



# GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 24, 2017

6:09 P.M.

COUNTY SQUARE – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

COUNCIL MEMBERS

MR. BUTCH KIRVEN, CHAIRMAN

MR. WILLIS MEADOWS, VICE CHAIRMAN

MRS. XANTHENE NORRIS, CHAIRMAN PRO TEM

MR. JOE DILL

MR. MIKE BARNES

MR. SID CATES

MR. RICK ROBERTS

MR. BOB TAYLOR

MRS. LIZ SEMAN

MR. ENNIS FANT, SR.

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.

## STAFF PRESENT

Joe Kernell, County Administrator

Mark Tollison, County Attorney

Jeff Wile, Assistant County Administrator

John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator

Theresa Kizer, Clerk to Council

Regina McCaskill, Deputy Clerk to Council

Jessica Stone, Administrative Assistant, Clerk to Council

Bob Mihalic, Governmental Relations Officer

Paula Gucker, Assistant County Administrator, Public Works

Eric Vinson, Director, Planning and Code Enforcement

Chief Deputy Eldridge, Sheriff's Office

John Vandermosten, Assistant County Administrator, Public Safety

## OTHERS PRESENT

None

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Butch Kirven

INVOCATION – introduced by Councilor Joe Dill

Reverend Paul Manous  
Hillcrest Baptist Church  
Greer, South Carolina

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boy Scout Troop 11  
Hal Johnson, Troop Leader

**Item (4)            APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:**            Councilor Ballard moved to approve the minutes of the December, 6, 2016 Regular Council Meeting, the January 9, 2017 Installation Meeting and the January 10, 2017 Organizational Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item (5)            PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS**

Chairman Kirven presented a plaque to Councilor Taylor commemorating his service as Council Chairman from 2014 – 2016.

Councilor Taylor, former Council Chairman, presented a plaque to Chairman Kirven commemorating his service as Council Vice-Chairman from 2014 – 2016.

**Item (6)            PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**(a)   Smythe Street and Frost Street Alley / Proposed Relinquishment**

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding the proposed relinquishment of a right-of-way on Smythe Street & Frost Street alley, of approximately 1 ½' wide x 28' long, adjacent to Tax Map Number 0141000600700.

There being no speakers, Vice-Chairman Meadows declared the public hearing closed.

**(b)   New Washington Heights Special Tax District Creation**

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding an ordinance to create the New Washington Heights Special Tax District; to define the boundaries of the District and the purpose for which it is created; to establish the New Washington Heights Special Tax District as an Administrative Division of Greenville County; and to impose an annual fee of \$13.00 on all real property located within the District.

There being no speakers, Vice-Chairman Meadows declared the public hearing closed.

**Item (7)            APPEARANCES – current agenda items**

None

**Item (8)            CONSENT AGENDA**

**(a)   Smythe Street and Frost Street Alley / Proposed Relinquishment**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

(a) **Zoning Ordinances**

1. **CZ-2016-54: Property of Travis S. Cobb, located on Anderson Road and Marble Street, requesting rezoning from R-M20 to NC with conditions.**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

2. **CZ-2016-65: Property of Paul Dodd, Sr., Milliken & Company, located on Highway 123 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue – Judson Mill, requesting rezoning from R-7.5 and I-1 to PD with conditions.**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

(b) **Proposed Amendment to the Imagine Greenville County Comprehensive Plan / Include the Berea Community Plan (CP-2016-03)**

**ACTION:** Councilor Dill moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to adopt the Berea Community Plan as an amendment to the Imagine Greenville County Comprehensive Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

(a) **Zoning Ordinances**

1. **CZ-2016-58: Property of William Jackson Foster, Jr., located at 400 W. Marion Road, requesting rezoning from R-10 to S-1.** The Planning Commission and Committee recommended denial.

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

Councilor Ballard stated the garage located on the property existed prior to zoning. The owner's grandson wanted to reopen the business but was unable to due to current zoning restrictions.

Vice-Chairman Meadows stated attempts had been made to work with the owner of the property; however, the community was opposed to another garage in the area.

Councilor Cates stated he was troubled that the garage had been there for 50 years and the community was against re-opening the business.

Vice-Chairman Meadows stated the business had not operated in over 10 years.

Councilor Ballard stated the building was located in a flood plain. If the building was torn down, it could not be rebuilt and a large part of the property could not be utilized.

Motion carried by roll call vote of nine (Barnes, Cates, Roberts, Taylor, Seman, Fant, Ballard, Kirven and Payne) in favor and three (Dill, Meadows and Norris) in opposition.

2. **CZ-2016-63: Property of Jaliabapa 1, LLC and Terrell Lankford, located at 3803 White Horse Road, requesting rezoning from R-12 to C-1.** The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**(b) New Washington Heights Special Tax District Creation**

**ACTION:** Vice-Chairman Meadows moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to create the New Washington Heights Special Tax District; to define the boundaries of the District and the purpose for which it is created; to establish the New Washington Heights Special Tax District as an Administrative Division of Greenville County; and to impose an annual fee of \$13.00 on all real property located within the District.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

**(a) Zoning Ordinances**

Councilor Dill presented for first reading Zoning Dockets CZ-2017-01 through CZ-2017-12.

Chairman Kirven referred the items to the Finance Committee.

**Item (12) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**(a) Committee of the Whole**

**1. County Council Rules / Proposed Amendments**

**ACTION:** On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to approve the proposed County Council Rules, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Boiling Springs Fire District / Results of Bond Referendum**

**ACTION:** On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to adopt a resolution declaring the results of a bond referendum conducted in the Boiling Springs Fire District on January 10, 2017.

Vice-Chairman Meadows commended the Boiling Springs Fire District for requesting a bond referendum as opposed to asking Council to make the decision.

Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Greenville Area Development Corporation / Council Member Seat**

**ACTION:** On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to appoint Ennis Fant, Sr. to fill the Council Member seat on the Greenville Area Development Corporation.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### 4. Marietta Water, Fire, Sanitation and Sewer District / Nomination

**ACTION:** On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to recommend Linda Tankersley to fill the unexpired term on the Marietta Water, Fire, Sanitation and Sewer District.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Item (13) APPEARANCES – non agenda items

None

#### Item (14) ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Joe Kernell stated the development proposal for County Square was available and would be out for approximately 90 days. Staff was looking forward to positive responses and putting a good plan in place.

Mr. Kernell stated the end-of-year report for Animal Care showed good progress in working with the Target Zero group which strived to reduce euthanasia to 10% or less. Cat euthanasia was reduced by 42% and dog euthanasia was reduced by 56% from the prior year. Intake numbers for both dogs and cats had been reduced. He stated dogs were much easier to deal with as opposed to cats due to numerous rescue groups and easier adoptions. The Dog Save Rate was 87% and he was optimistic the County would reach its target save rate of 90% for dogs in the first quarter of 2017. The Cat Save Rate was at 57% which was much better than in previous years due largely in part to the ordinance County Council put in place with the TNR (Trap, Neuter and Release) Program. Spartanburg County Council has agreed to put the TNR Program in place which would also help Greenville's numbers. Overall, Greenville County's save rate was up to 72% and the intent was to increase the rate to 90%. Mr. Kernell thanked Paula Gucker and her staff for all of their hard work.

#### Item (15) REQUESTS AND MOTIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Councilor Dill stated both the Committee of the Whole and Council Meetings had been very productive. He reminded everyone, Council was a 12-member group that needed to discuss the issues with each other so they would be prepared to work on the business of the County.
- Councilor Barnes thanked his fellow Council Members for working together, discussing the issues and making the best decisions possible.
- Councilor Roberts stated this was a learning process for the new Council Members and thanked his colleagues for their patience and leadership.
- Vice-Chairman Meadows stated he wanted to express the same sentiments as his colleagues. He stated Council had a good retreat and a good beginning with the night's meetings.
- Councilor Norris stated the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration at the Sterling Recreation Center was very successful. She added she was very pleased with the renovations that had been completed at the center and was also very proud of the program for the elderly.

- Councilor Seman stated Lockheed Martin Corporation, SCTAC’s largest tenant, had stated they intend to renew their lease for a new 5-year term which effectively secures the lease-hold through July 1, 2022.
- Councilor Fant stated it had been great to receive the support and leadership from the veteran members of Council. He stated he had great hopes and aspirations for Council and thanked his colleagues for the GADC appointment. Councilor Fant stated he would like to see a focus on infrastructure needs and large manufacturing investment rather than new subdivisions.
- Councilor Ballard thanked Chairman Kirven for scheduling the recent Council Retreat and hoped additional retreats could be held more frequently than in the past. He then stated the Special Purpose District meeting held the previous week was very productive.
- Councilor Payne stated the Boiling Springs Fire District Bond Referendum was a good model of citizen involvement. He then invited everyone to attend a driverless vehicle demonstration sponsored by the Bob Jones University Engineering Department - Robotics Team on Saturday, January 28 at 1:00 p.m.

- Chairman Kirven reviewed available opportunities for County Members to serve:

ACOG	- Councilor Fant was appointed to the ACOG Board for the remainder of Councilor Lottie Gibson’s unexpired term and would serve along with Councilor Dill and Vice-Chairman Meadows.
CVB	- Councilor Cates has served on the CVB in the past. Any Council Member interested in serving should contact the Chairman. County Council also appoints a citizen to serve on the CVB.
GTA	- County Council appoints two citizen members and one member of County Council to serve as liaison.
Legislative Delegation Liaison Committee	- Although the Legislative Delegation Liaison Committee has been inactive for many years; three members of Council are to serve on the committee.
GPATS	- Five members of Council serve on the Committee.
Greenville Water System	- One member of Council serves as liaison.
Human Resources Commission	- One member of Council serves as liaison.
SCTAC	- County Council appointed two citizen members and one member of County Council.
Upstate Alliance	- Any Council Member can attend the Board Meetings.
GCRA	- One member of Council serves as liaison.
Innovation as Economic Development	- Councilor Payne to lead the effort to attract businesses through innovation.

- Chairman Kirven stated several Council Members had expressed a need for another work session. He asked each member to contact the Clerk to Council for available dates and times.

- Chairman Kirven then stated there were two pending items for Hospitality Tax as well as the Lake Conestee Dam refurbishment matter. Those items would be taken up at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. Chairman Kirven stated there were also two upcoming matters regarding Accommodations Tax and a state grant match to be considered.

Chairman Kirven announced his assignments to the County's four standing committees.

#### Finance Committee

1. Willis Meadows, Chairman
2. Sid Cates
3. Bob Taylor
4. Xanthene Norris
5. Liz Seman
6. Butch Kirven

#### Planning and Development Commitment

1. Joe Dill, Chairman
2. Mike Barnes
3. Sid Cates
4. Rick Roberts
5. Ennis Fant

#### Public Safety and Human Resources Committee

1. Lynn Ballard, Chairman
2. Mike Barnes
3. Bob Taylor
4. Xanthene Norris
5. Fred Payne

#### Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

1. Liz Seman, Chairwoman
2. Rick Roberts
3. Ennis Fant
4. Lynn Ballard
5. Fred Payne

- Councilor Dill expressed Happy Birthday wishes to Mr. Payne.

#### Item (16)

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Theresa B. Kizer, Clerk to Council