



MINUTES
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting
March 1, 2016
6:06 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*
Jeff Wile, *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*
Chief Deputy John Eldridge, *Sheriff's Office*
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 Willis Meadows*

Rev. Mark Reed, Assistant Pastor
Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Item (4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Councilor Ballard moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2016, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (5) APPEARANCES – Current Agenda Items

None

Item (6) PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance to amend the Greenville County Land Development Regulations, as amended, to establish and clearly define the minor and major subdivision requirements.

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

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

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding 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).

Councilor Kirven stated the proposed pertained to Lockheed Martin, formerly known as Project Hunter.

- **Ed Paxton**, 1 York Circle, Greenville – appeared in opposition to the proposed
- **Bob Davis**, 6 Sentinel Court, Greer – appeared in opposition to the proposed

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

(c) Greenville County General Obligation Refunding Bonds

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding an ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of (i) not exceeding \$11,000,000 Greenville County, South Carolina General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016a; (ii) not exceeding \$1,300,000 Greenville County, South Carolina General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Fountain Inn Fire Service Area Project), Series 2016b; and (iii) not exceeding \$1,500,000 Greenville County, South Carolina General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016c; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended; to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters relating thereto.

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

Item (7) CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) Community Project Application / Phillis Wheatley Center – Maintenance and Renovation Activities**
- (b) Community Project Application / Fourth of July Celebration at Heritage Park**
- (c) 2016 Proposed Grievance Committee Pool**
- (d) Safe Routes to School**

Councilor Norris requested to hold Items (a) and (b).

Chairman Taylor stated Items (a) and (b) would be held until the end of the meeting.

ACTION: Councilor Seman moved approval of the Consent Agenda Items (c) and (d).

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (8) ORDINANCES – THIRD READING

(a) Zoning Ordinances

- 1. CZ-2016-01:** Property of Campbell Young Leaders located at 601 E. Bramlett Road requesting rezoning from I-1 to R-7.5.

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

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

- 2. CZ-2016-03:** Property of Louise Bell Cooper, Connie L. Tadlock and Peggy Ayers Brown located on the 300 Block of Michelin Road requesting rezoning from R-S to R-12.

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

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

- 3. CZ-2016-04:** Property of Johnny Craig Osteen located at 3218 Easley Highway requesting rezoning from C-2 to S-1.

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

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

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

ACTION: Councilor Dill moved for adoption at third 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.

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

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved for adoption at third 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 work was being done on property jointly owned by Greenville County and the City of Greenville.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (9) ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

(a) Project Jewel / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and a Company or Companies known to the County at this time as Project Jewel with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

(b) Anderson / Greenville Multi-County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment – Project Jewel

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved for approval at second 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 by Council Members present.

(c) Greenville County General Obligation Refunding Bonds

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of (i) not exceeding \$10,790,000 Greenville County, South Carolina General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016a; (ii) not exceeding \$1,300,000 Greenville County, South Carolina General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Fountain Inn Fire Service Area Project), Series 2016b; and (iii) not exceeding \$1,500,000 Greenville County, South Carolina General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016c; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended; to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters relating thereto.

AMENDMENT: Councilor Kirven moved to amend the ordinance to read (i) not exceeding \$11,000,000 Greenville County, South Carolina General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016a;

Motion to amend carried unanimously by Council Members present.

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved to allow for amendments at third reading.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved for approval as amended.
Motion as amended carried unanimously by Council Members present.

(d) Conveyance of a Surplus Right-of-Way / Providence Square

ACTION: Councilor Payne moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to authorize and approve the conveyance of surplus right of way consisting of a 50 foot wide stub-out located off of Providence Square (J-0137) and adjoining Greenville County TMS# 0543070103200 and 0543070103300, and to authorize the Chairman of County Council and the County Administrator to execute quitclaim deeds related thereto.
Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (10) COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Committee of the Whole

1. Boards and Commissions

a. Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission

ACTION: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Kirven moved to elect by acclamation *Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Housley, Mr. Roberts and Mr. Wilson* to fill four vacancies on the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission.
Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

b. Planning Commission

ACTION: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Kirven moved to remove *Michael Freeman, Chet Chea and Chad Tumblin* from the Planning Commission; and ask the Clerk to check the attendance records of the other board and commission members to be sure they are in compliance with the County's policy.
Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

ACTION: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Kirven moved to open a special application period for the Planning Commission for a period of two weeks beginning March 2, 2016.
Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

ACTION: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Kirven moved to elect by acclamation *Mr. Bichel, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Hollingshad and Mr. Moore* to fill four vacancies on the Planning Commission.
Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

- **Items From The Consent Agenda**

- (a) *Community Project Application / Phillis Wheatley Center – Maintenance and Renovation Activities*
- (b) *Community Project Application / Fourth of July Celebration at Heritage Park*

ACTION: Councilor Norris moved to hold Consent Agenda Items (a) and (b) until the next regularly scheduled County Council meeting in order to finalize amounts.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (11) APPEARANCES – non agenda items

- **Geneva Lawrence**, 207 Beattie Street, Simpsonville - appeared regarding Target Zero
- **Bob Davis**, 6 Sentinel Court, Greer – appeared regarding limited or unlimited government

Item (12) ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

County Administrator Joe Kernell stated Greenville EMS was well represented at the South Carolina EMS Symposium that was held the previous weekend. Mr. Roger Dobbs received South Carolina Paramedic of the Year; Dr. Marty Lutz received South Carolina EMS Medical Control Position of the Year; Chris Ruggiero and Detrick Easter completed the first ever three-peat in the paramedic competition. This team was able to treat all four victims of the mock-accident in 7 minutes; the next fastest team completed the feat in about 18 minutes. He stated he was proud of the EMS Department and looked forward to great things in the future.

Item (13) REQUESTS AND MOTIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Councilor Payne stated, in regards to state highway department money being appropriated but not allocated, he was happy to report that Greenville County had allocated all the money given to them by the State. He stated the projects were not complete, but the County knew exactly where all the allocated money was going.
- Councilor Payne stated Lockheed Martin announced, internally, that they had chosen Greenville, South Carolina, as the site they wanted to do the final assembly and checkout of the new T50A trainer jet plane. He felt this was a great opportunity for Greenville. He stated the fact that SCTAC was growing, as well as other parts of Greenville County, the Council needed to be aware of the potential they had for an increased demand for industrial and office commercial properties. He felt they needed to get GADC and other economic development entities to work with the County to help develop ways to preserve the sites that were most appropriate for industrial and commercial use; and to find ways to market those sites to companies who wanted to come to Greenville.
- Councilor Dill stated the County had highly qualified people in EMS and he very much appreciated the County’s EMS Department. He then stated he and Mr. Kirven had been working with the Clerk on the litter problem in the County. He stated currently there was a law that allowed judges to sentence a person to jail or to community service. If the weather wasn’t agreeable, the perpetrators could just choose jail time.

A bill was being proposed that would take away the “choice” and allow judges to pass down a sentence of “community service,” which would help clean up the state’s roads. He asked the Chairman to assign a committee to take up the matter of adopting an amendment to be included in the proposed law. Once the Committee had approved the amendment he asked that Council vote to send the amendment to Columbia for inclusion in the law.

- Councilor Baldwin stated his concern with inmate labor was the need for Workman’s Compensation.
- Councilor Meadows thanked staff for the work they did in Berea the previous week.
- Councilor Cates stated Friday was the first Friday of the month and invited everyone to the Taylors’ Mill to enjoy “First Friday” which would open at 7:00 p.m.
- Councilor Kirven stated the Fire District Ad Hoc Committee would be having their first meeting Thursday, March 3rd at 4:00 p.m. in Conference Room D.
- Councilor Norris thanked the Recreation Committee for partnering with the PTO Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha. She stated they now have playground equipment at Freetown.
- Councilor Seman followed up on Mr. Payne’s comments regarding Lockheed Martin. She then stated SCDOT had begun paving their section of Perimeter Road which would primarily serve the SC Army Air National Guard Aviation Campus. The scheduled completion date was early 2017.
- Councilor Ballard congratulated EMS for their hard work. He also thanked the ERT rescue folks for the people they sent to Jones Gap State Park to help look for the 12 year old boy who had gotten lost. He stated the young man was found and checked out to be in good health in spite of his ordeal.
- Councilor Burns wished Ms. Norris a Happy Birthday.

Item (14) ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Councilor Norris moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present and the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa B. Kizer, Clerk to Council