.

Mrs. Barber explained that once this determination was made, Code Enforcement staff inspected for Donation Receptacles throughout the county. On August 7th, letters were sent to seven companies whose donation receptacles were found throughout the county notifying them to remove the Donation Receptacles that were not in compliance with the determination. A compliance date was given of September 9th. Prior to the compliance date four of the businesses filed an appeal of the Zoning Administrators decision to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Several of the businesses complied with the removal of the donation receptacles. Mrs. Barber informed the committee members that the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting would be held on October 9th and pending the outcome of this meeting all enforcement actions were being held.

Chairman Fred Payne stated that he had a request that the Board of Zoning Appeals be made aware that Public Works and Infrastructure Committee had looked at this, were concerned about this, and made aware of the actions taken.

Mrs. Barber responded to questions from the Committee Members, she also informed them that the basis for the appeals that were filed was that the companies were seeing it as a recycling company and filing an appeal based on the definition of "Recycling" in the ordinance and the County determined that it is an Accessory Use.

Chairman Fred Payne thanked Mrs. Barber for the work that was done and asked how full Council would get this update.

Paula Gucker, Assistant County Administrator for Community Planning, Development and Public Works stated that Council would have the minutes available for this information.

Mark Tollison, County Attorney, stated that Mrs. Gucker made a good point; that County Council could get some information about what the update was from reading the minutes of this meeting. Mr. Tollison stated that at this time he doesn't see a need to do anything else, just allow the ordinance and the board to do their work.

ACTION: This item was for information only and no motion was requested.

Item (5) Board and Commission Interviews and Nominations:

Museum Commission (3 Vacancies)

The following individuals appeared before the PWI Committee and gave their personal presentations and responded to questions from the PWI Committee Members.

Gwen Neighbors (D.26) – new
R. David Jones (D.27) – new
Garnette Bane (D.22) – incumbent
James Campbell (D.24) – incumbent
Heidi Aiken (D.23) - incumbent

Chairman Fred Payne thanked the applicants for their willingness to serve.

ACTION: By ballot vote, the PWI Committee voted to send the following five applicants forward to full Council:

1. Heidi Aiken (D.23) - incumbent
2. James Campbell (D.24) – incumbent
3. Gwen Neighbors (D.26) – new

Item (6) Requests and Motions by Council Members

ACTION: There were no requests or motions.

Item (7) Adjournment

ACTION: Councilor Xanthene Norris moved to adjourn at 3:57 p.m.

By voice vote the motion carried unanimously by all Council Members present.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy C. James,
Administrative Coordinator