

**MINUTES
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 3, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:05 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
VICE CHAIRMAN BUTCH KIRVEN
JOE DILL
JOE BALDWIN

WILLIS MEADOWS
SID CATES
JIM BURNS
XANTHENE NORRIS

LIZ SEMAN
LOTTIE GIBSON
LYNN BALLARD
FRED PAYNE

COUNCIL MEMBER(S) ABSENT:

NONE

STAFF PRESENT:

JOE KERNELL, County Administrator
MARK TOLLISON, County Attorney
JOHN HANSLEY, Deputy County Administrator
THERESA KIZER, Clerk to Council
REGINA MCCASKILL, Deputy Clerk to 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
DEAN CAMPBELL, Deputy County Attorney
JEFF WILE, Assistant County Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT:

CHIEF DEPUTY JOHN ELDRIDGE, Greenville County Sheriff's Office

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bob Taylor

INVOCATION

Councilor Sid Cates

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION

Councilor Cates recognized Ms. Elizabeth Davis, a member of the Upstate Co-op. Ms. Davis was shadowing Dr. Cates for a school project.

Item (4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Councilor Gibson moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (5) PUBLIC HEARINGS

(a) **University Center Public Facilities Corporation / Refunding Certificate of Participation – Series 2015**

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding a resolution in support of the issuance of the University Center Public Facilities Corporation Refunding Certificate of Participation, Series 2015, pursuant to the provisions of Title 4, Chapter 9, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$5,500,000.

There being no speakers, Councilor Kirven declared the public hearing closed.

Item (6) APPEARANCES – CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

There were no speakers.

Item (7) CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **FY2015 RecycleMore SC Grant** (Finance)
- b. **Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant** (Finance)
- c. **SC Justice Assistance Grant / Drug Lab Instruments** (Finance)
- d. **V Kann Rasmussen Foundation Grant** (Finance)
- e. **IBM Smarter Cities Challenge Program** (Finance)
- f. **Community Project Application / Greenville County Public Works – River Oaks Subdivision / \$3,000** (Finance)

- g. **Community Project Application / Greenville Airport Commission – Runway Park / \$5,000** (Finance)

ACTION: Councilor Seman moved approval of the Consent Agenda items.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (8) **RESOLUTIONS**

- (a) **University Center Public Facilities Corporation / Refunding Certificate of Participation – Series 2015**

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved for adoption a resolution in support of the issuance of the University Center Public Facilities Corporation Refunding Certificate of Participation, Series 2015, pursuant to the provisions of Title 4, Chapter 9, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$5,500,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (9) **ORDINANCES – THIRD 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-3 as amended.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (10) **ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

- (a) **Zoning Ordinances**

1. **CZ-2014-40**, Property of Carol Pierce McKinney located on Rocky Point Way requesting rezoning from PD to R-S. The Planning Commission recommended approval and the Committee sent the docket forward with no recommendation.

Councilor Dill stated the item was withdrawn by the applicant prior to the evening's meeting. No action was required.

2. **CZ-2014-52**, Property of Samantha Moore, Donald S. Moore and Samantha E. Moore, HAH LLC (Pat Hill), Roy Edwin and Darlene Penny Wood, located on 1221 E. Georgia Road, 1209 E. Georgia Road and 1219 E. Georgia Road, requesting rezoning from R-S to R-15. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

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

Councilor Kirven stated he was in favor of the proposed citing he had not been contacted by anyone opposed to the rezoning nor were there any opposing speakers at the public hearing.

Motion as presented was unanimously approved.

Item (11) ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

(a) Children’s Museum of the Upstate

Councilor Kirven presented for first reading an ordinance to amend Exhibit A established as an addendum to Ordinance No. 4079, as last amended by Ordinance No. 4484, so as to appropriate additional operating funds for tourist related projects.

Chairman Taylor stated the item would remain on the floor for second reading.

Item (12) COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

1. Memorandum of Understanding between GCEDC and Greenville County

Councilor Payne stated the item was held in Committee, therefore no action was required.

Item (13) APPEARANCES – non agenda items

- Darlene Atkins, 3304 Hwy 123, Greenville – appeared regarding a massage house on church property
- David McCraw, 109 Breeds Hill Way, Greenville – appeared regarding Sunday alcohol sales
- Bob Davis, 6 Setinel Court, Greer – appeared regarding “Are We Americans Being Deceived”
- Ed Paxton, 1 York Circle, Greenville – appeared regarding Disabilities and Special Needs Board
- Steve Graham, 221 Kylemore Lane, Greer – appeared regarding EMS
- Ken Taylor, 8305 Augusta Road, Pelzer – appeared regarding EMS services
- W. R. Shives Jr., 110 Dexter Drive, Taylors – appeared regarding quality of service to citizens of Greenville County government
- Durant Ashmore, 220 McKittrick Bridge Road, Fountain Inn - appeared regarding public safety

Item (14)**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

County Administrator Joe Kernell updated Council members on the Poinsett Project. He stated over the last couple of years the Committee had been trying to come up with a streetscape plan for the Gateway into the City. To date, there have been three grants received for the purpose of funding the Poinsett Project: Transportation Alternative Projects Grant (Federal Highway Administration) in the amount of \$795,000; Appalachian Regional Commission Grant (Department of Commerce) in the amount of \$500,000; and the Greenville Legislative Delegation C-Fund Committee Grant in the amount of \$250,000, bringing the total to \$1.45 million. He stated they have been instructed to apply for an additional \$250,000 from the next round of C-Fund allocations and were looking into a couple of other grants that appeared favorable.

Item (15)**REQUESTS AND MOTIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

- Councilor Cates stated he had the privilege of attending the Sheriff's Award Ceremony. He reported that in the past year, five law enforcement officers in the Sheriff's Office had faced death in the course of their duties. He expressed his appreciation for all public safety officials; law enforcement, fire fighters and EMS.
- Councilor Burns stated he had attended a luncheon given by the Homebuilders Association where a speaker talked about the growth of housing in Greenville County. Mr. Burns stated he was concerned about how the County's infrastructure was going to support all the new housing that would be coming. He felt Council needed to look into the matter of water, sewer and stormwater, not just roads and bridges, in order to proactively address the growth.
- Councilor Norris stated the Sterling Center MLK Day celebration was a great event and was well attended. She thanked the Recreation District for all the work they had done to make the Sterling Center a wonderful building. She stated on Friday, February 6th, she and Ms. Gibson would be recognized at a breakfast event for their contributions to the community. She invited her colleagues to the event. Ms. Norris then stated she had been working with the speaker, Ms. Atkins, regarding the issue involving her church on Highway 123. She stated she had staff looking into the matter and they were working very hard toward a solution.
- Councilor Seman stated Jody Bryson was a featured speaker at the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) Annual Leadership Forum. IEDC, a non-profit, non-partisan membership organization with more than 4500 members serving economic developers is the largest organization of its kind. Mr. Bryson was invited to present the case study of the rebranding of the Donaldson Center into the SC Technology and Aviation Center. The opportunity provided national exposure for SCTAC and for Greenville. Ms. Seman then thanked staff for their efforts in presenting the workshop and hoped there would be additional workshops in their future.
- Chairman Taylor stated there would be two more scheduled Council workshops; one more in February and one in early March.
- Councilor Gibson stated the group that had been sponsoring the MLK Day activities would no longer sponsor the banquet. She stated representatives from several organizations were coming together to take on the responsibility of the banquet and other activities that would be in the spirit of Dr. King.
- Councilor Ballard thanked Mr. Kernell and staff for the time spent in presenting a good workshop. He stated he held a Town Hall Meeting the past Thursday that was very productive and he thanked all those who came out to participate.

- Councilor Gibson stated Duke Energy was holding a residential service in Greenville for anyone who would like to have their house weatherized. She stated they were sharing free lightbulbs and taking care of cracks in houses. She stated anyone interested in participating in the program needed to call Duke Energy to get on the schedule.
- Councilor Payne thanked Chairman Taylor and Mr. Kernell for a great workshop. He stated they all had special interests and questions and he felt like a lot of those questions were answered.
- Councilor Kirven reiterated his having noticed a great deal more trash on the roads and he asked for suggestions on how to address that issue. He stated the Clerk was organizing a meeting with Palmetto Pride and other groups to come together and brainstorm the matter. He asked the public for their involvement in the process as well. Mr. Kirven recognized those members in the audience who were with a fire department and expressed his appreciation of the work they performed in the community. Mr. Kirven then sent get well wishes to Joel Dill who was under the weather and reminded everyone of Valentines' Day coming up on the 14th.
- Councilor Baldwin thanked the Sheriff for the invitation to the Awards Banquet stating he very much enjoyed the event. He also thanked the First Baptist Church in Taylors for making their facility available for the event.
- Councilor Dill stated he had spoken with many of the fire chiefs regarding the matter of EMS and they were unappreciative of being left out of the change. He asked the County Administrator to get with the fire chiefs to inform them of what was going on and how it would affect their departments. He also asked the Chairman to schedule, not a workshop, but a meeting time to discuss EMS.
- Councilor Dill wished Councilors Baldwin, Payne and Seman a Happy Birthday.

Item (16)

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Councilor Dill moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa Kizer, Clerk to Council