

MINUTES
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE
February 16, 2021
3:45 p.m.

Conference Room D – with limited seating
Remote participation by Committee members

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

LIZ SEMAN, CHAIR
LYNN BALLARD
BUTCH KIRVEN
XANTHENE NORRIS
STAN TZOUVELEKAS

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

NONE

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

BRIAN BISHOP, FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR
PAULA GUCKER, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
HELEN HAHN, ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR
JESSICA JORDAN, CODE ENFORCEMENT DIRECTOR
TYLER STONE, LONG RANGE PLANNING MANAGER
PATTY WRIGHT
KIM WUNDER, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Seman called the meeting to order at 345 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Mr. Tzouvelekas provided the invocation.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2021 COMMITTEE MEETING

MOTION: By Mr. Ballard to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2021 Committee meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

UPDATE TO THE GREENVILLE COUNTY FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE

Paula Gucker, Assistant County Administrator introduced Brian Bishop, Floodplain Administrator and staff to the Committee and stated he would be presenting to them the update to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

Brian Bishop, Floodplain Administrator addressed the Committee members with a request to update the County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. He explained staff had received a letter from FEMA of proposed modified flood hazard determinations affecting the Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Insurance Study report for Greenville County, South Carolina.

Mr. Bishop answered questions from the Committee and explained there would not be any change to the floodplain maps except elevations would be noted. Additionally, Greenville County was given a better rating, which would assist residents with their flood insurance. The citizens would be getting a 15 percent discount on their rates.

Mr. Bishop also noted Greenville County had received an award for excellence in Floodplain Management. He thanked all of staff for their assistance.

Mr. Ballard asked about the changes, one which stated any new construction had to conform to regulations, but any replacements of bridges or culverts did not. His question was why a bridge or culvert being replaced did not have to meet regulations.

Mr. Bishop explained replacing something that was done many years ago to meet regulations may end up disturbing the floodway, perhaps closing a road, having another flood study done, it would change the floodplain map and the process would take more than a year.

Chairwoman Seaman asked about stream bank restoration and was this new requirement for development.

Mr. Bishop explained there was really nothing concrete that was relayed to him from the Corps of Engineers.

Ms. Gucker stated she and staff had been working with the Reedy River Water Quality Group on stream banks and stream buffers. There will be a proposal that will come with the Unified Development Ordinance. She shared a two minute video showing what stream banking and stream buffering can do for floodplain and water quality.

Mr. Tzouvelekas asked about the insurance rates, what would the best be and how to get there. He also asked about the stream banks and stream buffers and what that does for the county.

Ms. Gucker stated the stream bank restoration actually stabilizes the banks and you do not have the erosion and the floodplain does not grow. The stream bank stays within its bounds better.

Mr. Bishop explained the rating process and in order to achieve a better rating it would require more staff and implementing more programs. There would be a lot of work involved with more staff.

MOTION: By Mr. Ballard to approve the changes as submitted and forward to full Council. The motion carried by voice vote.

GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT ANNEXATION REQUEST - 225 Helen Drive, 40 Bald Rock Drive, 17 Butler Springs Road and 3059 State Park Road.

Kim Wunder, Assistant County Attorney addressed the Committee members with an annexation request for Greater Greenville Sanitation for 225 Helen Drive, 40 Bald Rock Drive, 17 Butler Springs Road and 3059 State Park Road.

MOTION: By Mr. Kirven to approve the resolution to hold a Public Hearing and the resolution to Enlarge the Boundaries of the Greater Greenville Sanitation District to include 225 Helen Drive, 40 Bald Rock Drive, 17 Butler Springs Road and 3059 State Park Road. The motion carried by voice vote.

GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT ANNEXATION REQUEST – GLEN FOREST DRIVE DEVELOPMENT SUBDIVISION

Kim Wunder, Assistant County Attorney addressed the Committee members with an annexation request for Greater Greenville Sanitation to annex an 11 lot subdivision on Glen Forest Drive. The request is not being made by all of the residents, but there has been a majority vote.

Mr. Ballard asked Ms. Wunder if this met the contiguous requirement to add.

Ms. Wunder stated it did meet the contiguous requirement .

MOTION: By Mr. Ballard to approve the resolution to hold a Public Hearing and the resolution to Enlarge the Boundaries of the Greater Greenville Sanitation to include the Glen Forest Drive Development Subdivision. The motion carried by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: By Mr. Tzouvelekas to adjourn. Without objection Ms. Seman adjourned the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Helen Hahn
Administrative Coordinator