



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes

Regular Council Meeting

February 1, 2022

6:04 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*

John Hansley, *Deputy County Administrator*

Regina McCaskill, *Clerk to Council*

Jessica Stone, *Deputy Clerk to Council*

Pam Gilliam, *Administrative Assistant*

Hesha Gamble, *Engineering*

Tee Coker, *Planning Director*

Others Present

Conway Belangia, *Director, Election Commission*

Steve Cole, *Greater Greenville Sanitation*

Call to Order

Chairman Willis Meadows

Invocation – *introduced by Councilor Barnes*

Pastor Keith Kelly

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Dill recognized the students from Blue Ridge High School who were in attendance. They were currently enrolled in Ms. Woods' Government class.

Councilor Kirven recognized the members of Upstate Warrior Solution who were in attendance.

Item (4) Approval of Minutes

Action: Councilor Seman moved to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2022, Regular County Council (rescheduled from January 18, 2022) and the January 25, 2022 Special Called Council meeting .

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (5) Appearances – Current Agenda Items

There were no speakers.

Item (6) Public Comment and Questions regarding the Redistricting Ordinance

There were no speakers.

Item (7) Public Hearings

- a. **Greenville / Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park (2010 Park) Agreement Amendment / BRI Augusta Arbor QOBZ LP**

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 (2010 Park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park.

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

Item (8) Resolutions

- a. **Abandoned Textile Site Certification / Union Bleachery**

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption a resolution to provide a certification pursuant to the South Carolina Textile Communities Revitalization Act (S.C. Code Section 12-65-10 et seq.), for certain properties located near West Blue Ridge Drive and Old Buncombe Road formerly part of the Union Bleachery in Greenville, South Carolina.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (9) Ordinances – Third Reading

- a. **BRI August Arbor QOBZ LP / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement and Special Source Credit 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 BRI Augusta Arbor QOBZ LP, 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 matter related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Fuyao Glass South Carolina Inc. (formerly Project Mirror) / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement – First Amendment

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance authorizing and approving the execution and delivery of a first amendment to an existing fee in lieu of tax agreement between Greenville County, South Carolina. and Fuyao Glass America, Inc., a company previously identified as Project Mirror, to provide for, under certain circumstances, an extension of the applicable investment period set forth in the fee agreement, an extension of the applicable exemption period set forth in the fee agreement, and certain special source revenue credits, all in connection with additional investment in certain manufacturing and related facilities in the county; the joinder of one or more sponsor affiliates to the fee agreement; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Greenville County Redistricting Ordinance

Action: Chairman Dill moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to reapportion the twelve (12) single member election districts for the election of Greenville County Council Members based upon the 2020 Decennial Census so that the population of such districts shall comply with applicable federal and state laws.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (10) Ordinances – Second Reading

a. Anderson / Greenville Joint County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment / Equinox Mill LLC

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp 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 Greenville and Anderson Counties so as to enlarge the park to include certain property of Equinox Mill LLC.

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved to hold the item until a public hearing could be scheduled.

Motion to hold carried unanimously.

b. Anderson / Greenville Joint County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment / Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc.

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp 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 Greenville and Anderson Counties so as to enlarge the park to include certain property of Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc.

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved to hold the item until a public hearing could be scheduled.

Motion to hold carried unanimously.

c. Anderson / Greenville Joint County Industrial Business Park (2010 Park) Agreement Amendment – Project Spruce

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp 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 (United Community Bank – Project Spruce - additional property) and to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Greenville, South Carolina, in connection therewith

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved to hold the item until a public hearing could be scheduled.

Motion to hold carried unanimously.

d. NHT Southchase, LLC and MDH F1 Greenville Southchase, LLC / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement Amendment

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing an amendment to a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and among Greenville County, South Carolina, NHT Southchase, LLC and MDH F1 Greenville Southchase, LLC.

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved to hold the item until a public hearing could be scheduled.

Motion to hold carried unanimously.

e. Greenville / Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park (2010 Park) Agreement Amendment / Project August Arbor

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp 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.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (11) Ordinances – First Reading

a. Greenville – Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park (2010 Park) Agreement Amendment / Lollis Metals, Inc.

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 to include certain property of Lollis Metals, Inc.

Chairman Meadows stated the item would remain on the floor.

b. Kiyatec Inc. (formerly Project Leaf) / Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement and Special Source Credit 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 Kiyatec Inc. 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; the execution and delivery of a special source credit agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Comcorner, LLC with respect to the provision of certain special source credits; and other matters related thereto.

Chairman Meadows referred the item back to the Finance Committee.

c. Greenville - Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park (2010 Park) Agreement Amendment / Kiyatec Inc. (formerly Project Leaf)

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 Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park.

Chairman Meadows referred the item back to the Finance Committee.

Item (12) Committee Reports

There were no reports.

Item (13) Administrator's Report

No report.

Item (14) Requests and Motions

- Councilor Kirven recognized the members from Upstate Warrior Solution, a non-profit organization dedicated to serving veterans with employment, access to healthcare, suicide prevention, education, job training, outdoor recreation, financial readiness and support in the justice system. Since its inception in 2013, the organization had assisted 8000 veterans in the Upstate area and worked closely with the Greenville County Veterans Affairs Office as well as the South Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs.

Upstate Warrior Solution currently operated out of an office located on Caledon Court in Greenville, with satellite offices in Anderson, Easley and Spartanburg. The organization would be breaking ground the end of the month on a 40,000 square foot full-service veterans resource center, located at 770 Pelham Road in Greenville.

- Councilor Dill stated someone recently lost their life on a road located in his district. The residents of the area had been asking for speed bumps to be installed for quite some time; a county ordinance prohibited speed bumps on the road. A traffic study was completed on the road and revealed 95% of the traffic was traveling 49.7 mph; the posted speed limit was 30 mph. Heshia Gamble with Public Works was working on a solution to the problem. Mr. Dill stated he was certain there were other roads throughout Greenville County with the same problem.
- Councilor Barnes thanked Charlie Hall and all the members of Upstate Warrior Solution who were in attendance.
- Councilor Shaw thanked Upstate Warrior Solution for their assistance to veterans across the Upstate. He also recognized the students from Blue Ridge High School in attendance.
- Councilor Harrison also thanked Upstate Warrior Solution. Mr. Harrison thanked Heshia Gamble and Tee Coker for their assistance in dealing with a serious issue in District 21. Some of his constituents contacted him after the fact, and thanked Greenville County for responding so quickly and efficiently.
- Councilor Tzouvelekas thanked the citizens in attendance, both in-person and online. He also thanked Upstate Warrior Solution for coming to the meeting as well as Steve Cole, with Greater Greenville Sanitation. Mr. Tzouvelekas stated he had heard positive things about Greater Greenville Sanitation from residents in his district. He thanked GGS for its excellent service. Mr. Tzouvelekas stated the redistricting process was very smooth; he thanked his colleagues and staff for all of their hard work on the issue.
- Councilor Norris stated she attended a meeting in Nicholstown earlier; the topic of the meeting was housing for that area. She thanked all those who attended.
- Councilor Seman thanked everyone in attendance, including Upstate Warrior Solution. Greenville County was so fortunate to have a strong, non-profit community. It appeared there was another, robust round of interviews coming up for board and commission vacancies. She appreciated all those willing to serve and looked forward to interviewing the applicants.
- Councilor Fant commended his colleagues on a job well-done in regards to the redistricting process. In other states, there were serious problems associated with redistricting; Greenville County and the State of South Carolina were fortunate not to experience any problems.

SCTAC recently broke ground on a slope hill feature to be erected at ITIC on the test track. The investment was to be funded by an ARC grant. Mr. Fant stated it appeared SCTAC was in line to receive another grant to make the test track a complete loop.

A community charrette was scheduled for February 9 and 10 at the Greenville Convention Center to discuss the Augusta Road Corridor Strategic Plan; representatives from both Greenville County and the City of Greenville were expected to participate. A gateway to downtown Greenville located at I-85 and Augusta Road was planned in an effort to eradicate blight in that area.

- Councilor Ballard stated he, along with Ms. Seman and Mr. Kirven, attended the GTA Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 27. GTA's financial turnaround in the past few years was amazing. Wait times for buses had been decreased drastically. He reported that he rode a bus route that day and was pleased with the number of passengers. Mr. Ballard congratulated James Keel and his staff on a job well done.

Mr. Ballard commended Upstate Warrior Solution for all their hard work.

- Chairman Meadows reported he had contacted the Chairman of the Greater Greenville Sanitation board of directors and asked he get in touch with those Council Members who had received complaints from their constituents in regards to GGS. Councilor Kirven stated he had been contacted by the Chairman and had plans to set a time to meet with the board in the near future. Mr. Dill stated he had also been contacted and would be meeting with them.

Item (15) Adjournment

Action: Councilor Dill 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