



## GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Minutes

Regular Meeting  
November 17, 2020  
4:05 p.m.

County Square - Council Chambers

#### **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*  
**Dean Campbell**, *Assistant County Attorney*  
**John Hansley**, *Deputy County Administrator*  
**Regina McCaskill**, *Clerk to Council*  
**Jessica Stone**, *Deputy Clerk to Council*  
**Pam Gilliam**, *Administrative Assistant*  
**Paula Gucker**, *Assistant County Administrator, Public Works*

#### **Others Present**

None

#### **Call to Order**

Chairman Kirven

#### **Invocation**

Councilor Dan Tripp

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Item (4)      Approval of Minutes**

**Action:** Councilor Seman moved to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2020, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item (5)      Public Hearings**

**a.      Terra Pines Estates Special Tax District / Enlarge Boundaries**

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance to enlarge the boundaries of the Terra Pines Estates Special Tax District to include real property contiguous to the district located on Terra Creek Court.

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

**Item (6)      Appearances - Current Agenda Items**

- **Jeremy Krober** – appeared regarding Item 12.a.iii. County Council Email Policy
- **Dawn Pyle** – appeared regarding Item 12.a.iii. County Council Email Policy

**Item (7)      Consent Agenda**

- a.      SC Park and Recreation Development Fund Grant Application** *(Finance)*
- b.      Palmetto Pride Litter Prevention Grant Application** *(Finance)*
- c.      Community Project Application / Travelers Rest Christmas Parade - \$2,000.00** *(Finance)*
- d.      Community Project Application / Carolina Music Museum – Building Renovation - \$5,114.00** *(Finance)*
- e.      Terminate Notice of Trail Use for Rails-to-Trails Right-of-Way in Unity Park** *(Finance)*

**Action:** Councilor Norris moved approval of the Consent Agenda items.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item (8)      Resolutions**

**a.      Project Red Bug / 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 Red Bug, whereby, under certain conditions, Greenville County would execute a fee in lieu of tax and special source credit 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 whereby the project would be provided certain credits against fee payments in reimbursement of investment in related qualified infrastructure; and providing for related matters.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item (9)      Ordinances – Third Reading**

**a.    Terra Pines Estates Special Tax District / Enlarge Boundaries**

**Action:**      Councilor Seman moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to enlarge the boundaries of the Terra Pines Estates Special Tax District to include real property contiguous to the district located on Terra Creek Court.

Motion carried unanimously.

**b.    Project Spruce / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement**

**Action:**      Councilor Taylor 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 Spruce 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.

**Action:**      At the request of the Company, Councilor Taylor moved to hold the item until the February 2, 2021, County Council meeting.

Motion to hold carried unanimously.

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

**Action:**      Councilor Taylor 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.

**Action:**      Councilor Taylor moved to hold third reading consideration of the item until the December 1, 2020, County Council meeting, at which time the public hearing would be scheduled.

Motion to hold carried unanimously.

**Item (10)      Ordinances – Second 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. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

**Action:**      On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the item at second reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

**b. Michelin North America Inc. / Conversion and Transfer of Property**

**Action:** Councilor Taylor moved for approval at second 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.

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

**Action:** Councilor Taylor moved for approval at second 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.

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

**Action:** 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 (the “park”) of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park.

Motion carried unanimously.

**e. Greenville / Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park (2010 Park) Agreement Amendment– Project Spruce**

**Action:** 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 Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park; and to delay third reading of the ordinance until the February 2, 2021, County Council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

**f. Project Red Bug / 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 Red Bud 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. Project Ice Cube / 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 Ice Cube 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 approval at second 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 (11) Ordinances – First Reading**

**a. Zoning Ordinances**

Councilor Dill presented for first reading Zoning Ordinances CZ-2020-66 through CZ-2020-69, CZ-2020-72 through CZ-2020-75; and CZ-2020-77 through CZ-2020-80.

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

**b. Conveyance of County-owned Property to the City of Greenville**

Councilor Taylor presented for first 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.

Chairman Kirven stated the item would remain on the floor.

**c. Amendment to Hospitality Tax – Exhibit A Addendum / Defund Upstate History Museum**

Councilor Roberts withdrew his request to present this ordinance.

**Item (12) Committee Reports**

**a. Committee of the Whole**

**i. Glassy Mountain Fire District / 1 vacancy**

On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to elect Stuart Safft to fill one vacancy for an unexpired term on the Glassy Mountain Fire District Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

**ii. Board of Zoning Appeals / 2 vacancies**

On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to elect Laura Godfrey and Nick Hollingshad to fill two vacancies on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Motion carried unanimously.

**iii. Greenville County Council / Email Policy**

Item was held in the Committee of the Whole

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

There were no speakers.

**Item (14) Administrator's Report**

Mr. Kernell thanked Regina McCaskill, Clerk to Council, and the IT Department for arranging the “hybrid” Council meeting; some Council Members were physically present and others were attending on a remote basis. Mr. Kernell stated there were limitations with the current sound system; staff would continue to work on the issues. As the number of COVID-19 cases continued to rise in Greenville County, it was apparent the need for “hybrid” meetings would likely continue. Mr. Kernell stated he welcomed any feedback regarding the meeting.

**Item (15) Requests and Motions by Council Members**

- Councilor Cates stated his daughter and her family from Phoenix, Arizona were flying in for the holidays; he wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Councilor Roberts thanked staff for putting the meeting together. A Committee on Public Safety and Human Services meeting was held on Monday, November 16; dispatch planning for the next 50 years was put forth to meet the needs of Greenville County. He wished a Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.
- Councilor Taylor stated his son-in-law and his granddaughter were currently suffering from COVID-19 and double pneumonia.
- Councilor Norris wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Councilor Seman stated SCTAC recently revamped its website; she invited everyone to take a look. The current CARES Act update highlighted a number of innovative projects; she appreciated staff's hard work. She thanked Nicole Wood for her assistance in dealing with a couple of issues.
- Councilor Fant stated he was troubled; he hoped civility would return to Council since the election was over. It was time for more healing and less hate. The email policy he introduced earlier in the meeting was intentionally simple in order to ensure passage; but it failed. County Council had three main responsibilities: roads and infrastructure, public safety and land management. Mr. Fant stated he was proud of the constituents who had voted for him.

- Councilor Ballard thanked Mr. Roberts for calling the Public Safety meeting on Monday. He had received calls from several fire chiefs thanking the committee for moving forward with the combined dispatch framework.
- Chairman Kirven reminded everyone about the Council Workshop to be held on Thursday, November 19.
- Councilor Dill stated everyone had a lot to be thankful for. His friend passed away on Sunday from COVID-19; the virus was real. He thanked Mr. Roberts for calling the meeting of the Public Safety to discuss the combined dispatch services. Mr. Dill stated he would miss all the Council Members leaving. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Mr. Dill stated staff had put together a “top notch” meeting.
- Councilor Barnes wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Vice-Chairman Meadows wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Item (16) Adjournment**

**Action:** Councilor Tripp moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Regina G. McCaskill  
Clerk to Council