



**GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Minutes  
Special Meeting  
November 19, 2024  
6:02 p.m.

Council Chambers  
301 University Ridge  
Greenville, South Carolina

**Council Members**

- Mr. Dan Tripp, Chairman, District 28**
- Mrs. Liz Seman, Vice-Chairwoman, District 24**
- Mr. Butch Kirven, Chairman Pro Tem, District 27**
- Mr. Joey Russo, District 17**
- Mr. Mike Barnes, District 18**
- Mr. Benton Blount, District 19**
- Mr. Stephen Shaw, District 20**
- Mr. Chris Harrison, District 21**
- Mr. Stan Tzouvelekas, District 22**
- Mr. Alan Mitchell, District 23**
- Mr. Ennis Fant, Sr., District 25**
- Mr. Rick Bradley, District 26**

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted online, at 301 University Ridge, Greenville, and made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

**Council Members Absent**

Councilor Liz Seman

**Council Members Remote Participation**

None

**Staff Present**

- Joe Kernell, County Administrator**
- Chris Antley, Assistant County Attorney**
- Dean Campbell, Deputy County Attorney**
- Andrew Price, Assistant County Attorney**
- Jessica Stone, Deputy Clerk to Council**
- Pam Gilliam, Administrative Assistant**
- Terrence Galloway, Information Systems**

- Nicole Wood, Assistant County Administrator**
- Tee Coker, Assistant County Administrator**
- Hesha Gamble, Assistant County Administrator**
- Ronald Hollister, Assistant County Administrator**
- Ted Lambrecht, Assistant County Administrator**
- Bob Mihalic, Governmental Affairs Officer**

**Others Present**

None

**Call to Order**

Chairman Dan Tripp

**Invocation**

Chairman Pro Tem Butch Kirven

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Item (4)**

**Public Hearings**

**a. Greater Greenville Sanitation District / General Obligation Bonds**

This public hearing was being held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance finding that the Greater Greenville Sanitation District, South Carolina, may issue not exceeding \$34,000,000 General Obligation Bonds; authorizing the Greater Greenville Sanitation Commission, as the governing body of the Greater Greenville Sanitation District, South Carolina, to issue such bonds; providing for the publication of notice of the said finding and authorization; and providing for other matters relating thereto.

- David Davis – appeared in opposition to the proposed
- Ed Paxton – appeared in opposition to the proposed
- James Torrey – appeared in opposition to the proposed
- James Hoard – appeared in opposition to the proposed
- Katie Rabe – appeared in opposition to the proposed
- Jared Davis – appeared in opposition to the proposed

There being no other speakers, Chairman Pro Tem Kirven declared the public hearing closed.

**b. Greenville / Anderson Multi-County Industrial Park Agreement (2010 Park) – Project Palmetto II (Anderson County)**

This public hearing was being 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 (2010 Park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park.

- Audrey Pasin – appeared in opposition to the proposed

There being no other speakers, Chairman Pro Tem Kirven declared the public hearing closed.

**c. Pickens / Greenville Multi-County Industrial Business Park Agreement – Speedway Park**

This public hearing was being 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 Pickens County, pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, Section 4-1-170 et. seq., as amended, such industrial/business park to be, at the time of its initial development, geographically located in Pickens County and to include certain property located at the intersection of Highway 123 and Highway 124; to provide for a written agreement with Pickens County providing for the expenses of the park, the percentage of revenue application, and the distribution of fees in lieu of ad valorem tax; and matter related thereto

- Audrey Pasin – appeared in opposition to the proposed

There being no other speakers, Chairman Pro Tem Kirven declared the public hearing closed.

**Item (5)**

**Consent Agenda**

- a. Community Project Application – Slater-Marietta Fire District / Christmas Parade \$1,500.00 (*Finance*)
- b. Community Project Application Greenville County Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Enforcement Unit / Night Vision Cameras \$3,000.00 (*Finance*)
- c. Community Project Application – GCRA Partnership with Greenville County Textile Heritage Park Water Upgrade \$10,000.00 (*Finance*)

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

Motion carried.

**Item (6)** **Ordinances – Second Reading**

**a. Project CHQ1 / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement**

**Action:** Chairman Pro Tem Kirven 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 Southpoint Commerce Center, LLC, with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, including the provision of certain special source credits; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried.

**b. Greenville / Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment (2010 Park) – Project CHQ1**

**Action:** Chairman Pro Tem Kirven 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 (*Project CHQ1*).

Motion carried.

**c. Project CHQ2 / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement**

**Action:** Chairman Pro Tem Kirven 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 Southpoint Commerce Center, LLC, with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, including the provision of certain special source credits; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried.

**d. Greenville / Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment (2010 Park) – Project CHQ2**

**Action:** Chairman Pro Tem Kirven 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 (*Project CHQ2*).

Motion carried.

**e. Project CHQ4 / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement**

**Action:** Chairman Pro Tem Kirven 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 Southpoint Commerce Center, LLC, with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, including the provision of certain special source credits; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried.

**f. Greenville / Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment (2010 Park) – Project CHQ4**

**Action:** Chairman Pro Tem Kirven 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 (*Project CHQ4*).

Motion carried.

**g. Project CHQ5 / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement**

**Action:** Chairman Pro Tem Kirven 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 Southpoint Commerce Center, LLC, with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, including the provision of certain special source credits; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried.

**h. Greenville / Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment (2010 Park) – Project CHQ5**

**Action:** Chairman Pro Tem Kirven 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 (*Project CHQ5*).

Motion carried.

**i. Project CHQ6 / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement**

**Action:** Chairman Pro Tem Kirven 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 Southpoint Commerce Center, LLC, with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, including the provision of certain special source credits; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried.

**j. Greenville / Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment (2010 Park) – Project CHQ6**

**Action:** Chairman Pro Tem Kirven 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 (*Project CHQ6*).

Motion carried.

**k. Project Double Eagle I / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement**

**Action:** Chairman Pro Tem Kirven 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 an entity or entities identified by the County for the time being as Project Double Eagle I, including any related or affiliated entities and any sponsor affiliates, with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, including the provision of certain special source credits; and other matter related thereto.

Motion carried.

**l. Project Double Eagle II / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement**

**Action:** Chairman Pro Tem Kirven 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 an entity or entities identified by the County for the time being as Project Double Eagle II, including any related or affiliated entities and any sponsor affiliates, with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, including the provision of certain special source credits; and other matter related thereto.

Motion carried.

**m. Project Strong / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement**

**Action:** Chairman Pro Tem Kirven 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 Strong 2024 with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, including the provision of certain special source credits; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried.

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

**Action:** Chairman Pro Tem Kirven 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 (*Project Strong*).

Motion carried.

**o. Project Blackbird / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement**

**Action:** Chairman Pro Tem Kirven 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 Project Blackbird with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, including the provision of certain special source credits; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried.

**p. General Electric / Partial Assignment, Assumption and Bifurcation Agreement (1999)**

**Action:** Chairman Pro Tem Kirven moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing pursuant to Chapter 44 of Title 12, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, the execution and delivery of a partial assignment, assumption and bifurcation agreement; an amended and restated 1999 fee agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and GE Gas Turbines (Greenville) LLC; and an amended and restated 1999 fee agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and General Electric Company, all agreements with respect to the division and bifurcation of that certain fee agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and General Electric Company dated November 1, 1999, as amended on June 1, 2004 and November 3, 2009; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried.

**q. General Electric / Partial Assignment, Assumption and Bifurcation Agreement (2014)**

**Action:** Chairman Pro Tem Kirven moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing, pursuant to Chapter 44 of Title 12, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, the execution and delivery of a partial assignment, assumption and bifurcation agreement; an amended and restated 2014 fee agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and GE Gas Turbines (Greenville) LLC; and an amended and restated 2014 fee agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and General Electric Company, all agreements with respect to the division and bifurcation of that certain 2014 fee agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina, General Electric Company and GE Gas Turbines (Greenville) LLC, and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried.

**r. Project Constellation / Second Amendment to Existing FILOT and Incentive Agreement**

**Action:** Chairman Pro Tem Kirven moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing and approving (1) the execution and delivery of a second amendment to an existing fee in lieu of tax and incentive agreement between Greenville County, South Carolina and a company identified for the time being Project Constellation, to provide for, under certain circumstances, certain additional special source revenue credits in connection with additional investment in certain manufacturing and related facilities in the County; and (2) other matters related thereto.

Motion carried.

**s. Project Bolt / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement**

**Action:** Chairman Pro Tem Kirven moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax and special source credit agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and a company known to the County at this time as Project Bolt, with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, including the provision of certain special source credits; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried.

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

**Action:** Chairman Pro Tem Kirven 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 (*Project Bolt*).

Motion carried.

**u. Greater Greenville Sanitation District / General Obligation Bonds**

**Action:** Chairman Pro Tem Kirven moved for approval at second reading an ordinance finding that the Greater Greenville Sanitation District, South Carolina, may issue not exceeding \$34,000,000 General Obligation Bonds; authorizing the Greater Greenville Sanitation Commission, as the governing body of the Greater Greenville Sanitation District, South Carolina, to issue such bonds; providing for the publication of notice of the said finding and authorization; and providing for other matters relating thereto.

**Action:** Councilor Fant moved to allow for amendments at third reading.

Councilor Fant encouraged his colleagues whose districts had portions of the Greater Greenville Sanitation District within their boundaries to speak to the GGSD director and the board to see if there was some consensus they could come to going forward.

County Attorney Chris Antley reminded Council that any amendments proposed would have to be in writing and included in the packet.

Motion to allow for amendments at third reading carried.

Motion as amended carried.

**v. Pickens / Greenville Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement – Speedway Park**

Councilor Tzouvelekas recused himself from this item and left the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

**Action:** Chairman Pro Tem Kirven moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated industrial/business park in conjunction with Pickens County, pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, Section 4-1-170 et. seq., as amended, such industrial/business park to be, at the time of its initial development, geographically located in Pickens County and to include certain property located at the intersection of Highway 123 and Highway 124; to provide for a written agreement with Pickens County providing for the expenses of the park, the percentage of revenue application, and the distribution of fees in lieu of ad valorem tax; and matter related thereto.

Motion carried by those members present.

Councilor Tzouvelekas returned to the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

**w. Sale of County-Owned Property / Chapman Grove Road, Pelzer**

Councilor Harrison recused himself from this item and left the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

**Action:** Chairman Pro Tem Kirven moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to authorize the sale of a county-owned approximately 5.3-acre parcel of real property located on Chapman Grove Road, Pelzer; and to authorize the Chairman of County Council and the County Administrator to execute appropriate deeds and agreements.

**Action:** Councilor Bradley moved to hold the item.

Motion to hold carried by those members present.

Councilor Harrison returned to the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

**x. Transfer of County-Owned Parks / Poinsett Park, Gateway Park and Trailblazer Park**

**Action:** Chairman Pro Tem Kirven moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing and approving the transfer of ownership and operation of Poinsett Park, Gateway Park, and Trailblazer Park to the City of Travelers Rest, and to authorize the execution of deeds and any other documents and agreements related thereto.

**Action:** Councilor Shaw moved to amend the ordinance so as to take out the phrase “green space and” from the last Whereas statement, so that it reads only recreational use.

Councilor Fant inquired as to why his colleague felt this was necessary.

Councilor Shaw stated they were allowed to sell up to 20% of the land and there was developable land adjacent to the parks. As a protection for the future, he felt this “open space” could be considered part of the residential development.

Councilor Harrison asked if the property reverted back to the County should the municipalities work out a sale.

County Attorney Chris Antley stated there was a reversion clause.

Motion to amend carried.

Motion as amended carried.

**y. Lease of County-Owned Property / 118 McGee Street, Greenville**

**Action:** Chairman Pro Tem Kirven moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing and directing the negotiation and execution of a lease with the State of South Carolina of a portion of county-owned property located at 118 McGee Street, Greenville, SC 29601, consisting of a portion of a building formerly known as the Juvenile Detention Facility.

Motion carried.

**Item (7)**

**Administrator’s Report**

County Administrator Joe Kernell stated the ground-breaking of the Spartanburg County Pet Resource Center would be held on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. and that the construction is expected to take six to eight months.

He stated Greenville County Animal Care were celebrating a partnership with Clemson University, New College of Veterinary Medicine. Clemson staff participated in the recent TNR event in Greenville and would continue to work with the county on events in the future. They were in the process of establishing a “shelter medicine clerk rotation” at the shelter for fourth-year students and recent graduates. Greenville County Animal Care staff would be attending the Vet School ribbon-cutting later in the month.

Mr. Kernell stated the inaugural class of 11 citizens of the Citizens’ Academy graduated last week after a seven-month program where they were exposed to departments all across the county. They went as far north as Pleasant Ridge and south to the landfill and everywhere in between. They went to the Detention Center, Sherriff’s Advanced Training Center, Animal Care, McCallister’s Square, Halton Rd, etc. They were able to hear presentations, meet with elected officials and tour facilities. He stated they were looking forward to a new class in 2025. He encouraged Council to begin thinking about who they would like to be a part of that class. Mr. Kirven thanked Lindsay Sloan and Nicole Wood for organizing and coordinating the program.

He stated “Launch Greenville,” a student partnership with Greenville County schools and the Chamber of Commerce, had 18 students who were working in eight county departments, which included the landfill, Animal Care, VSC, Property Management, IS, and Roads and Bridges. This was an opportunity for them to develop job skill training for potential careers with Greenville County. He stated the students would be with the county until February which was when the next class would begin.

Councilor Harrison congratulated staff of the CGA department for putting the curriculum together for the Citizens’ Academy. He stated it was very well received by those in the program.

**Item (8)**                    **Requests and Motions by Council Members**

There were no requests or motions.

**Item (9)**                    **Adjournment**

**Action:**                    Councilor Harrison moved to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted:

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Jessica M. Stone  
Deputy Clerk to Council