



MINUTES

FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

City Hall, 206 S. Main Street, Council Chambers

Monday, June 27, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Knox H. White

2. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Ken Gibson

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **ROLL CALL**

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

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

June 13, 2022; Approved as submitted

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

None

7. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

None

8. **PRESENTATION**

a. Promotion of City Attorney Leigh Paoletti

Resolution to appoint Leigh B. Paoletti as City Attorney

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

Ms. Paoletti was sworn in by the Honorable Edward W. Miller, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court Judge. Ms. Paoletti shared words of appreciation for those who have contributed to her career and recognized friends and family members in attendance and viewing virtually. Ms. Paoletti was recognized as the first female to be appointed to the position of City Attorney in the City's history.

b. Retirement Recognition of City Employees

Mayor White and City Council recognized a total of 834 combined years of service from this year's municipal retirees and individually acknowledged the retirees in attendance thanking them for their service to the city of Greenville.

c. Juneteenth Essay Contest Winner

(Presented by Councilmember Lillian Flemming)

Councilmember Flemming introduced Justin Jackson, a Greenville High School Senior, who won the Juneteenth Essay Contest and received a \$500 scholarship provided by the Greenville County Section of the National Council of Negro Women and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Mr. Jackson read his essay entitled "Why is Juneteenth important today?"

d. United Housing Connections
(Presented by CEO Lorain Crowl)

United Housing Connections CEO Lorain Crowl provided a presentation addressing homelessness and housing barriers in the City. Ms. Crowl also provided an overview of UHC's 4-Pollar Approach, including Homeless Taskforce, Outreach Program, Panhandling Program and Campaign, and Day Shelter Option. Ms. Crowl advised that the annual operating cost for a day shelter is estimated at \$805,000, with property upfits estimated at \$300,000 to \$600,000 and property acquisition estimated at \$600,000 to \$800,000.

Councilmember DeWorken stated that legislation was passed this year providing for an income tax credit equal to \$3,000 per employer when hiring a formally incarcerated individual. Councilmember DeWorken recommended working with the Chamber and municipal businesses to promote the credit.

Councilmember Flemming stated that homelessness has to be addressed as a unified effort and suggested a collaborative effort with the County and other municipalities in the County. Ms. Crowl responded that the County is having to address encampment issues while the municipalities are having to deal with individual homelessness. Councilmember Dowe asked how one addresses the statement, "If you build it, they will come," referring to the services that become available. Ms. Crowl responded that most individuals are going to stay where they have connections and that the statement is considered one of the myths in homelessness.

Mayor White and Council thanked Ms. Crowl for her presentation and for her continued efforts in addressing homelessness in the City.

Councilmember Stall recognized Gabriel Kenzie in attendance who is a Senior at Christ Church and is working on his merit badges towards earning the Eagle Scout rank.

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 Dowe, to approve second and final reading of agenda items 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, and 11e of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- a. Ordinance to approve an amendment to the License Agreement between the City of Greenville and B-Cycle, LLC
(Presented by Mobility Coordinator Calin Owens)
- b. Ordinance to abandon a portion of Kitson Street (AB-2-2022)
(Presented by City Engineer Paul Dow)
- c. Ordinance to abandon a portion of Tyler Street (AB-3-2022)
(Presented by City Engineer Paul Dow)
- d. Ordinance to prohibit the operation of trucks on Haynie Street between South Church Street (US-29) and Augusta Street (SC-20)
(Presented by Public Works Director Clint Link)
- e. Ordinance to appropriate \$168,500 in the Accommodations Tax Fund to repair the fountain, splashpad and associated infrastructure at RiverPlace
(Presented by Office of Management and Budget Director Matt Efird)
- f. Ordinance to amend the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan and the 2020 Consolidated Plan to include the provision of eligible activities associated with a Section 108 Loan Guarantee Application
(Presented by Community Development Manager Rebecca Edwards)

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)

None

15. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinances – First Reading)

- a. Ordinance to rezone 0.20 acre of real property located at 205 Wilton Street from RM-1, Single-family and multifamily residential district, to OD, Office and institutional district (a portion of Tax Map Number 0008000402200) (Z-7-2022)
(Presented by Assistant City Manager Shannon Lavrin)

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

Councilmember Dowe asked if the setback text amendment would apply. Assistant City Manager Shannon Lavrin responded it would, however, she referred to “single family attached to single family detached” for setback and buffer requirements. Ms. Lavrin stated it would not apply in all cases, however, if the use changes, then additional text amendments would apply.

Councilmember Dowe asked what pervious surface requirements would apply with the rezoning. Ms. Lavrin responded that the zoning has nothing to do with pervious versus impervious, however, when the developers submit plans for the redevelopment, they will have to meet stormwater requirements as well as all other requirements as set forth in the Land Management Ordinance.

After discussions, the motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ordinance to amend Section 19-4.1, Table of Uses, and Section 19-4.3.3(F), Retail Sales and Service, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville to include body piercing/tattoo establishment as a use permitted by Special Exception at properties zoned RDV, Redevelopment District, within the Village of West Greenville (Z-8-2022) *(Presented by Assistant City Manager Shannon Lavrin)*

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

Ms. Lavrin advised that the applicant who is a property owner in the Village of West Greenville has a tenant who would like to open a tattoo establishment. Ms. Lavrin also advised the Planning Commission recommended approval with a special use exception so when an establishment comes forward, it will be required to go through the Board of Zoning Appeals for approval.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- c. Ordinance to rezone 0.035 acre of real property located at 1617 East North Street from C-1, Neighborhood commercial district, to RM-1, Single-family and multifamily district (a portion of Tax Map Number 0190000201500)(Z-9-2022) *(Presented by Assistant City Manager Shannon Lavrin)*

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

- d. Ordinance to appropriate \$35,000 in donated funds from Steve White Auto Group through Legacy Park Friends for amenities at Legacy Park *(Presented by Interim Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Tara Eaker)*

Councilmember Brasington moved, seconded by Councilmember DeWorken, to approve first reading.

Interim Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Tara Eaker recognized Mark White for the financial contribution and Bob Bunchman with Legacy Park Friends for their support. Ms. Eaker stated the funds will be used to purchase two shades and two picnic tables for the Legacy Park playground area.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- e. Ordinance to appropriate \$84,400 in Miscellaneous Grants Fund for providing opportunities for Lifelong Learning Grant
(Presented by Interim Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Tara Eaker)

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

- f. Ordinance to appropriate \$522,708 in the Miscellaneous Grant Fund for the state-funded School Resource Officer Program
(Presented by Police Chief J.H. Thompson)

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

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

- a. Resolution to approve an extended special assessment period for property located at 1007 Hampton Avenue (Tax Map Number 0026000300900)
(Presented by Economic and Community Development Director Merle Johnson)

Councilmember Flemming moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to approve first and final reading.

Economic and Community Development Director Merle Johnson stated that the project will provide for 11 affordable units, out of 52 total residential units, and 3,725 square feet for commercial space.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- b. Resolution to approve an extended special assessment period for property located at 711 West Washington Street (Tax Map Numbers 0052000200100 and 0052000201000)
(Presented by Economic and Community Development Director Merle Johnson)

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

Mr. Johnson advised that the project has received a federal historic credit and stated the project will be used for entrepreneurial type office space, with no residential or restaurant use.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- c. Resolution to certify 21 Augusta Street as an abandoned building site (Tax Map Number 0089000101900)
(Presented by Economic and Community Development Director Merle Johnson)

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

Mr. Johnson provided information on committed tenants for the location.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

17. STAFF REPORTS

City Manager John McDonough provided information on the following items:

- a. Greenville Zoo. The Zoo has received the Traveler's Choice Award from Trip Advisor. Congratulations on the efforts of city staff and the Zoo Foundation.
- b. Planning Department Open House. The Planning Department will be hosting an open house on Tuesday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- c. Fourth of July Fireworks at Unity Park. Ms. Eaker stated that the fireworks will begin at 9:45 p.m. on Monday. Ms. Eaker advised that reserving space at the Welcome Center will begin in August for September events.

Councilmember Flemming thanked Public Works for their efforts in remedying a long term issue affecting two city and county property owners at the city limits in her district.

- 18. **ADJOURN.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

KNOX H. WHITE, MAYOR

CAMILLA G. PITMAN, MMC, Certified PLS
CITY CLERK

MEETING NOTICE POSTED AND MEDIA NOTIFIED ON JUNE 24, 2022.