



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

6:08 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

John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator

Mark Tollison, County Attorney

Jeff Wile, Assistant County Attorney

Kimberly Wunder, Assistant County Attorney

Theresa Kizer, Clerk to Council

Regina McCaskill, Deputy Clerk to Council

Jessica Stone, Administrative Assistant, Clerk to Council

Paula Gucker, Assistant County Administrator, Public Works

Bob Mihalic, Governmental Relations Officer

Shannon Herman, Assistant to the County Administrator

Teresa Barber, Fire Code Official/Code Enforcement Supervisor

John Vandermosten, Assistant County Administrator, Public Safety

OTHERS PRESENT

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Butch Kirven

INVOCATION – Introduced by Councilor Ennis Fant, Sr.

Dr. Virgil Sullivan
Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church

Chairman Kirven acknowledged the attendance of Robert Stugert, a Boy Scout working on his Eagle Scout Award.

Councilor Dill acknowledged the attendance of the Government Class from Blue Ridge High School.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Item (4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Councilor Seman moved to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2017, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (5) APPEARANCES – current agenda items

None

Item (6) CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) FY2017 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG)
- (b) Petco Foundation Grant – Innovation Showdown
- (c) FY2017 Justice Assistance Grant
- (d) Community Project Application / Greenville County Fire Chief’s Association - \$1,000.00
- (e) Community Project Application / CA4I – Deployment of the A-Taxi Automated Electric Vehicle at ICAR - \$5,000.00
- (f) FY2018-19 Road Paving List

ACTION: Councilor Seman moved approval of Consent Agenda Items.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (7) ORDINANCES – THIRD READING

- (a) Zoning Ordinances
 - 1. CZ-2017-32: Property of Raymond Levy, located on Allen Street, Bynum Street and Hillhouse Street, requesting rezoning from C-3, C-2 and R-10 to R-M16.

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

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

- 2. CZ-2017-37: Property of Faith Properties, located at 2401 Poinsett Highway, requesting rezoning from R-7.5 to O-D.

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

ACTION: Councilor Ballard moved to hold the item on Council floor.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

3. **CZ-2017-39: Property of Frances E. and Ladson E. Cunningham, located on GSP Drive, requesting rezoning from I-1 to C-2.**

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

ACTION: Councilor Ballard moved to hold the item on the Council floor.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

4. **CZ-2017-40: Property of Dempsey Farms, LLC, located at 5106 Edwards Road, requesting rezoning from R-20 to R-M4.**

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

ACTION: Councilor Ballard moved to hold the item on the Council floor.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

(b) Berea Elementary School / Sale of Property

ACTION: Councilor Cates moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to authorize the sale of County owned property located at the corner of Farris Bridge Road and Sulphur Springs Road, commonly known as the Old Berea Elementary School; and to authorize the Chairman of County Council and the County Administrator to execute appropriate deeds and agreements related thereto.

Vice-Chairman Meadows recused himself from discussion and voting on the item due to a potential conflict of interest. He left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Motion carried by a roll call vote of eight (Dill, Barnes, Cates, Seman, Fant, Ballard, Kirven and Payne) in favor, two (Roberts and Norris) in opposition, one (Meadows) written abstention and one (Taylor) absent.

Item (8) ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

1. **CZ-2017-41: Property of Central Realty Holdings, LLC, located 10 Beacon Drive, requesting rezoning from C-3 and R-20 to FRD.**

Councilor Ballard stated the item had been withdrawn by the applicant.

Councilor Meadows returned to the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

(b) Project Mountaintop / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement Amendment – Addition of Sponsor

ACTION: Councilor Cates moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing the addition of Project Mountaintop, the code name for a South Carolina limited liability company, as a sponsor to an existing fee in lieu of tax agreement with Greenville County, South Carolina and the amendment of an existing fee in lieu of tax agreement to address the inclusion of Project Mountaintop as a sponsor; and other matters relating to the foregoing.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

(c) Roy Metal Finishing Company, Inc. / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement Amendment

ACTION: Councilor Cates moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing an amendment to that certain fee in lieu of tax agreement among Greenville County, South Carolina, Roy Metal Finishing Company, Inc., and JPCR, LLC dated June 1, 2012 and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

(d) Foothills Fire Service Area / Millage Request

ACTION: Councilor Cates moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to provide for the millage rate to be levied by the Foothills Fire Service Area.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (9) COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Committee of the Whole

1. Human Relations Commission (4 vacancies)

ACTION: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to elect Roberta Evans, Robert Houston, Ethan Johnstone and Nyroba Leamon to fill four vacancies on the Human Relations Commission.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

2. Clerk Appointment

ACTION: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to appoint Regina McCaskill as Interim Clerk to Council for not more than 90 days while Council reviews the job description and authorizes the negotiation of salary within the appropriate range.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (10) APPEARANCES BY CITIZENS

- **Kenneth Crenshaw**, 401 Mosteller Road, Greer – appeared regarding burning trash
- **Cynthia Chance**, 33 Seyle Street, Greenville – appeared regarding American values
- **Deborah Gravely**, 199 Watson Mountain Road, Marietta – appeared regarding River Falls Fire District

Item (11) ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

No Report

Item (12)

REQUESTS AND MOTIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Councilor Barnes asked everyone to remember the people in Houston.
- Councilor Norris stated she was still working on acquiring a facility for the Dunean Community and encouraged them not to give up.
- Councilor Seman stated the FAA had officially granted the release of inactive airfield property contiguous to Vetroresina, clearing the way for a major expansion project at the SCTAC-based manufacturer. This would not have been possible without the diligent efforts of the SCTAC team, which worked over a year to win FAA approval for the transaction.
- Councilor Fant recognized several individuals from District 25 who were in attendance of the evening's meeting. He then asked for his following statement to be verbatim in the record: "I am deeply troubled and saddened by the recommendation presented to Greenlink that evolved from a study as to how they can maximize efficiency without any more money or resources. A better approach would have been as to what are the definitive needs of the community and what are the resources needed to accomplish that end. The result of the current study basically eliminates loop routes and converts them to direct routes, primarily to and from downtown. The effort appears to make our public transportation system more attractive to more citizens who do not necessary need it, at the expense of the people who desperately need and rely on it for their very existence and survival. Mr. Chairman, God calls upon all of us to give voice to those that have no voice. And to offer substantive hope for the future for those whose future has already died unborn. To suggest that is ok in the name of efficiency to terminate the Grove Station/Lakeshore route because it is at the end of a long road, off the beaten path, is not only shamefully but morally wrong. These people work in the service economy and overwhelmingly rely on public transportation to get back and forth to work, primarily downtown, as a way to provide for their children. As Greenville is transforming from a large town into a small city, we can no longer look at public transportation with utter disdain at our worse or with blind indifference at our best. The continued upward trajectory of Greenville County in general and the city of Greenville in particular will require our undivided attention to the future needs of public transportation; not as a cute sidebar, not as public officials simply being idle spectators, but by all of us becoming involved participants."
- Mr. Ballard thanked the Boy Scout troops for their attendance at the meeting, and encouraged them to become involved in their local government.
- Chairman Kirven recognized Boy Scout Troop 259 from John Knox Presbyterian Church.
- Councilor Payne invited his colleagues to the Federal Highway Administration Peer Exchange to be held on Thursday and Friday, September 7th and 8th at County Square.
- Chairman Kirven reminded everyone to count their blessings.
- Councilor Dill commended staff for creating and Council for presenting the new county app, IMAP, which afforded Greenville County to win the Barrett Larimore Memorial Regional Cooperation Award at the SCAC Conference in August.

Item (13)

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION:

Councilor Dill moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa B. Kizer, Clerk to Council