



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
December 1, 2020
5:03 p.m.

County Square - Council Chambers
Remote Participation by Council Members

Council Members

Mr. Butch Kirven, *Chairman, District 27*
Mr. Willis Meadows, *Vice Chairman, District 19*
Mrs. Xanthene Norris, *Chairman Pro Tem, District 23*
Mr. Joe Dill, *District 17*
Mr. Mike Barnes, *District 18*
Mr. Sid Cates, *District 20*
Mr. Rick Roberts, *District 21*
Mr. Bob Taylor, *District 22*
Mrs. Liz Seman, *District 24*
Mr. Ennis Fant, Sr., *District 25*
Mr. Lynn Ballard, *District 26*
Mr. Dan Tripp, *District 28*

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted online and on the bulletin board at County Square and made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Council Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Joe Kernell, *County Administrator*
Mark Tollison, *County Attorney*
Kim Wunder, *Assistant County Attorney*
John Hansley, *Deputy County Administrator*
Regina McCaskill, *Clerk to Council*
Jessica Stone, *Deputy Clerk to Council*
Pam Gilliam, *Administrative Assistant*

Others Present

None

Call to Order

Chairman Kirven

Invocation

Councilor Joe Dill

Pledge of Allegiance

Item (4) Approval of Minutes

Action: Councilor Ballard moved to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2020, Special Called Council Meeting and the November 17, 2020, Regular Council Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (5) Public Hearings

a. Greenville County Historic and Natural Resources Trust

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance to establish the Greenville County Historic and Natural Resources Trust to protect lands with significant natural, cultural and/or historic resources in Greenville County, South Carolina.

- **Anne Peden** – appeared in favor of the proposed
- **John Lummus** – appeared in favor of the proposed
- **Ed Paxton** – appeared in opposition to the proposed

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

b. Anderson / Greenville Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement / Lighthouse Greenville LLC (formerly Project McClaren)

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated industrial / business park in conjunction with Anderson County, such industrial / business park to be geographically located in Greenville County and established pursuant to Sec. 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended; to provide for a written agreement with Anderson County to provide for the expenses of the park, the percentage of revenue application, and the distribution of fees in lieu of ad valorem taxation; and other matters related thereto.

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

c. Michelin North America Inc. / Conversion and Transfer of Property

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance authorizing (1) the conversion and transfer of property subject to an existing lease agreement between Greenville County, South Carolina and Michelin North America, Inc., to a fee in lieu of property taxes arrangement under Title 12, Chapter 44 of the South Carolina Code, as amended; (2) the execution and delivery of such documents as may be necessary to effect the intent of this ordinance; and (3) other matters relating thereto.

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

d. Michelin North America Inc. / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement Amendment

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance authorizing (1) the execution and delivery of a first amendment to the fee in lieu of tax and incentive agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Michelin North America, Inc., to extend the investment period, the negotiated FILOT payment period, and the period during which the company was eligible for special source credits; (2) the execution and delivery of such documents as may be necessary to effect the intent of this ordinance; and (3) others matters relating thereto.

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

e. Greenville / Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment – Michelin North America Inc.

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park.

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

f. Fitesa Simpsonville, LLC (formerly Project Red Bug) / Fee in Lieu of Tax and Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Fitesa Simpsonville, LLC, with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, including the provision of certain special source credits; and other matters related thereto.

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

g. MDH Partners, LLC (formerly Project Ice Cube) / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and MDH Partners, LLC, 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.

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

h. Conveyance of Property to SCDOT to be used for Right-of-Way

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance to authorize the conveyance of a parcel of real property from Greenville County to the South Carolina Department of Transportation in connection with a road improvement project on Maloy Street.

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

Item (6) Appearances - Current Agenda Items

- **Steve Graham** – appeared regarding Item 8.a. Support for a Co-Located Countywide Dispatch Center
- **Steve Kovalcik** – appeared regarding Item 8.a. Support for a Co-Located Countywide Dispatch Center

Item (7) Consent Agenda

- a. Community Project Application / Belmont Fire Department – 800 MHz Radio - \$3,877.00 (Finance)**
- b. Community Project Application / Clear Spring Fire District – Mobile Data Terminal - \$5,000.00 (Finance)**

Action: Councilor Dill moved approval of the Consent Agenda items.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (8) Resolutions

a. Support for a Co-Located Countywide Dispatch Center

Action: Councilor Roberts moved for adoption a resolution in support of a co-located countywide dispatch center for the Greenville County Sheriff's Office, Greenville County Emergency Medical Services and local fire districts, to promote operational and financial efficiencies for the health and safety of Greenville County citizens..

Councilor Roberts stated Councilor Ballard was prepared to offer an amendment to the resolution based on input received over the past few days; Mr. Roberts asked to be given the opportunity to clarify the proposed amendment.

Action: Councilor Ballard moved to amend the resolution to strike the last line in the sixth paragraph:

~~WHEREAS, the Greenville County Sheriff and the Greenville County Fire Chief's Association have both expressed support for a co-located dispatch center in which the Sheriff retains management of law enforcement dispatch and the Executive Director for Greenville County Emergency Medical Services (GCEMS) manages GCEMS and local fire dispatch; and~~

And add the underlined phrase in the last paragraph:

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Greenville County Council supports the consideration and effort to co-locate countywide dispatch services in the future GCEMS headquarters to incorporate the Greenville County Sheriff's Office, GCEMS, and all local fire district dispatch, including municipal fire and law enforcement agencies.

Councilor Roberts stated the resolution and the proposed amendments were extremely important. Mr. Roberts stated they had met with the stakeholders involved; he had discussed the proposed resolution with several entities to include fire districts and municipalities. Sheriff Lewis was very committed to having input and control over the dispatch area for the Sheriff's Office; he was also very supportive of having the needed space. Some of the municipalities were concerned they would be under the purview of the Sheriff's Office according to the language contained in the resolution, without the proposed amendments; the fire districts dispatch could possibly have been under Emergency Medical Services dispatch. Mr. Roberts stated he spoke with Councilor Barnes who had spoken to Sheriff Lewis; he was concerned that the proposed amendments were "taking something away" from his office. The proposed resolution and amendment would not take any oversight away from the Sheriff's Office; it was simply intended to make space available for all dispatch services to work together in the same building, not to assign responsibility.

Mr. Kernell agreed that the intent of the resolution was to provide the impetus to provide the needed space, going forward for a co-location.

Councilor Barnes requested clarification that the proposed amendment would not decrease Sheriff Lewis' responsibilities or manpower.

Mr. Kernell stated it would have no effect on Sheriff Lewis' responsibilities or manpower; it was just an encouragement to look for a co-location for the County's dispatch services. Services could not be taken away from Sheriff Lewis or his office as they were statutorily assigned. The proposed resolution and amendments were not intended to interfere with the operations of the Sheriff's Office.

Councilor Roberts confirmed that there would be no impact on dispatch services for the Sheriff's Office. The biggest fear of losing control came from the municipalities; they were afraid they would fall under the purview of another authority after negotiations. The proposed resolution and amendments would not take any responsibility away from an authority; however, they did not assign duties. If there were any changes, they would take effect after negotiations. Currently, the Sheriff's Office dispatched the Law Enforcement Center; it was becoming cumbersome and tight for them. Due to the lack of space, the number of communication lines was limited; there were other limitations involved as well.

Mr. Kernell confirmed Councilor Roberts' statements. There was quite a bit of work that needed to be done; the resolution was merely setting the framework.

Councilor Roberts stated public safety was the County's major goal for its citizens. Other counties in the state were moving toward similar setups.

Councilor Dill inquired as to why it was necessary to delete the sentence if there would be no affect. He thought the proposed resolution was "the greatest thing" as the County had been working on the issue for years. To approve the proposed amendment was a "real slap in the face." Mr. Dill requested reassurance that Sheriff Lewis would still be the Executive Director of Law Enforcement dispatch.

Councilor Roberts stated removing the sentence did not give Greenville County the authority to take over Law Enforcement dispatch. There could be changes if the municipalities became involved. Greenville County would not be involved in the hiring and firing of EMS personnel for the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Roberts stated he had spoken to Sheriff Lewis; he was aware of the proposed amendment and in agreement with it.

Chairman Kirven stated the resolution was regarding the need for a facility, not about oversight or responsibility of specific entities. The resolution encouraged the County to proceed along those lines.

Chairman Kirven stated Sheriff Lewis was watching the meeting and was available to speak to the matter.

Sheriff Lewis stated after listening the comments, he was concerned about striking the sentence from the resolution; it led him to believe there was "something else coming." Sheriff Lewis confirmed that he had discussed the resolution with Mr. Roberts and had no problem going forward when talking about the facility; he requested the resolution only address the facility and not personnel.

Councilor Roberts stated the resolution only addressed the facility; deleting the sentence was to ensure the municipalities were not excluded.

Mr. Kernell stated Sheriff Lewis' responsibilities could not merely be removed from his office. The intent of the amendment was to clarify that the Sheriff's dispatch would not be in charge of the other law enforcement agencies in the County. A simple fix would be to say that Sheriff Lewis would remain responsible for dispatch of the Sheriff's Office operations; there could be different ways to dispatch for the other agencies. There were quite a few things that had to be worked out.

Chairman Kirven asked Mr. Ballard if he was willing to revise his proposed amendment in order to assure everyone the resolution was only about the building, not personnel.

Councilor Ballard stated he was willing to either amend the amendment or hold it with Councilor Roberts suggesting that amendments at third reading were allowed. Council could vote on the resolution as presented and the item could be reviewed.

Councilor Roberts stated he was in favor of allowing for amendments at third reading.

Chairman Kirven stated the item was not an ordinance; it was a resolution and there were not three readings associated with it.

Councilor Ballard stated he had no problem with changing the language of the resolution to reflect that it was only in reference to the building and not personnel.

Action: Councilor Ballard withdrew the proposed amendments.

Chairman Kirven asked Mr. Tollison if there was an appropriate phrase that could be used to clarify the intent of the resolution.

Mr. Tollison stated the item in question was a support resolution and not an ordinance and there would be no additional readings; the resolution was merely supporting co-location of a proposed building. He suggested a motion to hold the item to allow for the opportunity to re-examine the item; it could be addressed at the next Council meeting scheduled for December 15.

Chairman Kirven asked Mr. Tollison to confirm the proposed amendment would not substantively change the resolution; it would not alter any lines of authority or control over dispatch whatsoever.

Mr. Tollison stated he wanted Council to be comfortable with the language contained in the resolution, whether as presented or as amended. The resolution was not legal action and had no bearing on current or future dispatch operations.

Councilor Seman stated the phrase “municipal fire and law enforcement agencies” was the important piece for her. It was important to make sure the municipalities were included; Mr. Tollison had clarified the intent of the resolution. Ms. Seman suggested the following as a compromise; in order to address Sheriff Lewis’ concerns:

WHEREAS, the Greenville County Sheriff and the Greenville County Fire Chief’s Association have both expressed support for a co-located dispatch center in which the Sheriff retains management of law enforcement dispatch and the Executive Director for Greenville County Emergency Medical Services (GCEMS) manages GCEMS and local fire dispatch, *including municipal fire and law enforcement agencies.*

Action: Councilor Barnes moved to hold the item until December 15 in order to gather additional information and public input.

Action: Councilor Roberts moved to return the item to the Committee on Public Safety.

Councilor Ballard inquired if Councilor Barnes’ motion to hold took precedence over Councilor Roberts’ motion.

Councilor Roberts stated both Councilor Barnes and Councilor Ballard were members of the Committee on Public Safety; he inquired if they would be willing to return the item to the committee with input from Sheriff Lewis.

Action: Councilor Barnes moved to amend his motion to hold to a motion to return the item to the Committee on Public Safety with input from Sheriff Lewis.

Motion to refer to the Committee on Public Safety carried unanimously.

b. Abandoned Building Cite Certification / Magnolia Property

Action: Councilor Taylor moved for adoption a resolution to provide a certification pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act (S.C. Code Section 12-67-100 et seq.) for the property located at 932 N.E. Main Street, Simpsonville, South Carolina.

Chairman Kirven stated the property was located in his district and was occupied by an abandoned convenience store; the owners had plans for new businesses to rejuvenate the site. Mr. Kirven recommended approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Abandoned Textile Mill Certification / Southern Land Company

Action: Councilor Taylor moved for adoption a resolution to provide a certification pursuant to the South Carolina Textile Communities Revitalization Act for certain properties located on U.S. Highway 123, State Highway 81 and 3rd Avenue formerly part of Judson Mill in Greenville, South Carolina.

Motion carried unanimously.

d. Project Backyard / 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 Project Backyard, 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.

e. Marley Lilly LLC / Consenting to Extension of Fee Agreement

Action: Councilor Taylor moved for adoption a resolution consenting to an extension of the project period for the Marley Lilly LLC and commercial Land Management LLC under the fee agreement with Greenville County pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (9) Ordinances – Third Reading

a. Zoning Ordinances

i. CZ-2020-63: Property of Raul Lopez, Jr., located on Old Piedmont Highway, requesting rezoning from C-1 to C-3.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Anderson / Greenville Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement / Lighthouse Greenville LLC (formerly Project McClaren)

Action: Councilor Seman moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated industrial/business park in conjunction with Anderson County, such industrial/business park to be geographically located in Greenville County and established pursuant to Sec. 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended; to provide for a written agreement with Anderson County to provide for the expenses of the park, the percentage of revenue application, and the distribution of fees in lieu of ad valorem taxation; and other matters related thereto.

Chairman Kirven stated there was an affordable housing component attached to the project.

Councilor Norris stated she was in agreement with the proposed and urged her colleagues in favor of the proposed.

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Michelin North America Inc. / Conversion and Transfer of Property

Action: Councilor Seman moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance authorizing (1) the conversion and transfer of property subject to an existing lease agreement between Greenville County, South Carolina and Michelin North America, Inc., to a fee in lieu of property taxes arrangement under Title 12, Chapter 44 of the South Carolina Code, as amended; (2) the execution and delivery of such documents as may be necessary to effect the intent of this ordinance; and (3) other matters relating thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

d. Michelin North America Inc. / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement Amendment

Action: Councilor Seman moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance authorizing (1) the execution and delivery of a first amendment to the fee in lieu of tax and incentive agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Michelin North America, Inc. to extend the investment period, the negotiated FILOT payment period, and the period during which the company was eligible for special source credits; (2) the execution and delivery of such documents as may be necessary to effect the intent of this ordinance; and (3) other matters relating thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

e. Greenville / Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment – Michelin North America Inc.

Action: Councilor Seman moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park (the “park”) of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park.

Motion carried unanimously.

f. Fitesa Simpsonville, LLC (formerly Project Red Bug) / Fee in Lieu of Tax and Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement

Action: Councilor Seman 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 Fitesa Simpsonville, LLC, with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, including the provision of certain special source credits; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

g. MDH Partners, LLC (formerly Project Ice Cube) / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

Action: Councilor Seman 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 MDH Partners, LLC, 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.

Motion carried unanimously.

h. Conveyance of Property to SCDOT to be Used for Right-of-Way

Action: Councilor Seman moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to authorize the conveyance of a parcel of real property from Greenville County to the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) in connection with a road improvement project on Maloy Street (S-23-609).

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (10) Ordinances – Second Reading

a. Conveyance of County-owned Property to the City of Greenville

Action: Councilor Taylor moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to authorize the transfer of county-owned property located along the Reedy River between S. Hudson Street and the eastern Right-of-Way for the Norfolk and Southern Railroad to the City of Greenville, and to authorize the execution of a quit-claim deed related thereto.

Councilor Norris stated the property was located in her district and she was in support of the proposed. She had spoken with Mayor Knox White about the conveyance; she requested support by her colleagues.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Greenville County Historic and Natural Resources Trust

Action: On behalf of the Committee of the Whole, Vice-Chairman Meadows moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to establish the Greenville County Historic and Natural Resources Trust to protect lands with significant natural, cultural and/or historic resources in Greenville County, South Carolina.

Action: On behalf of the Committee of the Whole, Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to amend the ordinance to reflect the changes outlined in the red-lined version included in the agenda packet.

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Action: Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to allow for amendments at third reading.

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Action: Vice-Chairman Meadows moved approval of the ordinance as amended.

Motion as amended carried unanimously.

Councilor Taylor left the meeting.

c. Unification of Sewer Collection Services

Action: On behalf of the Committee of the Whole, Vice-Chairman moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing (1) the consolidation of Berea Public Service District; Gantt Fire, Sewer and Police District; Marietta Water, Fire, Sanitation, and Sewer District; Parker Sewer and Fire Sub-District; Taylors Fire and Sewer District; and Wade Hampton Fire and Sewer District into Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict; (2) Approving a plan of consolidation in connection therewith; and (3) other matters related thereto.

Action: Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to allow for amendments at third reading.

Motion to amend carried with Councilor Barnes voting in opposition.

Councilor Cates stated it was his understanding that several of the sewer subdistricts had applied for a transfer or were considering a transfer to MetroConnects; he asked which subdistricts had agreed to do so. The subdistricts had been given the option to transfer into MetroConnects voluntarily, which may afford some opportunities to avoid penalties in regards to the fire service areas.

Chairman Kirven stated he did not have that information.

Action: On behalf of the Committee of the Whole, Vice-Chairman Meadows moved approval of the ordinance as amended.

Motion as amended carried by a roll call vote of eight (Dill, Roberts, Norris, Seman, Fant, Ballard, Kirven and Tripp) in favor, three (Barnes, Meadows and Cates) in opposition and one (Taylor) absent.

d. Creation of the Berea Fire Service Area, Gantt Fire Service Area, Parker Fire Service Area, Taylors Fire Service Area, and Wade Hampton Fire Service Area

Action: On behalf of the Committee of Whole, Vice-Chairman Meadows moved for approval at second reading an ordinance creating the Berea Fire Service Area, Gantt Fire Service Area, Parker Fire Service Area, Taylors Fire Service Area, and Wade Hampton Fire Service Area, each in Greenville County, South Carolina, and boards of fire control for each such fire service area, approving the annual levy and collection of Ad Valorem taxes and/or the imposition of rates and charges for the operation and maintenance thereof within each fire service area, approving the issuance of general obligation bonds on behalf of each such fire service area, and other matters relating thereto.

Action: Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to allow for amendments at third reading.

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Action: On behalf of the Committee of the Whole, Vice-Chairman Meadows moved approval of the ordinance as amended.

Motion as amended carried by a roll call vote of eight (Dill, Roberts, Norris, Seman, Fant, Ballard, Kirven and Tripp) in favor, three (Barnes, Meadows and Cates) in opposition and one (Taylor) absent.

Item (11) Ordinances – First Reading

a. Greenville / Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment – Project Underwood

Councilor Seman presented for first 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 to include certain parcels owned by an entity identified by the County as Project Underwood.

Chairman Kirven stated the item would remain on the floor.

b. Greenville / Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment – Project Ammo

Councilor Seman presented for first 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 to include certain parcels owned by an entity identified by the County as Project Ammo.

Chairman Kirven stated the item would remain on the floor.

c. Project Backyard / Fee in Lieu of Tax And Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement

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

Chairman Kirven stated the item would remain on the Council floor.

Item (12) Committee Reports

There were no additional reports.

Item (13) Appearances – Items not on the Current Agenda

- **Jeremy Krober** – appeared regarding Council email policies
- **Dawn Pyle** – appeared regarding Council email policies
- **Penny Lillis** – appeared regarding Council email policies
- **Tom Goss** – appeared regarding Council email policies
- **Michael Stansell** – appeared regarding ad valorem tax methodology

Item (14) Administrator's Report

Joe Kernell stated the weekly CARES Act report that was due on November 27 was delayed due to the holiday; it would be ready for review later in the evening. Staff had been working with Greenville Transit Authority for new payer boxes for the buses; the boxes allow contactless payments. Three (3) mobile vaccine units would be available through Prisma Health to administer COVID-19 vaccines, once they were available. Prisma Health felt three units would be adequate to service those areas with no limited access to clinics and hospitals. Staff had also been working with mental health agencies on a mental health / drug and alcohol treatment facility expansion, which would be part of the existing Phoenix Center. The facility would provide services for mental health / drug and alcohol issues related to COVID-19; services at the facility would extend after the pandemic was over.

Item (15) Requests and Motions by Council Members

a. County Council Rules Amendment / Non-Agenda Items Comment Session

Councilor Ballard stated Council had been at a deadlock regarding the issue earlier.

Action: Councilor Ballard moved to refer the item to the Committee of the Whole at the next scheduled meeting.

Without objection, the item was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

b. Face Covering Resolution

Councilor Fant stated Greenville County's number of reported new coronavirus continued to rise; the County also repeatedly led the state in daily cases. Given that information, Councilor Fant stated he would be presenting a resolution regarding mask wearing in response to the pandemic. The media, as well as several constituents, had requested Council vote on the item immediately; to do so would require eight (8) votes. He was certain that would not occur.

Action: Councilor Fant moved to refer the item to the Committee on Public Safety.

Without objection, the item was referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

- Chairman Kirven stated pending unfinished business necessitated the need for a Special Called Council meeting as well as a Special Called Committee of the Whole meeting; the meetings were scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2020.
- Councilor Barnes stated Johnny Hill, a local World War II veteran, had celebrated his 100th birthday earlier in the year. As the family was unable to have a party for Mr. Hill due to the coronavirus pandemic, a parade was organized around his home. Mr. Hill passed away on Monday, November 30; Councilor Barnes asked everyone to keep the family in their thoughts and prayers. He thanked Mr. Hill for his service to the country.
- Councilor Dill stated emails sent to Council Members were subject to FOIA. He apologized to any citizen to whom he may have caused problems. He had contacted one citizen who had been accused of an act; the gentleman had indicated it was an untruth. Mr. Dill stated if a citizen sent an email to a Council Member, the individual writing it should be aware of the correct facts.
- Councilor Tripp stated he hoped everyone had a great Thanksgiving; he looked forward to seeing everyone on December 15.
- Councilor Ballard asked everyone to keep Chief Ken Taylor in their thoughts and prayers; he was still very sick but appeared to be getting better. Mr. Ballard requested the Future Land Use map be included on GIS in order for it to be interactive.
- Councilor Fant stated he hoped Council could get back to a place where “truth matters and truth counts”, given the fact that the election was over. Council had to get civility back into its public discourse. The angst and division among Council did not serve the public well; it was his prayer and hope that they could work together in 2021, taking the interests of the people seriously. Mr. Fant thanked Councilor Seman and Councilor Ballard for participating in the Town Hall meeting to discuss the proposed sewer consolidation.
- Councilor Seman stated SCTAC would not be providing its annual report this year; she hoped it would be back on track for next year.
- Councilor Norris stated there were a lot of people in need; she encouraged people to help, if they were able. She reminded everyone to be very careful about what they said.
- Councilor Roberts stated the Countywide Dispatch Center was very important for the County and would be approved. He apologized for any problems a citizen may have encountered regarding Council emails. In FOIA requests, identifying information was redacted; the information would not be redacted if a Council Member forwarded an email to others. Mr. Roberts stated he appreciated the honor of serving on County Council; it was the greatest honor of his life.

Item (16) Adjournment

Action: Councilor Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina G. McCaskill
Clerk to Council