

**MINUTES  
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
MAY 5, 2015  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
6:08 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 *left at 6:45 p.m.*  
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  
JEFF WILE, Assistant County Attorney  
DEAN CAMPBELL, Deputy County Attorney  
JOHN HANSLEY, Deputy County Administrator  
THERESA KIZER, Clerk to Council  
REGINA MCCASKILL, Deputy Clerk to Council  
BOB MIHALIC, Governmental Relations Officer  
JOHN VANDERMOSTEN, Assistant County Administrator, Public Safety  
PAULA GUCKER, Assistant County Administrator, Public Works

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

CHIEF DEPUTY ELDRIDGE, Sheriff's Office

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bob Taylor

**INVOCATION**

Councilor Jim Burns

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**RECOGNITION**

Councilor Seman recognized Boy Scout Troop 30 from Earle Street Baptist Church who were in attendance.

**Item (4)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Councilor Norris moved to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2015, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item (5)**

**PROCLAMATION**

**(a) Mental Health Awareness Month**

Councilor Seman presented a proclamation which declared May as “Mental Health Month” in Greenville County. All residents were encouraged to work together to help fight the stigma of mental illness, to raise the awareness of accessible mental health services provided by MHAGC or any other Mental Health organization and recognize that good mental health is a critical component to a truly healthy Greenville County.

**Item (6)**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**(a) Rehabilitated Historic Property Ordinance – Extension of Assessment Period**

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding an ordinance to amend Section 1 of Ordinance No. 4611, codified at Section 7-13 of the Greenville County Code of Ordinances, so as to provide that County Council may specify a longer special assessment period, not to exceed twenty years, for eligible rehabilitated historic property.

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

**(b) Sweet Street Realty, LLC / Addition of Sponsor to FILOT**

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding an ordinance authorizing the addition of Sweet Street Realty, LLC as a sponsor to an existing fee in lieu of tax and infrastructure improvement credit arrangement between Greenville County, South Carolina and Sweet Street Desserts, Inc. and the amendment of the fee in lieu of tax agreement between the County and Sweet Street Desserts, Inc. to address the inclusion of Sweet Street Realty, LLC as a sponsor; and other matters relating to the foregoing.

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

Item (7)

**APPEARANCES – CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no speakers.

Item (8)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- (a) **Greenville County Redevelopment Authority / FY2015 Annual Action Plan**
- (b) **Greenville County Redevelopment Authority / 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan**

**ACTION:** Councilor Burns moved to approve the Consent Agenda items.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (9)

**ORDINANCES – THIRD READING**

(a) **Zoning Ordinances**

- 1. **CZ-2015-19**, Property of The Generous Garden Project located on 123 Hawkins Street requesting rezoning from R-7.5 to R-20A.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. **CZ-2015-23**, Property of Mark III Properties, Inc., located on Griffin Mill Road and Reedy Fork Road requesting from R-S to R-15.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- 3. **CZ-2015-24**, Property of Progressive Consultants, LLC, located on 25 Draper Street requesting rezoning from I-1 to PD.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

(b) **Text Amendment / Temporary Accessory Dwelling (CZ-2015-18)**

**ACTION:** Councilor Dill moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to amend Section 11:9 of the Greenville County Zoning Ordinance, “Temporary Accessory Dwelling” to provide the Zoning Administrator with the authority to review and approve annual extensions of applications for temporary accessory dwellings after initial approval has been granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Motion carried unanimously.

**(c) Revised Stormwater Ordinance**

**ACTION:** Councilor Payne moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to amend the Greenville County Storm Water Management Ordinance to implement requirements and procedures in compliance with Federal and State Regulations pursuant to the County's NPDES Permit.

Motion carried unanimously.

**(d) Rehabilitated Historic Property Ordinance – Extension of Assessment Period**

**ACTION:** Councilor Kirven moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to amend Section 1 of Ordinance No. 4611, codified at Section 7-13 of the Greenville County Code of Ordinances, so as to provide that County Council may specify a longer special assessment period, not to exceed twenty years, for eligible rehabilitated historic property.

Motion carried unanimously.

**(e) Anderson Multi-County Industrial Business Park Amendment / Synnex Corporation and Project Upstate**

**ACTION:** Councilor Kirven moved for adoption at third 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.

Motion carried unanimously.

**(f) Sweet Street Realty, LLC / Addition of Sponsor to FILOT**

**ACTION:** Councilor Kirven moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance authorizing the addition of Sweet Street Realty, LLC as a sponsor to an existing fee in lieu of tax and infrastructure improvement credit arrangement between Greenville County, South Carolina and Sweet Street Desserts, Inc. and the amendment of the fee in lieu of tax agreement between the County and Sweet Street Desserts, Inc. to address the inclusion of Sweet Street Realty, LLC as a sponsor; and other matters relating to the foregoing.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

**(a) Zoning Ordinances**

**1. CZ-2015-11,** Property of Joyce Brinck located at 130 Columbia Avenue requesting rezoning from C-2 to R-MA. The Planning Commission recommended approval and the Committee recommended denial.

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

Councilor Meadows stated the property was located in his district. Due to an overabundance of properties zoned multi-family in the district, Councilor Meadows asked Council to deny the rezoning request.

Motion was denied unanimously.

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

**ACTION:** Councilor Kirven moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing an amendment to the agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Anderson County, South Carolina, in order to expand the boundaries of the park to include certain property located in Anderson County and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item (11) ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

**(a) Glassy Mountain Fire Service Area / Fountain Inn Fire Service Area – Millage Request**

Councilor Kirven presented for first reading an ordinance to provide for the millage rate to be levied by the Glassy Mountain Fire Service Area and the Fountain Inn Fire Service Area.

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

**(b) Glassy Mountain Fire Service Area / General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds**

Councilor Kirven presented for first reading an ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$2,400,000 Greenville County, South Carolina, General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds (Glassy Mountain Fire Service Area Project), Series 2015A; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended; to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters relating thereto.

Chairman Taylor referred the item back to the Finance Committee.

**Item (12) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**(a) Committee of the Whole**

**1. Parks, Recreation and Tourism Advisory Committee (2 vacancies)**

**ACTION:** On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Kirven moved to elect by acclamation the following:

Nick **Hollingshad** (D.20)

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item (13)**

**APPEARANCES – non agenda items**

- Geneva Lawrence, 207 Beattie Street, Simpsonville – appeared regarding Greenville County Animal Care
- Darren Scott, 447 Staunton Bridge Road, Greenville – appeared regarding Staunton Bridge Road gym and the presentation of a plaque to Councilor Lottie Gibson
- Simon McClain, 9 Riggs Street, Greenville – appeared regarding Staunton Bridge Road gym
- Glenn Tollison, 1743 McKelvey Road, Fountain Inn – appeared regarding public safety
- Durant Ashmore, 228 McKittrick Bridge Road, Fountain Inn – appeared regarding public safety

**Item (14)**

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Joe Kernell, County Administrator, stated on Saturday, May 9th, Greenville County will host the first ever Tails and Trails 5K to benefit Greenville County Animal Care. The event will be held at Conestee Park starting at 8:30 a.m. He stated this human and dog run/walk was designed to become Animal Care’s premier awareness and fund raising event. At least 120 citizens have signed up to participate and more were expected in the week leading up to the event. He stated the 5K was a great example of using all available County resources. Greenville County Rec was supporting the run, which was being held at a County park and staffed by County volunteers.

**Item (15)**

**REQUESTS AND MOTIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

- Councilor Cates expressed his appreciation of Chris Stone and the staff at Visit Greenville SC. He stated he was impressed with their marketing techniques, which have been very effective. Last month hotels and motels enjoyed an occupancy rate of 74% in the unincorporated area of Greenville County and 79% in downtown Greenville. Mr. Cates distributed chocolates used by VGSC in their marketing efforts which depicted images of various county locations such as golf courses, city life and the Liberty Bridge.
- Councilor Burns reminded everyone of Artisphere which would begin May 8th.
- Councilor Norris stated pre-planning meant a lot for people; especially those in areas with very few resources. She recently held a meeting with the residents of the New Washington Heights Community and a great group of people turned out. She stated these communities without a lot, give a lot.
- Councilor Seman stated the US Forestry Service would be at SCTAC conducting water drop exercises to test their modular, airborne, fire-fighting system. She stated military pilots would be flying C130 aircraft outfitted with equipment used to fight forest fires. The week-long training would involve 150 air and ground personnel and would have a very positive economic impact on Greenville.

- Councilor Gibson stated NACO has taken on mental health in jails as their first priority. She stated she was in daily contact with many inmates of the Greenville Detention Center who were suffering from mental health conditions. She hoped the County would do something to help that population of people. Councilor Gibson thanked the Staunton Bridge Citizens for their attendance. She added she had attended the Staunton Bridge Center along with County Administrator, Joe Kernell, who realized the need for improvements during their visit. Councilor Gibson also stated there was a need for paid staff at the center to provide supervision and discipline.
- Councilor Ballard stated his recent town hall meeting was well attended and it was good to be able to share with citizens what was going on in the County. He then thanked the Boy Scouts for attending the meeting. He stressed to them how local government was important in that it affected everyone, every day. He encouraged the audience to get involved with local government.
- Councilor Payne stated he and Mr. Ballard were members of the Augusta Road Ruritan Club. Recently Representative Beddingfield spoke at one of their meetings about the successes and the non-successes coming out of Columbia. Mr. Payne stated Greenville County was facing a lot of challenges. Money was part of the solution for those challenges but people were also a part of the solution. He gave the example of a recent theft in southern Greenville County where an ATV was reported stolen around 8:00 am. By 2:00 p.m. that same day, the vehicle was recovered. He felt a large part of that recovery was due to the involvement of the community crime watch group. He encouraged people to get involved to be a part of the solution.
- Councilor Baldwin thanked the staff who assisted in the needs expressed by the speakers at the last County Council meeting. He then reported, according to a local radio station, Fargo, North Dakota had the lowest gas prices in the nation, and the Greenville/Spartanburg area had the second lowest.
- Councilor Meadows stated in a recent article by SCAC, the Legislature added a provision regarding the expenditure of the monies they provide to the County Transportation Committee. Seventy-five percent of those monies are spent for repaving County roads and 25% must be used for State roads. The new provision states that of that 75%, monies can now be used to pave or repave parking lots for non-profit fire stations. He stated he was amused that in light of the current state of the roads and of the potholes, that now some of those monies were going to be diverted to pave parking lots instead of roads.
- Councilor Dill stated it was amazing to him that most of their Republican counterparts on the Delegation did not vote to give the County their Local Government Fund; money that could be used to pay for their public safety needs. Mr. Dill then invited everyone to the National Day of Prayer event on Thursday, May 7th at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.
- Councilor Dill wished Mr. Burns a Happy Birthday.

**Item (16)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION:** Councilor Dill moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Theresa Kizer, Clerk to Council