



MINUTES
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting
February 2, 2016
6:04 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. Xanthene Norris
Mrs. Liz Seman
Mrs. Lottie Gibson (Absent)
Mr. Lynn Ballard
Mr. Fred Payne

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
Dean Campbell, Deputy 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
Jessica Stone, Administrative Assistant, Clerk to Council

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bob Taylor

INVOCATION – *introduced by Councilor Joe Baldwin*

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Item (4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Councilor Seman moved to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2016, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (5) APPEARANCES – Current Agenda Items

None

Item (6) CONSENT AGENDA

(a) SC JAG – Digital Laser Imaging System Grant Applications

ACTION: Councilor Burns moved approval of the Consent Agenda Item.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (7) RESOLUTIONS

(a) Project Hunter / Identifying Resolution

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved for adoption a resolution identifying a Project in order to satisfy the competitive requirements of Greenville County, South Carolina so as to allow investment expenditures incurred by Project Hunter to qualify for incentives such as a fee-in-lieu of taxes, an infrastructure tax credit and monetary grants with Greenville County.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (8) ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

(a) Land Development Regulations Amendment / Minor and Major Subdivisions

ACTION: Councilor Dill moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to amend the Greenville County Land Development Regulations, as amended, to establish and clearly define the minor and major subdivision requirements.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Councilor Taylor stated that without objection, third reading and a public hearing for this item would be heard at the next Regular Council Meeting scheduled for March 1, 2016.

Item (9) ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

(a) Supplemental Appropriation / Site Preparation for Future Economic Development Project(s)

Councilor Kirven presented for first reading an ordinance to amend Ordinances No. 4723 and 4730 so as to appropriate additional operating funds to assist with site preparation for future economic development project(s).

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

Item (10) COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

Item (11) APPEARANCES – non agenda items

- *Sandra Farrey, 110 Hillsborough Drive, Greenville – appeared regarding animal welfare*
- *Ed Paxton, 1 York Circle, Greenville – appeared regarding Committees*
- *Jack Logan, 6051 Old Augusta Road, Apt. C, Greenville – appeared regarding Hampton Avenue Bridge*
- *David McCraw, 9 Barrone Ct., Greenville – appeared regarding Pelham Road congestion*
- *Mary Duckett, 201 Pinckney Street, Greenville – appeared regarding Hampton Avenue Bridge*
- *Kenneth Kolb, 17 Casey Street, Greenville – appeared regarding Hampton Avenue Bridge*

Item (12) ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None

Item (13) REQUESTS AND MOTIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Councilor Ballard thanked Staff for attending the Planning Meetings the previous week. He stated there was good attendance at each meeting and good input from the community. He added one more meeting was planned for the coming week.
- Councilor Ballard stated Twin Chimneys Landfill had been in the news recently and he thanked Joe Kernell, Paula Gucker and staff for attending a community meeting that was held to look into the issues that were raised. He stated 350 people from the community were in attendance as well as Marcia Papin, Director of Twin Chimneys, and Susan Harrison, Environmental Engineer. Commitments have been made to the community regarding the matter and another meeting was scheduled for March 10th. Mr. Ballard stated the goodwill in the community had increased by the time the meeting adjourned.
- Councilor Ballard commended Troop 238 on their attendance and reminded them this was Local Government in action and to never underestimate the importance of Local Government.
- Councilor Kirven requested Council's permission to start the process to approve a zoning text amendment for the Scuffletown Road Plan Area.

(a) Initiate Zoning Text Amendment for the Scuffletown Road Plan Area

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved to initiate a zoning text/map amendment for the Scuffletown Plan Area in District 27.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

- Councilor Kirven stated the Clear Spring Fire and Rescue District currently has a vacancy on its Board of Commissioners as well as a new Fire Chief. He stated there was a lot of work to be done and he was requesting the application period be reopened for a period of two weeks in order to fill the vacancy.

(b) Reopen the Application Period in order to receive applications for the Clear Spring Fire and Rescue District

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved to waive the timeline and allow the Clerk to reopen the application period for two weeks for the Clear Spring Fire and Rescue District for the purpose of receiving applications to fill a new vacancy.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

- Councilor Payne stated an issue came before the Planning and Development Committee regarding rezoning requests from industrial to residential. He added GADC was working on an analysis of all industrial areas in the county and he felt the issue needed a lot of attention.
- Councilor Payne stated a group of people were working to put together a Grant Proposal to the US DOT for the Smart City Challenge. He stated communities have been asked to submit big, bold innovative ideas to improve transportation in the future. Mr. Payne stated the project was being led by SCTAC and was making great progress.
- Councilor Cates requested to reopen the application period for two weeks for the Linkside Special Tax District. He stated there were two vacancies and only one applicant.

ACTION: Councilor Cates moved to amend the agenda.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

ACTION: Councilor Cates moved to waive the timeline and allow the Clerk to reopen the application period for two weeks for the Linkside Special Tax District for the purpose of receiving applications to fill a new vacancy.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

- Councilor Burns wished Ms. Seman a Happy Birthday.
- Councilor Norris thanked all the speakers who spoke regarding the Hampton Avenue Bridge project. She thanked Joe Kernell and the staff for all the work that had been done regarding the bridge and hoped all would go well.
- Councilor Norris asked everyone to keep Councilor Lottie Gibson in their prayers.
- Councilor Seman stated SCTAC had appointed Dr. Joachim Taiber as Chief Technology Officer to oversee the implementation of a major expansion at its 600-acre International Transportation Innovation Center. A longtime research professor at CU-ICAR, Dr. Taiber would continue to serve as an adjunct faculty member there.

Item (14)

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION:

Councilor Seman moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present and the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa B. Kizer, Clerk to Council