



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
July 20, 2021
6:05 p.m.

County Square - Council Chambers

Council Members

Mr. Willis Meadows, *Chairman, District 19*
Mr. Dan Tripp, *Vice-Chairman, District 28*
Mrs. Xanthene Norris, *Chairman Pro Tem, District 23*
Mr. Joe Dill, *District 17*
Mr. Mike Barnes, *District 18*
Mr. Stephen Shaw, *District 20*
Mr. Chris Harrison, *District 21*
Mr. Stan Tzouvelekas, *District 22*
Mrs. Liz Seman, *District 24*
Mr. Ennis Fant, Sr., *District 25*
Mr. Lynn Ballard, *District 26*
Mr. Butch Kirven, *District 27*

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, *Deputy County Attorney*
John Hansley, *Deputy County Administrator*
Regina McCaskill, *Clerk to Council*
Jessica Stone, *Deputy Clerk to Council*

Pam Gilliam, *Administrative Assistant*
Bob Mihalic, *Governmental Affairs Officer*
Paula Gucker, *Assistant County Administrator, Public Works*
Nicole Wood, *Assistant County Administrator*
Tee Coker, *Planning Director*

Others Present

Sheriff Hobart Lewis, *Greenville County Sheriff's Office*
Beverly James, *Director, Greenville County Library System*

Call to Order

Chairman Willis Meadows

Invocation – *introduced by Councilor Liz Seman*

Reverend Stacey Mills
Mountain View Baptist Church, Greenville

Pledge of Allegiance

Item (4) Approval of Minutes

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2021, Regular Council Meeting and the June 29, 2021, Special Called Council Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (5) Proclamation

a. Recognizing Master Deputy David Bendig on his Retirement

Councilor Kirven presented a proclamation to Master Deputy David Bendig on his retirement from the Greenville County Sheriff's Office.

David Bendig moved to Greenville in 1989 to pursue a career in law enforcement, working in Uniform Patrol for the Greenville County Sheriff's Office. In 1997, he was promoted to Master Deputy and served as a field training deputy. Mr. Bendig retired from the Sheriff's Office on December 12, 2011, and returned to service on December 27, 2011. He assumed the position of Master Deputy at the Family Court – County Square complex in February of 2012, supervising both buildings and managing all security aspects.

Master Deputy Bendig dutifully coordinated and supervised security for County Council and Committee meetings, earning and maintaining the confidence and support of Council and staff. He demonstrated vigilance and compassion in executing his duties, ensuring the safety of County Council, staff and attendees.

Master Deputy Bendig retired again on June 25, 2021, with 32 years of honorable service to the citizens of Greenville County. His service and performance of duty over the course of his career reflected great credit upon himself, the Greenville County Sheriff's Office and the entire law enforcement community.

Item (6) Appearances – Current Agenda Items

- **Josh Singleton** – appeared regarding Item 9.f. Greater Greenville Sanitation District Annexation / Valleybrook – Pine Shadows Subdivision – Request for Public Hearing

Item (7) Public Hearings

a. Sage Automotive Interiors 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 a first amendment to that certain fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina, and Sage Automotive Interiors, Inc.; to enter into such other necessary agreements or amendments to effect the intent of this ordinance; and other related matters.

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

b. Land Development Regulations / Article 3.1 Replacement Ordinance

A public hearing was held for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to the Greenville County Land Development Regulations. Such amendments would update the regulations with additional plan and plat information, and traffic requirements; to add definitions; to provide Rural Conservation Subdivision Design Standards; to repeal Land Development Regulation Section 3.1 "Review Criteria"; and other matters related thereto.

- **Donna Poulton** – appeared in favor of the proposed
- **Melanie Ruhlman** – appeared in favor of the proposed
- **Kevin Miller** – appeared in favor of the proposed
- **Anne Peden** – appeared in favor of the proposed

- **Christina Burgess Griswold** – appeared in favor of the proposed
- **Margaret Harrison** – appeared in favor of the proposed
- **Samuel Harrison** – appeared in favor of the proposed
- **John Gaymon** – appeared in favor of the proposed
- **Walter Hursey** – appeared in favor of the proposed
- **Letitia Short** – appeared in favor of the proposed
- **Allison Ringer** – appeared in opposition to the proposed
- **Erwin Maddrey** – appeared in opposition to the proposed
- **Pamela Parrish** – appeared in opposition to the proposed
- **Barry Lee Strohl** – appeared in opposition to the proposed
- **Julia White** – appeared in opposition to the proposed
- **Amy Anderson** – appeared in opposition to the proposed
- **Mary Inglis** – appeared in opposition to the proposed
- **Kathleen McElvenny** – appeared in opposition to the proposed
- **Kristen Jackson** – appeared in opposition to the proposed
- **Michael Martinez** – appeared in opposition to the proposed

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

c. Project Stagecoach I / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

A public hearing was held to receive 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 a company known to the County at this time as Project Stagecoach 1 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, Vice-Chairman Tripp declared the public hearing closed.

d. Project Stagecoach II / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

A public hearing was held to receive 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 a company known to the County at this time as Project Stagecoach 2 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, Vice-Chairman Tripp declared the public hearing closed.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 7:21 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:26 p.m.

Item (8) Consent Agenda

a. Initiate Text Amendment to the Greenville County Zoning Ordinance / Fitness Center

Action: Councilor Seman moved to approve the Consent Agenda item.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (9) **Resolutions**

a. Greenville County Tenth Supplemental Special Source Revenue Bond Issuance / Petition Resolution

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption a resolution making application to The State Fiscal Accountability Authority of South Carolina for approval of the issuance by Greenville County, South Carolina, of special source revenue bonds in one or more series of bonds, pursuant to the provisions of Title 4, Chapter 29 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$60,000,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Slater-Marietta Fire District / General Obligation Bond Referendum Results

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption a resolution to declare the results of a referendum held in the Slater-Marietta Fire District, South Carolina, on July 1, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Abandoned Building Site Certification / 1100 Woodside Avenue

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption a resolution to certify the property at 1100 Woodside Avenue as an abandoned building site (Tax Map Number 013-700-070-2400).

Motion carried unanimously.

d. Project RAM / Inducement Resolution

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an inducement agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Project Ram, 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 Project Ram would be provided certain credits against fee payments in reimbursement of investment in related qualified infrastructure; and providing for related matters.

Motion carried unanimously.

e. Project Care / Inducement Agreement

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an inducement agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Project Care, 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.

f. Greater Greenville Sanitation District Annexation / Valleybrook – Pine Shadows Subdivision – Request for Public Hearing

Action: Councilor Seman moved for adoption a resolution to hold a public hearing to consider enlarging the Greater Greenville Sanitation District to include the Valleybrook – Pine Shadows Subdivision..

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (10) Ordinances – Third Reading

a. Greenville County Library System / Budget

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to approve the appropriation of funds for the Greenville County Library System for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022; and to authorize the annual ad valorem property tax millage levy for library purposes.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Fountain Inn Fire District / Millage Request

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to provide for the millage rate to be levied by the Fountain Inn Fire Service Area; to reauthorize execution of a contract with the City of Fountain Inn for the continued provision of fire protection services in the fire service area, and to endorse a ten-year capital improvement plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Star EV Corporation (formerly Project Stella) / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp 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 Star EV Corporation, 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.

d. County of Greenville / FY2023 Budget

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to adopt the County of Greenville FY2022 Budget.

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved to amend the ordinance by appropriating, from available sources, \$1 million for the FY2023 budget for the Greenville County Historic and Natural Resources Trust. As part of the appropriation, Greenville County Council would set up the following guidelines:

- Each purchase or acquisition of real property with a cost exceeding \$200,000 must be approved by County Council.
- Each purchase that required County Council approval must be submitted to the Greenville County Council Finance Committee for approval and must receive a public hearing and three (3) readings.
- The approval process shall be set up in a similar manner to the FILOT process, so that landowners may receive anonymity during the approval process. The Greenville County Finance committee may go into executive session to discuss the particulars of each land sale in order to receive legal advice from the County Attorney.
- An annual report that disclosed among other things, committee activities, expenses, land acquisition, etc and must be presented to County Council by January 15th of each year.

Councilor Tzouvelekas inquired about the funding source for the request.

Mr. Kernell stated the monies would be taken from the Fund Balance.

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Action: On behalf of Councilor Harrison and herself, Councilor Seman moved to amend the ordinance by appropriating up to \$400,000 in the FY2023 budget for the Greenville Convention Center. Additionally, as part of the motion, Council would direct the Administrator to coordinate and propose a viable long-term solution for the Greenville Convention Center.

Councilor Seman stated the Convention Center was an important economic development tool. She hoped her colleagues would vote in favor of the amendment as a short-term solution, keeping in mind that a long-term solution would eventually be considered.

Vice-Chairman Tripp requested a roll call vote.

Motion was denied by a roll call vote of five (Dill, Harrison, Seman, Kirven and Tripp) in favor and seven (Barnes, Meadows, Shaw, Tzouvelekas, Norris, Fant and Ballard) in opposition.

Councilor Fant stated he did not want anyone to think that the Council Members who voted in opposition to the proposed amendment were “anti-city” or “anti-Convention Center.” Council was aware that the Convention Center was critically important; however, they wanted it to survive on a long-term basis. If the City of Greenville was having trouble sustaining the center, the County may be willing to “take it over”, as it was a valuable part of the community. Per the Administrator, he had been informed that the City of Greenville was not accepting contracts past June of 2023; he was not comfortable allocating \$400,000 from the FY2023 budget if that were the case.

Motion as amended carried unanimously.

e. Transfer of County-owned Property / 48 Ridgeway Drive

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption at third reading at ordinance to authorize the transfer of county-owned property located at 48 Ridgeway Drive, the former Woodfield Community Center site, to the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority, and to authorize the execution of a quitclaim deed related thereto.

Councilor Dill stated he had received a document signed by Senator Karl Allen, Senator Ross Turner, Senator Dwight Loftis and Senator Tom Corbin indicating their support for a request of \$100,000 to be allocated for the maintenance and upkeep of the Woodfield Community Center. He wanted to know about the validity of the document; he questioned if the State of South Carolina would provide the funds.

Action: Councilor Dill moved to hold the item in order to determine the validity of the document in question.

Councilor Ballard asked if the document indicated that the Senators had requested the funds.

Councilor Dill stated the document indicated that the Senators support the request.

Councilor Ballard stated there was no proof that the funds were available.

Councilor Dill stated he agreed; holding the item would allow time to determine the validity of the document.

Vice-Chairman Tripp asked Mr. Dill if he had received the document prior to or after he was served by a legal suit, filed on behalf of Senator Karl Allen.

Councilor Dill stated he received the document during the recess.

Vice-Chairman Tripp stated it appeared to be a “hostile act” by someone who was “playing games.”

Motion to hold was denied.

Councilor Fant requested a roll call vote.

Motion as presented carried by a roll call vote of ten (Barnes, Meadows, Shaw, Harrison, Tzouvelekas, Norris, Seman, Ballard, Kirven and Tripp) in favor and two (Dill and Fant) in opposition.

Item (11) Ordinances – Second Reading

a. Zoning Ordinances

- i. **CZ-2021-39:** Property of Silver Hawk, LLC, located at 200 Mill Street, requesting rezoning from I-1 to R-S. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- ii. **CZ-2021-40:** Property of SCP / Dexter Augusta, LLC, located at 6901 Augusta Road, requesting rezoning from S-1 to I-1. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- iii. **CZ-2021-41:** Property of John Thomas Latham on behalf of Med Rentals, LLC, located on S. Welcome Road and Julian Avenue, requesting rezoning from R-12 to R-MA. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- iv. **CZ-2021-42:** Property of Dennis Floyd Mann, located at 86 S. Fairfield Road, requesting rezoning from R-S to I-1. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended denial.

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

Motion was denied with Councilor Shaw voting in favor.

- v. **CZ-2021-43:** Property of Lister Properties, LLC, located at 202 E. Belvue Road and 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230 Sunnydale Drive, requesting rezoning from R-10 to R-6. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- vi. **CZ-2021-44:** Property of Lister Properties, LLC, located at 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230 Sunnydale Drive and 202 E. Belvue Road, requesting rezoning from R-10 to I-1. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- vii. **CZ-2021-45:** Property of Lister Properties, LLC, located at 208 E. Belvue Road, requesting rezoning from I-1 to R-12. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- viii. **CZ-2021-46:** Property of Sam Cox on behalf of JSCI County Line, LLC, located at 3326 New Easley Highway, requesting rezoning from S-1 to C-2. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended denial.

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

Motion was denied unanimously.

- ix. **CZ-2021-47:** Property of Ben L. Fuller, located on Poinsett Highway and Skyland Avenue, requesting rezoning from R-7.5 to C-2. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended denial.

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

Motion was denied unanimously.

- x. **CZ-2021-48:** Property of Roman Phillip Jaskin, located on Neely Ferry Road, requesting rezoning from R-S to S-1. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- xi. **CZ-2021-49:** Property of Gus Rubio on behalf of Gabriel Builders, Inc., located at 8699 White Horse Road, requesting rezoning from R-S to R-15. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- xii. **CZ-2021-50:** Property of Wyman H. McCrary, Jr., located at 4801 White Horse Road, requesting rezoning from POD to C-1. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Comprehensive Plan Amendment / Five Forks Area Plan (CP-2021-01)

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to adopt the Five Forks Area Plan as an amendment to the Greenville County Comprehensive Plan (2020). The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Sage Automotive Interiors Inc. / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement Amendment

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing a first amendment to that certain fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina, and Sage Automotive Interiors, Inc.; to enter into such other necessary agreements or amendments to effect the intent of this ordinance; and other related matters.

Motion carried unanimously.

d. Land Development Regulations Amendment / Article 3.1 Repeal

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to amend the Greenville County Land Development Regulations to update the regulations with additional plan and plat information, and traffic requirements; to add definitions; to provide Rural Conservation Subdivision Design Standards; to repeal Land Development Regulation Section 3.1 "Review Criteria"; and other matters related thereto.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Tripp moved to substitute the Committee of the Whole approved version of the ordinance which was attached to the agenda packet.

Action: Councilor Dill moved to replace the Committee of the Whole approved version of the ordinance with the Staff's recommended version of the ordinance.

Chairman Meadows ruled Councilor Dill was out of order; Vice-Chairman Tripp's amendment was currently on the floor.

Councilor Dill questioned the Chairman's ruling.

Vice-Chairman Tripp stated Councilor Dill's motion was to "amend the amendment." Mr. Tripp stated that Mr. Dill had moved to amend the Committee of the Whole's approved version by adding the Staff Summary and Recommendations.

Mr. Tollison stated the practice was to take up the Committee's amendment first and then additional amendments.

Councilor Fant stated Council had seen quite a few amendments; they were all aware the item in question would have long-term effects. They were currently divided on issues; however, he hoped they were not divided on the issue at hand. He suggested approving the item at second reading and moving it on to third reading. In the meantime, the Clerk's Office and the Planning Department could consolidate all of the proposed amendments and insert them into the Committee of the Whole's approved version for clarity. Council Members would be more informed by the next meeting and could vote collectively as a group.

Vice-Chairman Tripp stated Council would need to vote on the version approved by the Committee of the Whole first; any amendments could be taken up after that vote.

Chairman Meadows stated Councilor Fant was out of order; Council had to vote on the a version approved by the Committee of the Whole.

Vice-Chairman Tripp stated the version approved by Council during the Committee of the Whole was on the floor.

Councilor Fant stated if the item was approved, it could be amended later.

Chairman Meadows confirmed Mr. Fant's statement.

Vice-Chairman Tripp requested a roll call vote.

Councilor Shaw stated it was his understanding that the item on the floor was the staff recommended version, which was amended to include Councilor Barnes' amendment.

Councilor Harrison stated the Committee of the Whole voted on the version presented by the Ad Hoc Committee.

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp called for the question.

Without objection, the motion to call for the question carried.

Councilor Seman requested a roll call vote.

Motion to amend carried by a roll call vote of seven (Barnes, Meadows, Shaw, Tzouvelekas, Norris, Fant and Ballard) in favor and five (Dill, Harrison, Seman, Kirven and Tripp) in opposition.

Action: Councilor Dill moved to amend the ordinance, as amended, by replacing the version approved by the Committee of the Whole with the staff's recommended version.

Vice-Chairman Tripp requested a roll call vote.

Councilor Harrison stated, regardless of the vote, he had some proposed amendments he would like to make.

Councilor Fant stated Council could make a motion to allow for amendments at third reading; doing so would give Council the opportunity to sort out all of the possible amendments.

Councilor Dill stated the version that was sent forth by the Ad Hoc Committee would be detrimental to his district; it would destroy the community. The staff recommendations compiled all the information gathered from the various groups that worked on the issue. He felt there were no changes necessary and he was aware that there were some possible amendments that may improve it.

Councilor Fant stated there was a consensus among Council Members to work with Mr. Dill and strengthen Article 3.1, making it acceptable to all those involved. Mr. Fant stated it was important for Council to "digest" all the information gathered and the amendments.

Vice-Chairman Tripp stated he supported Councilor Dill's amendment; it was not "far off" from Councilor Fant's recommendations. There were five (5) Council Members who fought for some rational discussion of the item; however, they had been "shut out" by the other seven (7) Council Members. If there was a consensus that something had to be done, Council needed to go back to the staff recommendations and start from that point, in order to build trust. He did not agree with all of the staff recommendations and he may support some of the amendments that were forthcoming.

Councilor Harrison stated he agreed with Councilor Fant's stance and the reasoning behind it; however, he was concerned about putting so much emphasis on one meeting. There were a lot of unknowns about the issue; he did not know what the solution was. He agreed with Mr. Tripp that there were things in the staff recommendations, and the Ad Hoc Committee's version, that he would like to see amended. Mr. Harrison stated there had been discussions about the item and a lot of work had been put into it.

Motion to amend by Councilor Dill carried by a roll call vote of seven (Dill, Harrison, Norris, Seman, Ballard, Kirven and Tripp) in favor and five (Barnes, Meadows, Shaw, Tzouvelekas and Fant) in opposition.

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

Councilor Ballard stated that according to policy, those amendments must be submitted in writing prior to the next Council meeting.

Councilor Fant requested the proposed amendments be highlighted in red in order to compare them “side by side.”

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Motion as amended was denied by a roll call vote of six (Dill, Harrison, Seman, Ballard, Kirven and Tripp) in favor and six (Barnes, Meadows, Shaw, Tzouvelekas, Norris and Fant) in opposition.

Chairman Meadows requested Mark Tollison to weigh in on the outcome of the vote.

Mr. Tollison stated the ordinance as amended failed at second reading. Article 3.1 was as it currently existed in the Greenville County Land Ordinance Regulations; it would continue to be so, unless Council took further action either during the current meeting or in a future meeting. In order to put the item back on the floor, a motion to reconsider could be made by a Council Member on the prevailing side.

Action: Councilor Fant moved to reconsider the vote on the ordinance as amended.

Chairman Meadows stated seven (7) votes in favor were required for passage of the reconsideration.

Councilor Dill requested a roll call vote.

Motion to reconsider carried by a roll call vote of eleven (Barnes, Meadows, Shaw, Harrison, Tzouvelekas, Norris, Seman, Fant, Ballard, Kirven and Tripp) in favor and one (Dill) in opposition.

Chairman Meadows stated the item on the floor was the motion as amended to replace the version approved by the Committee of the Whole with the staff recommendations, allowing for amendments at third reading.

Motion carried by a roll call vote of eight (Dill, Harrison, Norris, Seman, Fant, Ballard, Kirven and Tripp) in favor and four (Barnes, Meadows, Shaw and Tzouvelekas) in opposition.

e. Project Stagecoach I / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for approval at second reading an authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement inducement agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and a company known to the County at this time as Project Stagecoach I with respect to certain economic development property in the county, where by such property would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

f. Project Stagecoach II / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for approval at second reading an authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement inducement agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and a company known to the County at this time as Project Stagecoach II with respect to certain economic development property in the county, where by such property would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (12) Ordinances – First Reading

a. Zoning Ordinances

Councilor Dill presented for first reading Zoning Dockets **CZ-2021-58** through **CZ-2021-66**, and **CZ-2021-68** through **CZ-2021-70**.

For the record, Zoning Dockets **CZ-2021-26**, **CZ-2021-57** and **CZ-2021-67** were withdrawn.

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

b. Hospitality Tax Revenue Bond / General Obligation Bond Ordinance

Vice-Chairman Tripp presented for first reading an ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of Greenville County, South Carolina Hospitality Tax Revenue Bonds, and other matters pertaining thereto; prescribing the form of bonds issued hereunder; pledging local hospitality taxes to the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the bonds; and making other covenants and agreements in connection with the foregoing.

The item would remain on the floor.

c. Hospitality Tax Revenue Bond / First Supplemental Ordinance

Vice-Chairman Tripp presented for first reading an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale by Greenville County, South Carolina of (i) not exceeding \$27,000,000 Taxable Hospitality Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021a and (ii) not exceeding \$5,000,000 Hospitality Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2021b, and other matters relating thereto.

The item would remain on the floor.

d. Greenville County Special Source Revenue Bond / Tenth Supplemental Ordinance

Vice-Chairman Tripp presented for first reading an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$60,000,000 Greenville County, South Carolina, Special Source Revenue Bonds, Series 2021; authorizing the execution and delivery of the Series 2021 Bonds in connection therewith; and other matters relating thereto.

The item would remain on the floor.

e. Project Bingham / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

Vice-Chairman Tripp 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 a company known to the County at this time as Project Bingham 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.

The item would remain on the floor.

f. Project Care / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

Vice-Chairman 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 a company or companies known to the County at this time as Project Care 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.

The item would remain on the floor.

g. Project Care / Greenville – Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park (2010 Park) Agreement Amendment

Vice-Chairman Tripp 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.

The item would remain on the floor.

Item (13) Committee Reports

a. Committee of the Whole

i. Historic Preservation Commission / Removal of Member

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Tripp moved to remove the board member representing District 22 on the Historic Preservation Commission, due to excessive absences.

Motion carried unanimously.

ii. Resolution of 2016-CP-23-05425

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Tripp moved to authorize the County Attorney to settle the lawsuit known as 2016-CP-23-05425 according to the terms discussed in Executive Session.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (14) Appearances – Items not on the Current Agenda

There were no speakers.

Item (15) Administrator’s Report

Joe Kernell provided an update on the ERAP (Emergency Rental Assistance Program). Greenville County received initial funding in the amount of \$15.8 million. Currently, 1194 tenants and 368 unique landlords had received assistance for a total of \$5.2 million. There were approximately 368 pending applications in some phase of review by staff. Mr. Kernell stated 57% of the approved cases were under 30% AMI, showing that the County was reaching its most vulnerable citizens. Applications were weighted; those households under 30% AMI, with an eviction notice or more than 90 days unemployed, were reviewed first. Tenants could be recertified to receive additional assistance. Greenville County was also approved for a second round of monies, referred to as ERAP II, in the amount of \$12.5 million; to date, the County had received \$5 million of those funds. Staff was working with local leaders in the housing sector to develop a holistic emergency housing program focused on homeless families and others. Mr. Kernell stated the program would offer case management, outreach and monetary assistance; it was projected to be in place by August 2021. Staff also attended the Greenville Homeless Alliance Stakeholder meetings, as they highlighted programs and opportunities available within the community.

Mr. Kernell stated the County's IT staff and the Sheriff's Office were in the process of developing a web portal for Operation Safe Outcomes. It was a voluntary registry for vulnerable individuals. Operation Safe Outcomes allowed the Sheriff's Office to obtain critical information on individuals who suffer from Alzheimer's Disease, blindness, autism, Down's Syndrome, deafness, attention deficit disorder, hyperactivity disorder and other developmental issues that may affect an individual's ability to respond to law enforcement personnel. The information obtained would assist law enforcement's interactions with those who were vulnerable. The tentative "go live" date for the program was July 27, 2021. The caution notes, or alerts, would expire after two (2) years. Renewal notices would be sent 180 days out, 90 days out and date of expiration.

Item (16) Requests and Motions

a. Amendment to County Council Rule III (e)

Action: Councilor Fant moved to suspend Council Rule VI. (a) in order to take up consideration of an amendment to Council Rule III.

Councilor Fant stated eight (8) votes were required.

Motion to suspend Council Rule VI.(a) carried unanimously.

Action: Per notice in the Council agenda packet, Councilor Fant proposed an amendment to the Council Rules that would establish a new public input forum for items not on the Regular Meeting agendas. A copy of the amendment was included in the agenda packet.

Councilor Fant stated the proposed amendment was also used during the pandemic; however, it was never codified. Several Council Members had offered friendly amendments. One proposed amendment was to allow for the public input forum once per month; the Chairman would choose the date. The forum would last for at least one (1) hour. Council could elect to extend the amount of time, if necessary. Mr. Fant stated the forum would also be hybrid in nature to allow citizens to physically speak or watch the meeting remotely.

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Action: Councilor Fant moved approval of Council Rules as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Request a Foundations of American Law and Government Display at County Square

Action: Per notice provided in the Council agenda packet, Councilor Tzouvelekas requested to have County Council consider placing a Foundations of American Law and Government display at County Square. The display was set forth in state law and it contained 13 documents that played a significant role in the foundation of our system of law and government. Mr. Tzouvelekas requested the item be referred to the appropriate committee.

Chairman Meadows referred the item to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee.

c. Motion to Reconsider the FY2022 Budget for Greenville County and Amendment

Action: Councilor Ballard moved to reconsider third reading of the FY2021-22 County Budget Ordinance.

Motion carried by a roll call vote of eight (Dill, Harrison, Norris, Seman, Fant, Ballard, Kirven and Tripp) in favor and four (Barnes, Meadows, Shaw and Tzouvelekas) in opposition.

Action: On behalf of Councilor Norris, Councilor Fant moved to reconsider the amendment concerning the County's Historic and Natural Resources Trust that was not adopted into the FY 2021-22 Budget Ordinance.

Motion to reconsider carried by a roll call vote of ten (Dill, Shaw, Harrison, Tzouvelekas, Norris, Seman, Fant, Ballard, Kirven and Tripp) in favor and two (Barnes and Meadows) in opposition.

Action: On behalf of Councilor Norris, Councilor Fant moved to amend the FY 2021-22 County Budget Ordinance with the Historic and Natural Resources Trust amendment that was include in the Council packet.

Motion to amend carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Action: Councilor Ballard moved to approve the FY 2021-22 County Budget Ordinance as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Councilor Kirven invited his colleagues to attend the ceremony to recognize Korean War Armistice Day, a national undertaking to honor the veterans who fought in the Korean War. The ceremony was scheduled for Tuesday, July 27 at 11:00 a.m. in Council Chambers; it was open to the public. Mr. Kirven requested Council Members wanting to attend to contact the Clerk's Office.
- Vice-Chairman Tripp thanked his colleagues for their votes during the evening's meeting. Council had been divided on quite a few issues recently; however, the longer he served on Council, the more he wanted to learn how to disagree and still be agreeable. There were issues, such as Article 3.1, on which Council could come together. Article 3.1 was too important to the community for Council to be divided. Mr. Tripp also thanked his colleagues for their votes regarding the Historic Natural Resources Trust.
- Councilor Dill stated he agreed with Mr. Tripp; it had been a good meeting. On behalf of the citizens of his district, he thanked his colleagues for the direction Council appeared to be taking.
- Councilor Barnes thanked his colleagues for their votes regarding Article 3.1. It had been a hard fought battle; however, he wanted everyone to understand that the property rights of all citizens were important and had to be considered.
- Councilor Shaw stated he recently attended a meeting in the Tigerville – Blue Ridge area. Representative Mike Burns and Senator Tom Corbin had created, by state statute, the Blue Ridge-Greenbelt Zone. Mr. Shaw would like to see special protections for rural, agriculture areas put in place. He wanted the citizens of Greenville County to have zoning that worked for their specific area instead of "one size fits all" zoning.
- Councilor Harrison stated it was good Council was finding "middle ground" in regards to Article 3.1; there were some good options moving forward. He appreciated Councilor Fant's comments regarding the Greenville Convention Center. It was a very important issue; he wanted to make sure it did not "go away." Mr. Harrison urged Council to make a commitment to support the center.

Mr. Harrison requested a numbers-based presentation outlining the road situation in Greenville County, based on the recent Supreme Court ruling regarding the illegality of the County's user fees.

- Councilor Tzouvelekas stated he had spoken with a constituent earlier in the day about Article 3.1. He had concluded the conversation by stating he believed everyone on Council wanted the best for Greenville County, although they may not always agree on issues.
- Councilor Seman stated thanked everyone who had attended the meeting, both in-person and online. It was important for Council to hear the voices of all the citizens of Greenville County.

Ms., Seman acknowledged the County's staff for all their hard work and expertise in making the County "work."

Ms. Seman requested Mr. Kernell provide an update on talks with the City of Greenville regarding the Convention Center, as it was an important economic tool for the County.

Mr. Kernell stated staff, along with Chairman Meadows and Councilor Tzouvelekas, recently met with representatives the City of Greenville to discuss the Convention Center. It was a work in process to find a solution to the problem.

Ms. Seman requested Mr. Kernell keep Council updated on the process.

Ms. Seman requested Mr. Kernell provide an update on the County's commitment to the future of the Swamp Rabbit Trail as well as the bridges that were being planned for it. The Swamp Rabbit Trail was also an important economic tool for Greenville County.

Mr. Kernell stated the County would construct the paved portion of the trail, once the City of Greenville had decided what they wanted to do with the bridges. The Swamp Rabbit Trail belonged to Greenville County; the City of Greenville had requested to be allowed to build bridges along the trail. Two, or perhaps, three bridges were planned. Once the approaches were completed, the County would pave.

- Councilor Norris stated New Washington Heights still had problems because of the decision Council made about the Greenville Transit Authority (GTA) building. She continued to work with the residents; they felt Council had made the wrong decision. Even though, she had stressed it would bring jobs to the area, the residents were still very angry. They were angry at her; however, she was confident that her decisions on issues were thought out and she had done a good job.
- Councilor Fant stated it had been a good meeting with the most "diverse" voting combinations "of the year." The meeting demonstrated how a republic form of democracy should work; he applauded each of his colleagues for their input.

Mr. Fant reported Governor McMaster had vetoed major items on the State's budget, including monies for SCTAC. The Legislature overrode the veto; SCTAC had received an appropriation of \$9 million which would allow SCTAC to receive future fighter jet contracts in addition to supporting the F-16 production and sustainment work already underway at Lockheed Martin. He acknowledged Representative Bruce Bannister, and the entire Greenville County Legislative Delegation, for their support and hard work in securing the critical funding for SCTAC.

- Councilor Ballard agreed that the meeting had been "very interesting." Council had made significant decisions about important issues and had taken a "giant step" in "keeping Greenville green."

Item (17) **Adjournment**

Action: Councilor Ballard moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina G. McCaskill
Clerk to Council