



MINUTES

FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL, 206 S. MAIN STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, March 8, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Lillian Flemming

2. **INVOCATION**

Mayor Pro Tem Flemming

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **ROLL CALL**

The following members of City Council were in attendance: John DeWorken, Lillian Flemming, Ken Gibson, Wil Brasington, Russell Stall, and Dorothy Dowe
Absent: Mayor Knox White

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

February 22, 2021; Approved as submitted

6. **COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Councilmember Dowe recognized International Women's Day and read its theme of the day.

7. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Bill Holt, 105 Rockingham Road, spoke on behalf of the Upstate Chapter of the Climate Reality Project and addressed the strides taken by the City toward clean energy. Mr. Holt suggested committing to the emission goals and budgeting for a sustainability department and a full-time sustainability director.

Tandy Taylor, 5 Arden Street, Associate Pastor of Triune Mercy Center and chair of the Upstate Chapter of the Climate Reality Project, spoke in appreciation of the City's application for two megawatts of solar power through the Green Source Advantage Program of Duke Energy. Ms. Taylor stated she thinks the City needs a comprehensive sustainable energy action plan and a sustainability department.

Matt Cotner, 7 Frontus Street, spoke in support of Item 16b and asked Council to pass it with a caveat for future actions or decisions to be made within the framework of the GVL2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Yvonne Reeder, 10 Zara Street, spoke in support of Item 16b and asked Council to align all its efforts in consistency with the GVL2040 Comprehensive Plan.

8. **PRESENTATION**

None

9. **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

10. APPOINTMENTS – Boards and Commissions

- a. Firefighters Pension Fund Board of Trustees
Mayor Pro Tem Flemming appointed, in Mayor White’s absence, Nelson Arrington to a full-term ending December 31, 2024. There being no further nominations, Mr. Arrington was appointed by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA
There will be no discussion of Consent Agenda items unless a Council member so requests in which event the item in question will be considered separately.

Councilmember Brasington moved, seconded by Councilmember Gibson, to approve second and final reading of agenda items 11a, 11b, and 11c of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Prior to the vote, Councilmember Dowe asked what the path forward is on Item 11b and engaging the neighborhood. City Manager John McDonough responded a meeting has been tentatively scheduled with the neighborhood for March 17.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)

- a. Ordinance to appropriate \$60,000 from the Law Enforcement Special Revenue Fund, Department of Justice Account, for the purchase of equipment to further support the body worn camera program
(Presented by Police Chief Howie Thompson)
- b. Ordinance to appropriate \$164,360 from the Economic Development Fund for the South Downtown Master Plan Traffic and Infrastructure Assessment
(Presented by Engineering Services Manager Dwayne Cooper)
- c. Ordinance to annex approximately 12.58 acres of real property located at 7001 Cinelli Street and to provide the zoning designation of RM-2, Single and Multifamily Residential District (Tax Map Number 0543010101808) (AX-1-2021)
(Presented by Planning and Development Director Jay Graham)

12. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinance – First Reading)

None

13. NEW BUSINESS – (Resolutions – First and Final Reading)

None

REGULAR AGENDA

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)

- a. Ordinance amending Chapter 19, Land Management, and Chapter 36, Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville to provide for the regulation of Small Wireless Facilities
(Presented by City Attorney Mike Pitts)

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember Gibson, to approve second and final reading.

Councilmember Dowe asked if there are requirements in place so once a small cell is up and running it is compliant with the RF emission. Mr. Pitts responded that one of the application requirements is providing an RF report that becomes a part of the file. Councilmember Dowe asked if that is at the applicant's expense, and Mr. Pitts responded affirmatively.

Councilmember Dowe referred to the Table of Uses and asked if we perceive that the zoning could change and if so, could it be revisited. Mr. Pitts referred to state law and responded it could be revisited. Mr. Pitts explained the uses referenced for facilities outside and inside the public rights of way.

Councilmember Dowe referred to the supplemental review districts and asked for clarification regarding the level of scrutiny given. Mr. Pitts responded the Ordinance allows for more stringent aesthetic requirements for design districts and underground districts. Mr. Pitts referred to the districts covered under the heightened aesthetic requirements.

Mr. Pitts suggested an amendment be made due to changes made to the Ordinance since first reading.

Councilmember Dowe moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to approve the amendments to the Ordinance since first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

After discussion, the motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

15. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinances – First Reading)

- a. Ordinance to appropriate \$175,000 in funding received from the Greenville Zoo Foundation for the construction of a new holding facility for Amur Leopards and for improvements to primate row both at the Greenville Zoo, and to additionally appropriate \$2,500 in conservation funding for Texas Sea Turtle Rescue
(Presented by Deputy City Manager Eden Freeman)

Councilmember Brasington moved, seconded by Councilmember Dowe, to approve first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ordinance to enter into a License Agreement with 1 Augusta Street Investors, LLC for purposes of outdoor seating and dining, and matters related thereto
(Presented by Downtown Project Manager Will Young)

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember Gibson, to approve first reading.

Deputy City Manager Eden Freeman stated as a follow up to discussions held during Council's Work Session, the request for fencing would be approved at the staff level and would be consistent with other patio area fencing. Mayor Pro Tem Flemming asked if Council could see plans prior to staff's approval. Mr. Pitts responded language would have to be inserted into the lease and he could make the amendment before second and final reading.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- c. Ordinance to appropriate \$50,000 in funding in the Miscellaneous Grant Fund from CommunityWorks and to authorize the City Manager to execute a Grant Agreement providing for the use of these funds for Home Buyer Assistance for low-to-moderate income home buyers

(Presented by Community Development Financial Manager Rebecca Edwards)

Councilmember Dowe moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to approve first reading. Rebecca Edwards

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

16. NEW BUSINESS – (Resolution – First and Final Reading)

- a. Resolution adopting a design manual for small wireless facilities in the rights-of-way
(Presented by City Attorney Michael Pitts)

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember Dowe, to approve first and final reading. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Resolution to adopt GVL2040 Consistency Policy
(Presented by Assistant City Manager Shannon Lavrin)

Councilmember Dowe moved, seconded by Councilmember Brasington, to approve first and final reading.

Assistant City Manager Shannon Lavrin presented amendments requested by Council during the Work Session. Councilmember Brasington asked for confirmation that all three options from the retreat would be implemented, and Ms. Lavrin responded affirmatively.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

17. STAFF REPORTS

City Manager John McDonough provided information on the following items:

- a. The City received correspondence and certificates from the Employer Support of the National Guard and Reserve for Public Works Director Mike Murphy and Assistant

Director Dave Derrick in recognition of Lt. Jr. Grade Matthew “Oni” Maxey, who serves as Public Works Business Manager.

- b. TD Saturday Market has received over 100 applications for the coming season and the staff is currently reviewing them. The Market will open May 1.
- c. Michelin is confirmed as a sponsor for the “Wings of the City” art exhibit, joining Bank of America, Piedmont Natural Gas, and BMW.
- d. The Bank of America’s Fall for Greenville digital discount book ended successfully with over 3,000 coupons used at 38 local restaurants. A portion of the proceeds benefitted five local nonprofit organizations.
- e. The first home in the Nicholtown Affordable Home Ownership Development is under contract with a buyer at a cost of approximately \$135,000.
- f. All Zone Lieutenants have completed virtual meetings with the respective neighborhood association presidents to encourage better communication with the Police Department and neighborhood leaders.
- g. Public Works Director Mike Murphy and his staff have established litter crews specifically for the City’s corridors. There is a link on the City’s website to find out where those crews are working, Monday through Thursday.
- h. Unity Park Updates - The new section from the Commons North to 159 Welborn Street is nearing completion. After its completion, operations will shift southward to the Visitor Center. River work continues at the west side of the Reedy River.

Phase 1B of the undergrounding work has been advertised for bids and are due back March 18, running from Meadow Street to the north side of Hudson Street. This plan calls for a new mast signal at the intersection of Washington Street and Hudson Street.

- 18. ADJOURN.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

KNOX H. WHITE, MAYOR

CAMILLA G. PITMAN, MMC, Certified PLS
CITY CLERK

MEETING NOTICE POSTED AND MEDIA NOTIFIED ON MARCH 5, 2021.