



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 2, 2017

6:00 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 **ABSENT**

MRS. LIZ SEMAN

MR. ENNIS FANT, SR.

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.

STAFF PRESENT

Joe Kernell, County Administrator

Mark Tollison, County Attorney

Jeff Wile, Assistant County Attorney

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

John Vandermosten, Assistant County Administrator, Public Safety

Rick Blackwell, E-911 Director

OTHERS PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Butch Kirven

INVOCATION

Councilor Rick Roberts

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Item (4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Councilor Norris moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2017, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (5) PROCLAMATION

Councilor Ballard presented a Proclamation to the mother of Marcus Whitfield honoring Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Councilor Ballard stated the United States Congress and the President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day. Councilor Ballard stated it was important that all citizens understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards and sacrifices of law enforcement officers, and that law enforcement officers recognize the duty to protect their communities against violence and disorder.

In 2017, Greenville County specifically honors the legacy of Officer Marcus Whitfield, an outstanding member of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office, who was killed in the line of duty in 1999. Greenville County Council directs that all flags on County buildings be flown at half-staff on May 15, 2017 in memory of all law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice to their communities or have become disabled in the performance of duty as well as honor all law enforcement officers presently serving their communities.

Item (6) APPEARANCES – current agenda items

None

Item (7) CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Waterline Application / 2618 E. Georgia Road

(b) Waterline Application / 104 Parker Slatton Road

ACTION: Vice-Chairman Meadows moved approval of the Consent Agenda Items.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (8) ORDINANCES – THIRD READING

(a) Zoning Ordinances

1. CZ-2017-06: Property of Thomas Ernest Kerhulas Trust, located at 351 E. Lake Shore Drive, requesting rezoning from R-7.5 to C-1.

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

Councilor Dill stated the issue had been studied and Greenville County has the authority to rezone the property. He added the City of Tryon has strict covenants over the property. Councilor Dill urged his colleagues to support the request.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

- 2. CZ-2017-12: Property of JHM Hotels, located at 1408 Boiling Springs Road, requesting rezoning from FRD to FRD with major change.**

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

Councilor Roberts stated the proposed changes would make the building blend into the community much better and he supported the request. He added he would not be in favor of future commercial zoning in the area.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

- 3. CZ-2017-18: Property of Norman Agnew Waldrop, located at 121 Rutherford Road, requesting rezoning from C-2 to C-3.**

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

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

- 4. CZ-2017-20: Property of Brent Jones, located at 3725 and 3729 Woodruff Road, requesting rezoning from R-S to R-15.**

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

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

- 5. CZ-2017-21: Property of M & T Enterprises, Inc., located at 1145 White Horse Road, requesting rezoning from S-1 to C-1.**

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

Councilor Fant stated the property was located in what was considered a "food desert" near Dixie Circle. He added that many of the residents had to walk long distances to purchase food and hopefully this establishment would help cut down the foot traffic in that particular area of White Horse Road. Councilor Fant stated he supported the request.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

(b) Clear Spring Fire and Rescue District / General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bond

ACTION: Vice-Chairman Meadows moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$4,500,000 Greenville County, South Carolina, General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds (Clear Spring Fire and Rescue District Project), Series 2017; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended; to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters relating thereto.

Chairman Kirven stated the fire department was located in his district and the plan was to build a new fire station. He stated there was no tax increase involved and the building was to be built with current revenues available to the fire district.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

(c) Project Vandiver / Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement

ACTION: Vice-Chairman Meadows moved for adoption at third 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 Vandiver with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, including the provision of certain special source credits; and other matters related thereto.

ACTION: Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to hold the item to allow time for a public hearing to be scheduled for June 6, 2017.

Motion to hold carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (9) ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

(a) Brookfield Tax District / Millage Request

ACTION: Vice-Chairman Meadows moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to approve the Brookfield Special Tax District Commissioners' request for an increase to its current ad valorem property tax millage levy.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

(b) Supplemental Appropriation / E911

ACTION: Vice-Chairman Meadows moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to authorize a supplemental appropriation from the E911 Special Revenue Fund - Fund Balance to increase Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budgeted E911 Revenues \$375,000 and to increase Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budgeted E911 Expenditures \$375,000 to cover the cost of an unanticipated purchase of 911 call reporting software and replacement of computer equipment.

Councilor Dill inquired about the balance in the fund.

Joe Kernell stated he did not have the figures with him but the E-911 Fund Balance was substantial. The proposed ordinance would increase the operational support account by \$375,000 to pay for the software and computer equipment. He added the monies would be moved from the E911 fund balance to the E911 operational support account.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (10) ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

(a) Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 2474 / Road Maintenance Fee

Vice-Chairman Meadows presented for first reading an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 2474, as amended, so as to increase the County Road Maintenance Fee.

Chairman Kirven stated the item would remain on the floor.

(b) Ordinance to Establish a Uniform Charge for County-Wide Public Safety Communication Services

Vice-Chairman Meadows presented for first reading an ordinance to establish a uniform charge for the provision of upgraded County-wide public safety communication services to all real property within Greenville County.

Chairman Kirven stated the item would remain on the floor.

(c) Automobile Sales Lot Moratorium

Councilor Dill presented for first reading an ordinance declaring a moratorium on the issuance of building permits and certificates of occupancy for automobile sales in certain areas of Greenville County.

Chairman Kirven stated the item would remain on the floor.

Item (11) COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Committee of the Whole

1. Board and Commission Policy Amendment

On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to amend Section 6(B) of the Greenville County Council Policy for Board and Commission Appointments so that the first two sentences of that section reads as follows:

Each Committee is responsible for interviewing and nominating applicants for the boards and commissions as assigned above. It is preferable that new applicants appear before the Committee to be interviewed; incumbents have the option of appearing.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (12) APPEARANCES BY CITIZENS

- **Pamela Tyree**, 407 Junaluska Way, Greenville – appeared regarding TNR (Trap, Neuter and Release)

Item (13) ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Joe Kernell stated the first Annual EMS Award Luncheon was held earlier that day. He said a second luncheon would be held in Suite 400 on Thursday at 12:00 noon and he invited Council members to attend. Mr. Kernell stated the purpose of the luncheon was to recognize the top performers within the EMS department.

Item (14) REQUESTS AND MOTIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Councilor Fant recognized members of Vision 25 and District 25 who were in attendance. He acknowledged Councilor Dill for his leadership in helping work through the issue of used car lots. Mr. Fant stated he was proud to represent Greenville County at the Men of Color event. He stated 1600 young men from all around the country came together where they were encouraged by community leaders to rise above their difficulties. He stated it was very inspiring.

- Councilor Ballard commended the Canebrake Fire Department for their efforts in having their ISO rating lowered from a 5 to a 3.
- Councilor Payne stated Fred Cartwright, Executive Director of CU-ICAR, has been working to develop a partnership with the country of Israel and South Carolina, specifically CU-ICAR. A week ago they began hosting 8 entrepreneur companies from Israel who went first to the Silicon Valley, then to Detroit and were now in Clemson. He stated support was building to create an advanced manufacturing innovation center at CU-ICAR. He stated Israel was the "state of innovation" and it was his hope that some of the eight companies who visited might come back to Greenville.
- Councilor Dill invited everyone to the Strawberry Festival in Slater/Marietta on Saturday. He reminded his colleagues of the luncheon at the Upcountry History Museum on Monday at 12:00. Mr. Dill announced the unveiling of the Indian Chief at the Greenville Water System, also scheduled for Saturday. Mr. Dill stated his appreciation for Councilor Fant and for his earlier comments.
- Councilor Cates stated Taylors Mill would be holding their Spring Festival on Thursday from 4:00 – 9:00.
- Councilor Norris thanked staff for helping her in providing for some of the needs in the unseen areas of Greenville County. She stated she was continuing to work to acquire recreational facilities for many of those areas. She stated her appreciation to Legacy Charter School for helping supply a facility for many of the underserved children in her communities. Ms. Norris stated next week she would be having a meeting at Boulder Creek to help get some things started in that community. Councilor Norris then stated she much enjoyed the event held last week for Claflin University; one of five black UNCF schools in the state. She appreciated those individuals who participated.
- Councilor Roberts stated after a personal experience that concluded with a man passing away due to the lack of proper equipment, he was working with private partners to acquire funds to purchase defibrillators for all First Responders in Greenville County.
- Councilor Seman stated SCTAC's largest tenant, Lockheed Martin, was in the news last month when national television journalist Morgan Brennan reported live from Donaldson Field during CNBC's "Power Lunch" segment. Her visit to Greenville included a 50-minute flight in Lockheed Martin's T-50A trainer jet, where she experienced a thrilling 360 degree barrel roll, pulling 7.1 G's in the process.

Item (15)

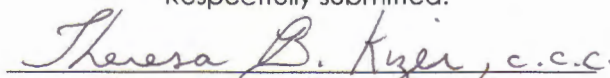
ADJOURNMENT

ACTION:

Councilor Seman moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present and the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


 Theresa B. Kizer, Clerk to Council