



MINUTES

FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Monday, February 22, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.

Greenville City Hall - Closed to the Public

Virtual Meeting Viewing: <https://www.greenvillesc.gov/meeting>

Remote Viewing Location:
Greenville Convention Center, 1 Exposition Drive

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Knox H. White

2. **INVOCATION** (Suspended)

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** (Suspended)

4. **ROLL CALL**

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

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

February 8, 2021; Approved as submitted

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

Councilmember DeWorken stated he is working with the City's Engineers in seeking solutions for intersection concerns at Gallivan Street and North Main Street.

7. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Tina Belge, 100 W. Antrim Drive, Advocacy and Community Engagement Manager for the Greenville Housing Fund, spoke in support of the GVL2040 Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Belge stated she believes this plan helps solidify GHF's goal for more affordable housing.

Terry Taylor, 201 Botany Wood Road, Greenville, shared concerns regarding South Carolina Judiciary Committee, Bill H3094, which alters the concealed carry law. Mayor White recommended Mr. Taylor speak to state and county representatives regarding the matter.

8. **PRESENTATION**

None

9. **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

10. APPOINTMENTS – Boards and Commissions

- a. Youth Commission
Councilmember Stall recommended Rylie Shaw, Greenville High School, and Caroline Stuart, St. Joseph’s Catholic School, to the Youth Commission. There being no further nominations, Ms. Shaw and Ms. Stuart were 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.

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

None

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. Fourth Supplemental Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding \$3,400,000 City of Greenville, South Carolina Hospitality Tax Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2021, and other matters relating thereto
(Presented by Office of Management and Budget Director Matt Efird)

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember Brasington, to approve second and final reading. The motion carried 6-0 with Mayor White abstaining. *(See attached statement.)*

- b. Ordinance to adopt the GVL2040 Comprehensive Plan in accordance with Section 6-29-530 of the South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Enabling Act of 1994 (Z-1-2021)
(Presented by Planning Administrator Courtney Powell)

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

Planning Administrator Courtney Powell acknowledged redlined text changes included in the attached Comp Plan since first reading, presented a video promoting the GVL2040 Comp Plan, and expressed thanks to all participants.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor White recognized Reverend Mary Kathleen Duncan of Westminster Presbyterian Church, who shared her support for the Comp Plan, especially for the inclusion of affordable housing. Rev. Duncan encouraged Council to be mindful of creating architecture that is friendly to the homeless population.

15. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinances – First 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
(Roll Call)
(Presented by Police Captain Jeff Long)

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

- b. Ordinance to appropriate \$164,360 from the Economic Development Fund for the South Downtown Master Plan Traffic and Infrastructure Assessment
Roll Call
(Presented by Engineering Services Manager Dwayne Cooper)

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

Engineering Services Manager Dwayne Cooper provided information regarding infrastructure needs in the area. Mr. Cooper noted the area includes the Greenville County offices and the County Master Plan. Mr. Cooper stated he anticipates it taking six months to complete the traffic and infrastructure analysis and referred to proposed meetings planned for reviewing the findings.

Real Estate Development Manager Mary Douglas Hirsch reviewed the timeline of the process beginning with the Downtown Master Plan in 2019. Ms. Hirsch stated the City is looking forward to securing volunteers for a steering committee. Ms. Hirsch also stated the Dunbar Connection is still being reviewed by Greenville County and the Greenville Housing Authority.

Councilmember Dowe shared that despite the timeline, she is still unaware of what is taking place in the South Downtown area. Councilmember Dowe stated the Haynie-Sirrine community sees it as their area and encouraged more inclusion of the neighborhood in the process. Councilmember Flemming encouraged staff to provide updates to the community prior to the stakeholders meeting.

Councilmember Dowe asked if the Dunbar Plan which Council viewed has been discussed with the neighborhood. Ms. Hirsch responded the County is driving the project and is continuing to put the pieces together prior to making a presentation. Mayor White shared his concerns with the County taking the lead and stated it was a city idea and the City should have its own plan of what it should like to see.

Councilmember Gibson stated part of the problem initially was the County did not involve the community when creating the County Square Plan. Councilmember Gibson also stated the neighborhoods need to be involved in the process as soon as possible. Councilmember Flemming added it is not fair if a plan is developed and then presented to the community without their input.

Councilmember Dowe expressed her disappointment with the neighborhood not being included in the process. Councilmember Stall encouraged county participation in the funding and city participation in the process.

Mr. Cooper stated while this study does include County Square, it is about the South Downtown area and not just County Square. Ms. Hirsch added the study is for providing more information about the infrastructure. Mayor White reiterated the City brought the idea to the forefront and the City should be involved in the design.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- 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)
(Roll Call)
(Presented by Planning and Development Director Jay Graham)

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

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

- a. Resolution to approve a Law Enforcement Assistance, Support and Jurisdiction Agreement between the City of Greenville Police Department and the Greenville County Sheriff's Office
(Presented by Police Captain Jeff Long)

Councilmember Flemming stated it would be good for the City Police Department to offer recommendations to the Greenville County Sheriff's Office on how to have better attitudes and relations with people in the City.

Councilmember Gibson shared his concerns with the City strengthening certain regulations recently and the County not acting under the City's regulations. Captain Long responded there are strict guidelines included in the agreement that addresses requesting the County's assistance.

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

17. STAFF REPORTS

City Manager John McDonough introduced the following items for presentation.

- a. Director of Public Transportation James Keel provided a presentation on Council's priority involving Public Transportation. Mr. Keel addressed later hours of service, fixed route ridership, trolley ridership, paratransit ridership, commercial driver license program, transit development plan updates, bus stop infrastructure improvement, human trafficking and public safety initiatives, technology updates, farebox replacement, trolley network redesign, community engagement highlights, low-no grant, state of fleet, and maintenance facility.
- b. Director of Communications and Neighborhood Outreach Beth Brotherton provided a presentation on Council's priority involving Customer Focus. Ms. Brotherton addressed Communication's initiatives, Greenville Cares serving as initial customer contact for all municipal offices, public focus and support during COVID, and increased transparency through promotion and publication.

Assistant City Manager Shannon Lavrin presented information on neighborhood support during COVID and developing a one-stop shop process for businesses. Deputy City Manager Eden Freeman recognized additional customer service enhancements and engagement which occurred during the past year.

- c. Zoo Director Bill Cooper shared the news of the birth of a baby female giraffe at the zoo to parents Autumn and Miles.

18. **ADJOURN.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Lillian Brock Flemming

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Camilla G. Pitman

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CITY CLERK

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