

**MINUTES  
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 4, 2014  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
6:02 p.m.**

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the County Square and made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned Citizens.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

CHAIRMAN BOB TAYLOR	XANTHENE NORRIS
VICE CHAIRMAN WILLIS MEADOWS	LIZ SEMAN
JOE DILL	JOE BALDWIN
LYNN BALLARD	BUTCH KIRVEN
SID CATES	FRED PAYNE
LOTTIE GIBSON	

**COUNCIL MEMBER(S) ABSENT:**

JIM BURNS

**STAFF PRESENT:**

JOE KERNELL, County Administrator  
MARK TOLLISON, County Attorney  
JOHN HANSLEY, Deputy County Administrator  
THERESA KIZER, Clerk to Council  
SALINA PRUITT, Administrative Assistant, County Council  
JOHN VANDERMOSTEN, Assistant County Administrator, Public Safety  
PAULA GUCKER, Assistant County Administrator, Public Works  
BOB MIHALIC, Governmental Relations Officer  
ERIC VINSON, Director, Planning and Code Compliance  
GEORGE BLEVINS, Director, Veterans Affairs

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

NONE

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bob Taylor

**INVOCATION**

Dr. Tony Beam  
Vice-President of Student Services and  
Christian Worldview  
North Greenville University

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Item (4)** **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Councilor Meadows moved to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2014, County Council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by all County Council Members present.

**Item (5)** **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**(a) Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park / Project East**

This item was cancelled.

**Item (6)** **APPEARANCES – CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- Commander Bill Quinton, 309 Cedar Rock Road, Travelers Rest – appeared regarding Veterans

**Item (7)** **ORDINANCES – THIRD READING**

**(a) Zoning Ordinances**

1. **CZ-2014-39**, Property of W.R. Hale & N.H. Riley as Trust, located on E. North Street and Kimbrell Road requesting rezoning from R-15 and R-M20 to R-M5.

**ACTION:** Councilor Dill moved adoption of the ordinance at third reading.

Councilor Cates stated the Planning and Development Committee requested a traffic study for Kimbrell Road. He was notified during the last Planning and Development meeting that because of a death, the traffic study was not completed.

**ACTION:** Councilor Cates moved to hold the item until the next County Council meeting.

Motion to hold carried unanimously by all County Council Members present.

**(b) Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park/Project East**

Councilor Meadows moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated industrial/business park (Project East) in conjunction with Anderson County, such industrial/business park to be geographically located in Anderson County and established pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976 §4-1-170, et sequitur, as amended; to provide for a written agreement with Anderson County providing for the expenses of the park, the percentage of revenue application, and the distribution of fees in lieu of ad valorem taxes to the counties and relevant taxing entities; to provide that job tax credits allowed by law be provided for businesses locating in said park; and to permit a user fee in lieu of *ad valorem* taxation within said park.

**ACTION:** Councilor Meadows moved to hold the item until December 2, 2014.

Motion to hold carried unanimously by all County Council Members present.

**Item (8)**

**ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

**(a) Zoning Ordinances**

- 1. CZ-2014-38**, Property of Timothy William Lyda and Paula Kim Parris Living Trust located on N. Pleasantburg Drive and Worley Road requesting rezoning from R-12 to C-2. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

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

**ACTION:** Councilor Norris moved to hold the item until the next County Council meeting.

Motion to hold carried unanimously by all County Council Members present.

**(b) General Obligation Refunding Bond/Series 2006 and 2007**

**ACTION:** Councilor Meadows moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$9,750,000 Greenville County, South Carolina, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, in one or more series; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended; to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters relating thereto.

Chairman Taylor informed attendees that a General Obligation Refunding Bond was the County's attempt to save money.

Mr. Kernell stated the interest savings was between \$650,000 - \$800,000.

Motion carried unanimously by all County Council Members present.

**(c) Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement/Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (formerly Project Mystery Green)**

**ACTION:** Councilor Meadows moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park (2010 Park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park.

**AMENDMENT:** Councilor Meadows moved to amend the ordinance to reflect the changes outlined in the black-lined version of the ordinance that was included in the agenda packet.

Motion to amend carried unanimously by all County Council Members present.

**ACTION:** Councilor Meadows moved approval of the ordinance as amended.

Motion as amended carried unanimously by all County Council Members present.

**(d) E911/Supplemental Appropriation**

**ACTION:** Councilor Meadows moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to authorize a supplemental appropriation from the Special Revenue Fund, Fund 06 - E911 Fund Balance, to increase Fiscal Year 2014-2015 E911 budgeted revenues \$1,355,000 and to increase Fiscal Year 2014-2015 E911 budgeted expenditures \$1,355,000 for the purpose of upgrading the E911 Communications Systems.

Councilor Dill asked if the proposed ordinance had anything to do with a communications study being conducted for E911.

Mr. Kernell stated the purpose of the proposed Supplemental Appropriation ordinance, was to upgrade the E911 phone system. The study Councilor Dill referenced was for the E911 radio infrastructure, which was not a part of the proposed ordinance.

Chairman Taylor stated the funds were already set aside for E911, and the proposed ordinance would appropriate those funds over the next two years.

Motion as presented carried unanimously by all County Council Members present.

**Item (9)**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

**(a) Project Picket Fence/Laurens Multi County Industrial Business Park Creation**

Councilor Meadows presented for first reading an ordinance to develop a joint county industrial and business park (Project Picket Fence) in conjunction with Laurens County, South Carolina to be geographically located in Laurens County and established pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976 §4-1-170, et sequitur, as amended; to provide for a written agreement with Laurens County regarding the park; and other matters related thereto.

Chairman Taylor referred the item to the Finance Committee.

**(b) Laurens Multi County Industrial Business Park Amendment (2000) / (Project Picket Fence)**

Councilor Meadows presented for first reading an ordinance to authorize execution of a first amendment of agreement for development of joint-county industrial and business park between Greenville County, South Carolina and Laurens County, South Carolina for the purpose of extending the term of such agreement; and other matters related thereto.

Chairman Taylor referred the item to the Finance Committee.

**(c) Project Snap Pea / Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement**

Councilor Meadows presented for first reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Project Snap Pea, the code name for a Michigan Corporation, with respect to certain economic development property, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes; and other matters related thereto.

Chairman Taylor referred the item to the Finance Committee.

**Item (10)**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**(a) Committee of the Whole**

**1. Veteran's Day Holiday Resolution**

**ACTION:** On behalf of the committee, Councilor Meadows moved to adopt a resolution to amend Section 8.2 of the County of Greenville Personnel Handbook so as to designate Veteran's Day as a County holiday.

Motion carried unanimously by all County Council Members present.

**Item (11)**

**APPEARANCES – NON AGENDA ITEMS**

- Ed Paxton, 1 York Circle, Greenville – appeared regarding Care Giver benefits
- David McCraw, 109 Breedshill Way, Greer – appeared regarding Sunday alcohol sales and the right to vote
- Carolyn France, 100 Sycamore France, Greenville – appeared regarding public health
- Lawrence Anderson, 1560 E. Blackstock Rd., Spartanburg – appeared regarding public health
- Kenneth Walker, 228 Mill Street, Taylors – appeared regarding Taylors Mill

**Item (12)**

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

There was no report.

**Item (13)**

**REQUESTS AND MOTIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

- Councilor Payne stated he was very proud to have Veterans in attendance. He thanked Councilor Kirven for taking leadership on the Veteran’s Holiday Resolution. He stated today was Election Day and they would not have what they have without Veterans.
- Councilor Dill stated it was a good day and it was good to see Mr. Kenneth Walker (Taylors Mill) happy, considering the direction everything was going. Councilor Dill stated the concerns brought before County Council were addressed by the County Administrator and staff. He stated he was expecting big things with the Taylors Mill in the next one or two years.
- Councilor Baldwin stated it was a great day and he appreciated the Veterans.
- Councilor Cates stated he had a high level of radon when he tested his home and he solved the issue by laying plastic and installing ventilation. He thanked Mr. Kernell for going to Taylors Mill earlier that day. He commented on how dark it was during an event held the precious evening at County Square, and requested the installation of outside lights in front of the main entry. Mr. Cates then commented on how beautiful Pretty Place was during a wedding he attended that past weekend.
- Councilor Dill stated lighting was an issue at night at County Square and he volunteered to help fund the installation of lights through his District Expense Funds.
- Councilor Norris stated her husband was a Veteran and she was thankful that County Council was able to honor Veterans by passing the new holiday. She stated the West End Community needed help, and there was an event scheduled for Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the New Hope Outreach Center, called “Hands on City View.” The clean-up day would end with a free community luncheon at First Christian Fellowship Church. Ms. Norris stated the West End area was her nightmare.
- Chairman Taylor thanked everyone for their condolences after the loss of his brother who passed away the previous week. He stated although he would be missed, he took great comfort in knowing his brother was with the Lord.
- Councilor Seman stated last week SCTAC and CU-ICAR partnered to host a two-day driving event at the International Transportation & Innovation Center (ITIC) Test Track. Over 100 representatives from the International Electronics and Electrical Engineers Association (IEEE) were provided the opportunity to test drive a variety of electric and hybrid vehicles on a newly resurfaced asphalt straight-away.

- Councilor Gibson requested staff to prepare a proclamation for Christ Church Episcopal School's Football Team for 50 straight wins. She congratulated the Veterans and pledged her support to any branch. She asked Chairman Taylor to please inform everyone if his family decided to have a memorial service in Greenville to recognize the passing of his brother. She stated Chairman Taylor showed great support to others during their time of grief. Ms. Gibson congratulated all the County Council Members that were elected that evening.
- Councilor Ballard thanked the Veterans for their service and for being in attendance of the meeting. He also stated it was dark outside upon leaving the building at night. He congratulated Councilors Dill, Meadows, Norris and Payne for winning their elections that evening, and that he stated he would find out the results for his district shortly.
- Councilor Kirven asked Mr. George Blevins, Director of Greenville County Veterans Affairs Office, to inform everyone of an upcoming holiday.

Mr. Blevins stated a Veteran's Day event was scheduled for Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at County Square at 10:00 a.m., including music and refreshments. Mr. Blevins thanked County Council for making Veteran's Day a County holiday.

**Item (16)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION:** Councilor Kirven moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

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Theresa Kizer, Clerk to Council