



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes

Regular Meeting

September 18, 2018

6:06 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

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 Members Absent

Lynn Ballard, District 26

Staff Present

Joe Kernell, County Administrator

Mark Tollison, County Attorney

Dean Campbell, Deputy County Attorney

John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator

Regina McCaskill, Clerk to Council

Jessica Stone, Deputy Clerk to Council

Pam Gilliam, Administrative Assistant, County Council Office

Paula Gucker, Assistant County Administrator, Public Works

Sarah Holt, Planning Director

Bob Mihalic, Governmental Relations Officer

John Vandermosten, Assistant County Administrator, Public Safety

Others Present

None

Call to Order

Chairman Kirven

Invocation – *Introduced by Councilor Liz Seman*

Baxter Wynn
Retired Minister of Pastoral Care
First Baptist Church, Greenville

Pledge of Allegiance

Item (4) Approval of Minutes

ACTION: Councilor Seman moved to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2018, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (5) Presentation

a. Greenville County Youth Volunteer of the Year / Miller Davis

Deanna Damato, Litter Prevention Coordinator, presented the Greenville County Youth Volunteer of the Year award to Miller Davis, aged 6.

Ms. Damato stated that litter was not only unsightly, it posed serious environmental and economic threats to any community. "Litter Ends Here" recently held an awards celebration honoring Greenville County's volunteers who had a hand in helping remove over 277,000 pounds of litter in one year. Ms. Damato added that awards were given out for the "Adopt a Road" Group of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. The Youth Volunteer of the Year, Miller Davis, was unable to attend the ceremony.

According to his father, Miller Davis was "obsessed" with picking up litter and hoped to be a police officer when he grew up. Ms. Damato stated that Miller wanted to encourage the next generation as well as keep his neighborhood a better place for everyone to live. She added that Miller was already setting the example of what it was to be a great community steward; he even picked up litter during his vacation to Yosemite National Park this past summer. Ms. Damato stated if the next generation was just half as awesome as Miller, the future was in good hands.

Chairman Kirven stated he was aware that a number of audience members were interested in Item 10(d) Animal Control Ordinance Amendment / Tethering. Mr. Kirven stated a motion would be presented to hold the item until the October 2, 2018, County Council meeting. He added that State Law required a specified time limit notice prior to holding a public hearing. Unfortunately, there was not enough time between meetings to meet the requirement and the item would be held pending Council's approval of the motion.

Item (6) Public Hearings

a. Greater Greenville Sanitation District Annexation – Kimberly Drive

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding a resolution to enlarge the boundaries of the Greater Greenville Sanitation District to include certain properties located on Kimberly Drive, Travelers Rest, South Carolina; and to provide for public notice thereof.

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

b. Greater Greenville Sanitation District Annexation – 5 Hannah Springs Court

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding a resolution to enlarge the boundaries of the Greater Greenville Sanitation District to include 5 Hannah Springs Court, Taylors, South Carolina.

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

c. Terra Pines Estate Special Tax District / Creation

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance to create the Terra Pines Estate Special Tax District; to define the boundaries of the district and the purposed for which it was created; to establish the Terra Pines Estates Special Tax District Commission; and to impose a tax levy of not more than fifty dollars annually on all real property located within the district.

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

d. Foothills Fire Service Area / Millage Request

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance to provide for the millage are to be levied by the Foothills Fire Service Area.

- Richard Locke, 1010 E. Lakeshore Drive, Landrum – appeared in favor of the proposed.

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

Item (7) Appearances – current agenda items

- Bruce Wilson, 14 Freestone Street, Greenville – appeared regarding Item 13.a.1 Board & Commission appointments

Item (8) Consent Agenda

- FY 2018 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG)** (Finance)
- FY 2018 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant** (Finance)
- Community Project Application / Greenville County Parks and Recreation – Slater Hall Porch - \$2,730.00** (Finance)
- Community Project Application / Clemson University Master of Real Estate Development Program - \$3,000.00** (Finance)
- Waterline Grant – 201 Georges Hideaway** (PWI)

ACTION: Councilor Payne moved approval of the Consent Agenda Items.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (9) Resolutions

- Greater Greenville Sanitation District Annexation – Kimberly Drive**

ACTION: Councilor Seman moved for adoption a resolution to enlarge the boundaries of the Greater Greenville Sanitation District to include certain properties located on Kimberly Drive, Travelers Rest, South Carolina; and to provide for public notice thereof.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

b. Greater Greenville Sanitation District Annexation – 5 Hannah Springs Court

ACTION: Councilor Seman moved for adoption a resolution to enlarge the boundaries of the Greater Greenville Sanitation District to include 5 Hannah Springs Court, Taylors, South Carolina.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

c. Transtech of South Carolina, Inc. / Inducement Resolution

ACTION: Councilor Taylor moved for adoption a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an inducement agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Transtech of South Carolina, Inc., whereby, under certain conditions, Greenville County would execute a fee in lieu of tax agreement with respect to a project in the county whereby the project would be subject to payment of certain fees in lieu of taxes and providing for related matters.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (10) Ordinances – Third Reading

a. Zoning Ordinances

1. **CZ-2018-44:** Property of Helen Louise Hendrix and Charles Michael Hendrix, located at 2114 Standing Springs Road, requesting rezoning from R-S and R-M20 to R-12.

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

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

2. **CZ-2018-46:** Property of Upstate Custom Builders, located at 3 Owens Road, requesting rezoning from R-20 to R-7.5.

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

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

3. **CZ-2018-50:** Property of Donna Williamson, located at 908 Old Buncombe Road, requesting rezoning from S-1 to R-12.

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

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

4. **CZ-2018-52:** Property of W. Lemuel Dillard and Ann D. Withrow (trustee), located on Beeco Road, requesting rezoning from R-S to S-1.

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

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

b. Foothills Fire Service Area / Millage Request

ACTION: Councilor Taylor moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to provide for the millage rate to be levied by the Foothills Fire Service Area.

ACTION: Per notice provided in the Council packet, Councilor Taylor moved to suspend Council Rule IV(B)(3) to allow for amendments at third reading.

Motion to suspend Council Rule IV(B)(3) carried unanimously by Council Members present.

ACTION: Councilor Taylor moved to amend the ordinance to adjust the millage for CPI and growth and the millage to cover a deficit; the overall millage levy for the district would not change.

Councilor Taylor stated a redline copy of the proposed amendment was attached to the meeting's agenda.

Motion to amend carried unanimously by Council Members present.

ACTION: Councilor Taylor moved adoption of the ordinance as amended.

Motion as amended carried unanimously by Council Members present.

c. Terra Pines Estate Special Tax District / Creation

ACTION: Councilor Seman moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to create the Terra Pines Estates Special Tax District; to define the boundaries of the district and the purposes for which it was created; to establish the Terra Pines Estates Special Tax District Commission; and to impose a tax levy of not more than fifty dollars annually on all real property located within the district.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

d. Animal Control Ordinance Amendment / Tethering

ACTION: Councilor Seman moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to amend County Code at Chapter 4: Animals and Fowl, Article II: Dogs, Cats, Wildlife and Exotic Animals, Section 4-18 "Unlawful Acts" concerning tethering dogs.

ACTION: Councilor Seman moved to hold the item until the October 2nd Council meeting in order for the scheduled public hearing to be conducted.

Councilor Dill stated Council approved to allow for amendments at third reading at the last Council meeting. He asked if the motion would carry forward to the next meeting if the item was held.

Mark Tollison stated the motion would carry forward to third reading.

Councilor Seman stated it would be helpful if proposed amendments could be submitted in time to allow the public the opportunity to speak to those amendments.

Motion to hold carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (11) Ordinances – Second Reading

a. Project Dream / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

ACTION: Councilor Taylor 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 known to the County at this time as Project Dream with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes; and other matter related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

b. Belmont Fire and Sanitation District / General Obligation Bonds Issuance

ACTION: Councilor Taylor moved for approval at second reading an ordinance finding that the Belmont Fire and Sanitation District may issue not exceeding \$1,250,000 General Obligation Bonds; to authorize the Belmont Fire and Sanitation Commission of the Belmont Fire and Sanitation District, South Carolina, to issue such bonds and to provide for the publication of notice of the said finding and authorization.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

c. Donation and Transfer of Property / Talley Bridge Road

ACTION: Councilor Taylor moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing the donation and transfer of five (5) county owned lots located along Talley Bridge Road in Slater-Marietta to the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority for workforce housing; and authorizing the execution of deeds and any other appropriate documents and agreements related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

d. Greenville / Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment (2010 Park)

Councilor Taylor 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 Greenville and Anderson Counties so as to enlarge the park.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (12) Ordinances – First Reading

a. Councilor Cates presented for first reading Zoning Dockets CZ-2018-54 through CZ-2018-60.

Chairman Kirven referred the items to the Planning and Development Committee.

b. Transtech of South Carolina, Inc. / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

Councilor Taylor presented for first reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Transtech of South Carolina, Inc., with respect to certain economic development property in the county, whereby such property would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes; and other matters related thereto.

Chairman Kirven stated the item would remain on the floor.

c. Greenville / Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment – Transtech of South Carolina, Inc.

Councilor Taylor presented for first 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.

Chairman Kirven stated the item would remain on the floor.

d. Faiveley Transport North America, Inc. / Lease Agreement Amendment

Councilor Taylor presented for first reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of an amendment to the exiting lease agreement dated June 1, 1997 by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Faiveley Transport North America, Inc., with respect to certain economic development property in the county, whereby the term of the lease agreement shall be extended; and other matters related thereto.

Chairman Kirven stated the item would remain on the floor.

Item (13) Committee Reports

a. Committee of the Whole

1. Board and Commission Appointments

a. Glassy Mountain Fire Service Area

ACTION: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to close nominations and elect by acclamation the following to fill one vacancy for an unexpired term on the Glassy Mountain Fire Service Area:

Robert Coseo

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

b. Greenville County Redevelopment Authority

ACTION: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to close nominations and elect by acclamation the following to fill three vacancies on the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority:

James Hammond, Charlotte Osmer and Erin Smith

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

c. Human Relations Commission

ACTION: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to close nominations and elect by acclamation the following to fill four vacancies on the Human Relations Commission:

Matthew Cazessus, Armilla Moore, Dexter Reaves and Margaret Young

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (14) Appearances by Citizens

- Cynthia Chance, 33 Seyle Street, Greenville – appeared regarding Dunean Community
- Erica McCleskey, 37 Pinehurst Drive, Greenville – appeared regarding an invitation to Council to The Wellies
- Hao Wu, 6526 White Horse Road, Apt. 6D, Greenville – appeared regarding appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals
- Ed Paxton, 1 York Circle, Greenville – appeared regarding tax assessments

Item (15) Administrator's Report

No Report

Item (16) Requests and Motions by Council Members

- Councilor Seman stated that SCTAC was pleased to welcome Michael A. Fox as the new General Manager and Site Director for Lockheed Martin Greenville. Before joining Lockheed, Mr. Fox served 22 years in the US Air Force. Ms. Seman stated he came to Greenville from Lockheed's Marietta Georgia facility, where he directed the C-5, C-130 and F-22 programs. She added that Mr. Fox would oversee Lockheed Greenville's entire 500 person operation and focus on the buildout of the F16 production line at SCTAC.
- Councilor Fant thanked the members of Vision 25 who were in attendance. Mr. Fant stated he was somewhat troubled with regards to Council's efforts in the area of boards and commissions; they were starting to look exactly like Council which was not representative of the community. Mr. Fant stated he was concerned about the fact that Bruce Wilson was not appointed to the Greater Greenville Sanitation board by the Public Safety Committee. Even though District 25 was the only district in Greenville County that was encompassed totally by Greater Greenville Sanitation, there was no representation from the district on the board. He added that he would be nominating Mr. Wilson for the Greater Greenville Sanitation board at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. Mr. Fant also expressed concern that Hao Wu was not appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals. He added that Mr. Wu was very involved in the community and had been attending the BZA meetings for quite some time. Mr. Fant stated that Mr. Wu's name would be resubmitted for consideration for the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Councilor Fant stated Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict would be approaching Council in the near future about expanding in southern Greenville County. Mr. Fant stated growth in the County could only go south but water and sewer must be extended to the area in order to facilitate growth. He added he also wanted to get rid of the toll booths on the Southern Connector and doing so would probably quell any need to raise taxes for the next two generations. Mr. Fant stated he had requested the County Attorney's office to explore ways to accomplish this and suggested the possibility of a multi-county tax district using the revenue generated by the expansion in southern Greenville County to pay off the indebtedness.
- Councilor Payne stated he felt Councilor Fant's remarks were a bit harsh. He stated that earlier during the evening's Committee of the Whole meeting, Council had to vote for three out of eight applicants to fill the three vacancies on the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority (GCRA). Mr. Payne stated he felt that all eight applicants were qualified. One of the applicants, an incumbent, was not re-elected. Mr. Payne added that one of the new applicants elected was from District 25. He asked Mr. Fant to reconsider and perhaps soften his comments.
- Councilor Payne stated he agreed there was a need for growth in southern Greenville County. He stated the Southern Connector was a private road built with private money; many of the investors lost money. Neither Greenville County nor the State of South Carolina lost any money related to the road. Mr. Payne stated he was not sure what the legal ramifications would be for the County to step in and pay off the indebtedness. Mr. Payne stated three things were needed in order to bring growth the southern Greenville County: sewer, water, zoning that was permissive for the type of businesses that would create growth.
- Councilor Payne stated innovation opportunities happening in Greenville County were phenomenal. The A-taxi shuttles would be deployed over a three-year period in the Parker District and at CU-ICAR – Verdae. Another opportunity associated with precise positioning and precise timing of 5G communications was also on the horizon. Mr. Payne stated that last week, Greenville was mentioned at the World Mobile Congress as bringing the most to the table from a number of communities that have been looked at for technology and innovation opportunities.

- Councilor Dill stated he agreed with Councilor Payne. Mr. Dill stated during the storm he received updates from EOC (Emergency Operations Center) and he greatly appreciated the information. He added that he had been appointed Chairman of SCAC's Intergovernmental Committee again and the committee would be meeting the following day. He asked his colleagues to submit ideas and recommendations for the committee to deal with prior to the General Assembly meeting to be held in October. Mr. Dill stated Greenville County was a wonderful place to live.
- Councilor Cates thanked Councilor Payne for his remarks.
- Vice-Chairman Meadows thanked Council for sending flowers, as well as their prayers, for his wife, Joanne, during her recuperation from surgery. He stated she was making progress every day.
- Chairman Kirven stated October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month and he had agreed to help with fundraising for "Real Men Wear Pink."
- Councilor Norris stated something had to be done about the Hampton Avenue Bridge. She was aware it was a matter of right-of-way but the County needed to come up with a solution.
- Councilor Norris stated she felt Greenville County had not adequately prepared for last week's hurricane. She had a number of people contact her prior to the storm with questions about shelters, etc.
- Joe Kernell stated the County was very prepared for the impending storm but it was not necessary to open shelters as the Upstate was fortunately spared from Hurricane Florence. County staff, fire, police, Public Works, etc., prepared for over two (2) weeks for the storm and if it had become apparent that emergency services were needed, the County would have activated services.

Item (17) Adjournment

ACTION: Councilor Norris moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present and the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina G. McCaskill, Clerk to Council