

**City Council of the City of Greenville  
Work Session**

**Monday, July 13, 2020  
3:30 p.m.**

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**Virtual Meeting Viewing**

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**Telephone: 1-415-655-0002  
WebEx Event Number: 129-641-0508**

**Remote Viewing Location:  
Greenville Convention Center, 1 Exposition Drive – Room 102**

**MINUTES**

CITY COUNCIL: Mayor Knox White, Councilmember John M. DeWorken, Councilmember Lillian B. Flemming, Councilmember Kenneth C. Gibson, Councilmember Wil Brasington; Councilmember Russell H. Stall; and Councilmember Dorothy H. Dowe

CITY STAFF: City Manager John F. McDonough; City Attorney Michael S. Pitts;  
City Clerk Camilla G. Pitman

Pro Tem Mayor Flemming called the meeting to order for the purpose of discussing the following matters.

**301 College Street Mural**

Assistant City Manager Shannon Lavrin and Cultural Arts Manager Tracy Ramseur introduced the agenda item and the artist Guido van Helten. Mr. van Helten provided a presentation on the proposed 301 College Street Mural he will be producing as well as examples of his mural work, as found in Council's Agenda packet. Mr. van Helten stated the theme of his artwork for Greenville is the celebration of education and integration that brings us all together. Mr. van Helten referred to representatives from the community that he interviewed which have assisted with developing the artwork. Mr. van Helten stated the proposed mural design is not included in the presentation because he is still developing it as he continues to reflect on the community and its youth, education and diversity. Mr. van Helten also stated he anticipates having the mural completed in about six weeks.

Councilmember Dowe asked if there had been involvement by Arts in Public Places in the development of the design, and Ms. Ramseur responded affirmatively and stated they have provided good input to the project. Councilmember Flemming asked if the neighborhood associations in the area have been contacted and requested that the neighborhood Presidents receive notification of the project.

**Traffic Calming Update**

Public Works Director Mike Murphy and Engineering Services Manager Dwayne Cooper provided a presentation on the agenda item, as found in Council's Agenda packet. Mr. Murphy commented

on current work taking place, and Mr. Cooper reviewed the proposed use of FY2020-2021 funding in the amount of \$250,000. Mr. Cooper reviewed staff recommendations for proposed traffic calming changes. Council members raised concerns with increasing the three year waiting period to five years and recommended removing the increase from the proposals. Councilmember Dowe stated she would prefer to not see any streets closed or made one way again, similar to McPherson Lane.

Councilmember Flemming shared concerns with traffic calming efforts being duplicated in some neighborhoods with no activity in others. Councilmember Gibson stated there may be a need to address certain areas sooner rather than later when driven by development, such as Haynie-Sirrine and the County Square project. Council discussed speed calming and holding developers accountable for infrastructure needs on the boundaries of the County Square project. Mayor White responded that the matter has been addressed in an agreement executed by former City Manager John Castile. Interim Director of Planning and Development Services Jay Graham offered to review the matter further with the City Attorney's Office to affirm the concerns are covered.

Mr. Murphy provided information on the next neighborhoods receiving traffic calming and stated they will continue to purchase and deploy structural traffic calming and speed indicator signs. Councilmember Stall recommended collecting pre- and post- data for traffic calming locations to receive the counts. Councilmember Brasington asked for the following information: (1) memorandum providing the top ten underway traffic calming projects, (2) indication which streets might be impacted by too many things maxed out with traffic calming, and (3) a list of streets in the City that do not qualify because their volume exceeds 2,500 or they are state roads. Councilmember Brasington also asked if there is an organization that aggregates information statewide or nationwide that shows a reduction with the devices and if there are other new devices available but have not used in Greenville. Councilmember Stall asked for a list of where efforts are taking place and when the meetings are scheduled so Council may attend and assist.

In summary, Mr. Murphy stated they will take Council's recommendations and bring back to Council the traffic calming ordinance with proposed changes. Mr. Murphy thanked Traffic Engineering staff for their assistance.

### **Encroachment Ordinance Update**

Ms. Lavrin and Mr. Cooper provided a presentation on the agenda item, as found in Council's Agenda packet. Ms. Lavrin stated the information provides proposed Ordinance regarding right of way encroachments. Ms. Lavrin referred to the two forms of encroachment permits, formal and general, and provided examples of those permits.

Mr. Cooper stated the last time the fees were adjusted was in 2004 with approximately 350 to 400 permits issued and that currently 900 to 1,000 permits are issued per year. Mr. Cooper presented proposed changes to add fees for right-of-way management permits, to add requirements for a right-of-way management permit to be obtained prior to temporary obstruction of streets or sidewalks and to require a new permit requirement for temporary storage containers and dumpsters. Mr. Cooper proposed an application fee for a dumpster of \$100 and increasing it upon the length of time. Council commented on the length of time dumpsters should be placed and finding a deterrent to have them moved. Mr. Cooper stated that payment of the fees may now be completed electronically.

Council discussed the issues businesses are having staying open and concerns with charging a fee. Council also discussed proposed alternatives in procedures and fees. Mr. Cooper stated staff is considering alternatives at this time and are not set on their proposed recommendations.

Mr. Cooper also referred to proposed changes to strengthen the requirements to restore lawn and landscaping upon completion of utility work, pavement cuts, and safety issues due to surface settlement issues that arise. Mr. Cooper stated the Ordinance proposals will go before the Planning Commission before coming to Council.

Councilmember Dowe asked if the Homebuilders Association has been consulted, and Mr. Cooper responded they have had conversations and will continue discussions. Councilmember Dowe shared her concerns with shutting down a sidewalk. Mr. Cooper provided information on the policies and procedures for closing a sidewalk for an extended period of time.

#### **City Permitted Events during Pandemic Emergency**

Interim Events and Cultural Affairs Director Tara Eaker provided a presentation on the agenda item, as found in Council's Agenda packet. Ms. Eaker presented an event phase timeline for handling permitted events on public property and explained how the timeline would be utilized. Assistant City Attorney Logan Wells explained the purpose of the Ordinance. Ms. Eaker advised the proposal would not affect the Saturday Market. Assistant City Attorney Logan Wells discussed the proposed Ordinance and what it requires and allows for. Council was advised of the item being on the Formal Meeting Agenda this evening.

#### **Motion - Executive Session**

During the open Work Session, Mayor White asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. City Attorney Mike Pitts recommended going into executive session under S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss appointments to the City's boards and commissions and under subsection a(2) to provide legal advice to Council on a pending litigation matter.

Councilmember Brasington moved, seconded by Councilmember Dowe, to go into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

(Executive Session)

There being no further discussions, Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember Gibson, to go out of Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously. No action was taken.

With no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Camilla G. Pitman, MMC, Certified PLS  
City Clerk

Meeting notice posted on July 10, 2020