



# MINUTES

## FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Greenville Convention Center, 1 Exposition Drive

Monday, September 13, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Lillian Flemming

2. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Wil Brasington

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Greenville Police Department Honor Guard

4. **ROLL CALL**

The following members of City Council were in attendance: Lillian Flemming, Ken Gibson, Wil Brasington, Russell Stall, and Dorothy Dowe;

Absent: Mayor Knox White, John DeWorken

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

August 23, 2021; Approved as submitted

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

None

7. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Alan Ethridge, Metropolitan Arts Council (MAC), provided the 2020 MAC annual report and stated as of August 31, the MAC endowment has passed \$2 million and total assets have surpassed \$3 million. Mr. Ethridge thanked the City for its continued support of MAC and the arts.

Mary Duckett, 201 Pinckney Street, spoke regarding her concerns with changes in the management aspect of the City, including the format of Greenville Cares. Ms. Duckett shared her displeasure with the lack of attention to requests in her neighborhood and stated she would be sending a letter to City Council and the City Manager to make them aware of her issues and concerns.

8. **PRESENTATION**

None

9. **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

10. **APPOINTMENTS – Boards and Commissions**

None

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

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

- a. Ordinance to annex approximately 0.536 acre of real property located at Gladys Drive (In front of Tax Map Number 0260000100400) (AX-3-2021)  
*(Presented by Planning and Development Services Director Jay Graham)*
- b. Ordinance to rezone approximately 13.97 acres of real property located at North Pleasantburg Drive, Skyview Drive, and Winterberry Court from C-3, Regional Commercial District, to OD, Office and Institutional District (Tax Map Numbers 00267000100306, 0269000101104, 0269000101107, 0269000101102, 0269000103101, 0269000103601, 0269000108800, AND 0269000101109) (Z-26-2021)  
*(Presented by Planning and Development Services Director Jay Graham)*
- c. Ordinance to amend Chapter 36, Article V, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville to provide for the issuance of picketing permits and to provide for a prohibition of the open carry of firearms during pickets and other permitted events on public property  
*(Presented by City Attorney Mike Pitts)*

**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 to enter into a Developer's Agreement between Merrill Gardens at Greenville, LLC and the city of Greenville for public improvements (REVISED)  
*(Presented by Interim Engineering Services Manager/City Engineer Clint Link)*

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

Interim Engineering Services Manager/City Engineer Clint Link stated the reason for the revision was to amend the amount for public improvements.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**15. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinances – First Reading)**

- a. Ordinance to convey city property located at 600 Pendleton Street to United Ministries for the purpose of continuing services to the Homeless (Tax Map Number 0080000101301)  
*(Presented by Community Development Financial Coordinator Rebecca Edwards)*

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember Gibson, to approve first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ordinance to appropriate \$30,200 in the Miscellaneous Grant Fund for the FY2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program  
*(Presented by Interim Fire Chief Brian Horton)*

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

Councilmember Dowe expressed her appreciation of the Fire Department for hosting the 9/11 event at Fluor Field.

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

- a. Resolution to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the city of Greenville and United Community Bank for the design and construction of public improvements on Falls Street, East Camperdown Way, and Church Street Access Ramp  
*(Presented by Assistant City Manager Shannon Lavrin and Economic Development Director Merle Johnson)*

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

Assistant City Manager Shannon Lavrin advised United Community Bank (UCB) is anticipated to create 200 new jobs along with a relocation of approximately 100 employees. Ms. Lavrin referred to incentives provided by the South Carolina Department of Revenue and South Carolina Department of Commerce that must be met by UCB. Economic and Community Development Director Merle Johnson stated the company cannot receive the incentive unless they meet the requirements. As for promotion of the new jobs, Mr. Johnson advised UCB and ReadySC have already begun the process.

Ms. Lavrin provided river views as requested by Councilmember Dowe and commented on tree ordinance requirements and potential tree planting replacements. Ms. Lavrin advised the building will be seven stories tall with the first three stories providing for parking.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**17. STAFF REPORTS**

- a. Police Department - Neighborhood Engagement Team  
*(Presented by Police Chief Howie Thompson)*

Police Chief Howie Thompson provided information regarding the Neighborhood Engagement Team (NET) pilot program and stated its purpose is to build relationships and trust and to take a more wholistic approach in safety and in working with them. Chief Thompson also provided some examples of improving communication, providing better assistance and developing relationships within the neighborhoods. Chief Thompson advised that NET staffing will initially include one sergeant, one community outreach officer, and six area NET officers. Chief Thompson referred to the call areas and neighborhood assignments scheduled to date and advised officers will attend neighborhood association meetings as part of their engagement. Chief Thompson stated they look forward to growing the program and adding additional neighborhoods.

Councilmember Gibson expressed his appreciation for the program, however, he stated he would like to create real trust in the neighborhoods whereby the beat officers and NET officers both have relationships with a neighborhood so when judgment calls need to be made regarding an issue, there is a partnership between them all.

- b. City Manager John McDonough introduced and presented a video promoting the Planning Department and the Greenville Development Code process.

- 18. ADJOURN.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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KNOX H. WHITE, MAYOR

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CAMILLA G. PITMAN, MMC, Certified PLS  
CITY CLERK

MEETING NOTICE POSTED AND MEDIA NOTIFIED ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2021.