

MINUTES
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE
REGULAR MEETING
February 3, 2015
5:04 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
VICE CHAIR XANTHENE NORRIS
JOSEPH BALDWIN
JIM BURNS
LIZ SEMAN

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

NONE

STAFF PRESENT:

DEAN CAMPBELL, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
PAULA GUCKER, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, COMMUNITY PLANNING
HELEN HAHN, ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR
MARK TOLLISON, COUNTY ATTORNEY
SANDRA YUDICE, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Payne called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Councilor Norris provided the invocation.

REMARKS

Chairman Payne stated he was grateful to be able to serve as Chairman another term and announced Ms. Norris would be his Vice Chair again this term. He stated he appreciated all for serving on the committee.

Item (3) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of PWI Committee on December 2, 2014

MOTION: By Councilor Burns to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2014 Committee meeting. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Item (4) Request Approval of Relocation of Graves /Tax Map Number 0533040100700

Mr. William Stovall addressed the Committee members with the request to relocate unidentified graves located on property north of Garlington Road. He stated he had worked with the Historic Preservation Commission in researching whose graves they might be and had attempted to contact anyone who may have known the identities of the individuals. Mr. Stovall had placed an ad in the newspaper with no response. He introduced Ms. Anne Peden, Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission and Ms. Penny Fisher who also serves on the Commission. Ms. Fisher addressed the Committee with a report of her research findings. She stated she was unable to obtain any information on this particular cemetery. She stated other cemeteries in the area have been recorded, the Smith and Walker cemetery, but this gravesite has been abandoned for many years. Ms. Fisher stated back in the early 1800's people buried their families on their property, also at that time buried any share croppers of slaves along with the owners of the property. Ms. Fisher stated Ms. Peden provided a letter from the Historic Preservation Commission in support of the relocation of the graves.

Mr. Stovall provided an explanation of how the relocation would occur, taking great care and respect for the graves. He explained the remains of the graves would be placed in a box and then in a vault and taken to Woods Memorial Park. He stated the markers currently at the grave sites would be placed on top of the vaults, as they have no inscriptions and the cemetery would not allow their use.

MOTION: With the consent of Greenville County Historic Preservation Commission Chairman Anne Peden and Historic Preservation Commissioner Penny Fisher, Councilor Seman moved to approve the removal of the remains of the unidentified persons on the property north of Garlington Road, identified as Tax Map Number 0533040100700 and to relocate the remains to Woods Memorial Park in Greer. Provided no remains be relocated until after the applicant does a survey using ground penetrating radar to confirm the existence of all marked and unmarked graves on the sight. Mr. William Stovall, Funeral Director and Consultant will oversee the removal and the applicant will be responsible for all fees. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Item (5) Memorandum of Understanding between GCEDC and Greenville County

Chairman Payne introduced a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for approval between GCEDC (Greenville County Economic Development Corporation) and Greenville County.

The Committee members discussed their concerns and confusion regarding the MOU and after a lengthy discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION: By Councilor Baldwin to hold the item until a later date. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Item (6) Requests and Motions by Council Members

There were no requests or motions.

Item (7) Adjournment

MOTION: Without objection the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Helen Hahn
Administrative Coordinator