



**MINUTES**  
**GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
*January 19, 2016*  
*6:02 p.m.*  
*County Square – Council Chambers*

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

*Mr. Bob Taylor, Chairman*  
*Mr. Butch Kirven, Vice Chairman*  
*Mr. Joe Dill*  
*Mr. Joe Baldwin*  
*Mr. Willis Meadows*  
*Mr. Sid Cates*

*Mr. Jim Burns*  
*Mrs. Xanthe Norris*  
*Mrs. Liz Seman*  
*Mrs. Lottie Gibson* ABSENT  
*Mr. Lynn Ballard*  
*Mr. Fred Payne*

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*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 MEMBER(S) ABSENT:**

**Lottie Gibson, District 25**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**Joe Kernell, County Administrator**  
**Mark Tollison, County Attorney**  
**Jeff Wile, Assistant County Attorney**  
**Kimberly Wunder, Assistant County Attorney**  
**John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator**  
**Theresa Kizer, Clerk to Council**  
**Regina McCaskill, Deputy Clerk to Council**  
**Paula Gucker, Assistant County Administrator, Public Works**  
**John Vandermosten, Assistant County Administrator, Public Safety**  
**Eric Vinson, Director, Planning and Code Compliance**  
**Bob Mihalic, Governmental Relations Officer**  
**Sandra Yudice, Assistant to the County Administrator**  
**Jessica Stone, Administrative Assistant, Clerk to Council**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

None

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bob Taylor

**INVOCATION** – *introduced by Councilor Joe Dill*

Rev. Larry S. McDonald, Ph.D.  
Dean of Graduate School of Christian Ministries and  
Professor of Christian Spirituality  
North Greenville University

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Item (4)            APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:**            Councilor Ballard moved to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2016, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item (5)            PUBLIC HEARING**

**(a)   Greenville-Laurens Multi-County Industrial Business Park Agreement / Project Needle**

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding an ordinance to amend the existing Agreement for Development of Joint County Industrial and Business Park between Laurens County, South Carolina and Greenville County, South Carolina, to enlarge the boundaries of the Park to include certain additional property located in Laurens County, South Carolina; and authorizing other related matters.

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

**Item (6)            APPEARANCES – Current Agenda Items**

None

**Item (7)            CONSENT AGENDA**

**(a)   The Acceptance of Hampton Avenue / Hampton Avenue Extension (PWI)**

**ACTION:**            Councilor Norris moved approval of the Consent Agenda Item.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item (8)            ORDINANCES – THIRD READING**

**(a)   Zoning Ordinances**

**1.   CZ-2015-69:**   Property of Crown Properties c/o Nick Franchina located on Tanner Road requesting rezoning from R-20 and R-12 to R-10.

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

Councilor Cates requested his remarks from the last Council meeting regarding the item remain on the floor.

Motion carried by a vote of nine (Dill, Baldwin, Meadows, Burns, Taylor, Norris, Ballard, Kirven and Payne) in favor and two (Cates and Seman) in opposition.  
*Councilor Gibson was not in attendance.*

**(b)   Greenville-Laurens Multi-County Industrial Business Park Agreement / Project Needle**

**ACTION:**            Councilor Kirven moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to amend the existing agreement for development of joint county industrial and business park between Laurens County, South Carolina and Greenville County, South Carolina, to enlarge the boundaries of the park to include certain additional property located in Laurens County, South Carolina; and authorizing other related matters.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item (9)            ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

**(a) Zoning Ordinances**

1. **CZ-2015-56:** Property of Marcelo Torricos, LLC, located on the NW Corner of W. Georgia Road and Mimms Road requesting rezoning from RR-1 to R-S. The Planning Commission and the Committee recommended denial.

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

Councilor Ballard stated he recognized the Planning Commission and the Committee recommended denial of the request and he understood why denial was recommended. He stated he felt this was a good fit for the area and would vote in favor of the request.

Chairman Taylor asked Councilor Dill why denial was recommended.

Councilor Dill stated issues with sewer and septic tanks led to denial of the request.

Councilor Payne stated he would be in favor of the request if regular sewer was obtained for the property. He stated he was aware this would require a pump station and investment. Councilor Payne stated it was necessary to preserve the integrity of the area for use by sewer and a failure to do so would cut out potential customers who would pay for the sewer operations. He added he would vote to deny the request.

Motion denied by a vote of three (Dill, Baldwin, Ballard) in favor and eight (Meadows, Cates, Burns, Taylor, Norris, Seman, Kirven and Payne) in opposition.  
*Councilor Gibson was not in attendance.*

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

**(a) Zoning Ordinances**

Councilor Dill presented for first reading Zoning Dockets CZ-2016-01 through CZ-2016-11.

Chairman Taylor referred the items to the Planning and Development Committee.

**(b) Land Development Regulations Amendment / Minor and Major Subdivisions**

Councilor Dill presented for first reading an ordinance to amend the Greenville County Land Development Regulations, as amended, to establish and clearly define the minor and major subdivision requirements.

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

**Item (11)            COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**Item (12)            APPEARANCES – non agenda items**

- **David McCraw, 9 Barrone Ct., Greenville** – appeared regarding backyard breeders

Councilor Cates asked if backyard breeders were required to obtain a business license.

Mark Tollison stated the County does not provide business licenses.

- **Jessica Monroe**, 150 Fernwood Drive, Greer – appeared regarding Animal Care

Councilor Meadows asked Joe Kernell what progress the County had made regarding the Animal Shelter.

Joe Kernell stated the County had engaged Target Zero in an effort to lower the number of animals not placed in adoptive homes. He stated there was a very successful cat adoption event held this past weekend in which all available cats (75) were adopted. Mr. Kernell stated the goal to reduce the number of animals brought into the shelter through various programs such as Spay and Neuter were successful but the public must step up and take care of animals rather than abandon them or simply bring them to the shelter. He added the staff at the Animal Shelter was very dedicated.

- **Ed Paxton**, 1 York Circle, Greenville – appeared regarding removing County Square
- **Brooke Schmidt**, introduced by Chairman Taylor – appeared regarding EMS and Explorer's Post

### Item (13)

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Joe Kernell stated, the County's EMS system was once again at the forefront of the national prehospital care scene, and winning wide-spread accolades for innovative and effective clinical EMS treatment and outcomes in partnership with our local hospital systems.

On January 17, 2016, Dr. Martin Lutz (medical control physician for GCEMS) and Jason Walchok (Training Coordinator, GCEMS) traveled to the National Association of EMS Physicians annual meeting in San Diego, California. This is a scientific forum for EMS leaders in the country. There, Jason Walchok presented two posters on the GCEMS sepsis protocol and subsequent research project. These posters and research were conducted in collaboration with both Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital and Greenville Health System. The presentation by Mr. Walchok entitled "Can Paramedics Collect Uncontaminated Blood Cultures Prior to Prehospital Antibiotic Administration" received the award for Best EMS Professional research presentation of the conference.

- ✓ Mortality with Sepsis can be >50%
- ✓ Severe sepsis and septic shock combined are the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and the number one leading cause of death in non-cardiac ICU's
- ✓ Sepsis is the number one cause of mortality in hospitalized patients
- ✓ EMS transports 34% of all patients diagnosed with sepsis, and 60% of all severe sepsis patients arriving to the ED
- ✓ If sepsis is identified by EMS personnel, the reduction in time to antibiotics initiation is substantial (69 minutes vs 131 minutes)
- ✓ With EMS "Sepsis Alert": severe sepsis mortality significantly decreased to 13.6% from 26.7%

Since November 2014, Greenville County EMS has treated over 650 patients using the Sepsis Alert protocol. After a three month trial of EMS blood culture collection, antibiotic administration began in February 2015. Diagnoses in the ED have confirmed the paramedic's prehospital working assessment in nearly 80% of patients. And, Patient mortality due to sepsis has decreased to among the lowest levels in the hospital systems and it is reported that cost savings due to decreased length of hospital stay is approaching \$1 million.

The South Carolina Bureau of EMS has recently adopted Greenville County's EMS Sepsis protocols as new the statewide protocol (EMS 61-7). Additionally, the clinical research and protocol development conducted by GCEMS, GHS, and Bon Secours St. Francis have been published in the Journal of PreHospital Emergency Care, the official journal of the National Association of EMS professionals—The research is presented in the Jan-Feb 2016 issue.

#### Tourniquet Application Standards

Additionally, Dr. Callaway (Board Chairman – Tactical Emergency Casualty Care & Board Member – Tactical Combat Casualty Care) contacted us recently to request our participation in a national database project that he is coordinating. The goal of this project is to form a national database to track the use of tourniquets (all pre-hospital use to include LEO & FD) and provide a means for evidence based research within a civilian setting. In addition, the 'evidence based' aspect of this project will focus on making adjustments to the national training standards of these agencies in regards to tourniquet application.

#### **Item (14)**

#### **REQUESTS AND MOTIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

- Councilor Ballard wished Ms. Gibson a speedy recovery.
- Councilor Payne stated Greenville was well represented at the Envision Greenville Workshop.
- Councilor Baldwin stated he finally got around to hiking the Swamp Rabbit Trail and enjoyed the outing.
- Councilor Meadows thanked staff for the recreation projects report and asked if he could also be provided with a construction schedule.
- Councilor Cates congratulated Brooke Schmidt on her presentation.
- Councilor Burns stated Ms. Norris was featured in the Hall of Fame of the 50 Most Influential People in the Greenville Business magazine.
- Councilor Norris stated Friday's MLK event at the Hyatt and Saturday's College Fair at the Peace Center were very successful. She stated on Monday she attended an event at Sterling where the guest speaker was the sister of one of the nine Charleston victims. She stated it was a wonderful program and she thanked Council for their support. Ms. Norris expressed her appreciation to the Planning Commission for the help they provided in the transfer of Hampton Avenue and stated her desire to see a bridge there in the very near future. She also stated there were two new community issues in her District, the return of "Tent City" and the presence of people living in the Poe Mill area. She asked for staff's assistance with those matters. She informed her colleagues that she would be filling in for Ms. Gibson on the SHARE Board and due to her being instrumental in obtaining assistance for Greenville County; she was going to be a part of the Riley Institute.
- Councilor Seman stated SCTAC recently announced the following Board officers who would be serving three year terms effective January 1, 2016: Liz Seman, Board Chair; Anne Ellefson, Vice Chair; and Steve West, Secretary.
- Councilor Dill wished Councilor Baldwin, Councilor Payne and County Administrator Joe Kernell a Happy Birthday. He then stated Mr. Kernell just celebrated 12 years with Greenville County and asked for a round of applause.

**Item (15)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION:**

Councilor Dill moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Theresa B. Kizer, Clerk to Council