



MINUTES

FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

City Hall, 206 S. Main Street, Council Chambers

Monday, August 14, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Knox H. White

2. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Lillian Flemming

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, Russell Stall, and Dorothy Dowe.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

July 10, 2023; Approved as submitted

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

None

7. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Joe Farmer, 207 Alpine Way, spoke regarding conflicts of interest within the Planning Commission. Mr. Farmer referred to an email he sent to City Council including PDF copies of conflict of interest statements from this commission and questioned why they have been approved by Council to serve on the Planning Commission.

Jan Butler, 17 Bradley Boulevard, spoke regarding the homeless population within the City and raised questions regarding information on the causes of homelessness, the amount of homelessness in the City and providing assistance for the homeless population. Ms. Butler expressed concern with disturbances within the community and stated that proper assistance would potentially help to alleviate this problem.

Matt Carter, of Berkshire Hathaway, spoke in support of agenda items 15d, 15e, and 15f. Mr. Carter expressed how annexations create opportunities for development projects that benefit the community.

8. **PRESENTATION**

None

9. **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

10. **RECOGNITIONS AND APPOINTMENTS – Boards and Commissions**

a. Youth Commission

Youth Commission Co-Chairs Julia Pascoe and Jillian Clarke recommended the following to serve on the Youth Commission: Anna Maria Castro Spratt, South Carolina Governors School for Arts and Humanities; Annika Krovi, J.L. Mann High

School; Erin Helsel, Greenville High School; and Amelia Koch, Christ Church Episcopal School. There being no further nominations, the appointments were approved by unanimous consent.

Co-Chair Jillian Clarke shared that during the previous week Youth Commission members participated in a strategic planning meeting hosted by Clemson University. At the event, Commission members were able to speak with Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department staff. Miss Clarke expressed gratitude for the opportunity to discuss important topics that impact the youth population in Greenville and hopes to continue these discussions in the future.

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 first reading of agenda item 12a of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

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

None

12. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinance – First Reading)

- a. Ordinance to repeal Ordinance Number 2023-43 to Abandon Holiday Street (AB-2-2023)
(Presented by Engineering Services Director Clint Link)

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 appropriate \$1,510,174 in the Miscellaneous Grants Fund for the state-funded School Resource Officer Program
(Presented by Police Chief Howie Thompson)

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

Councilmember Dowe asked about the rotating scheduling of SROs that serve at the elementary schools and stated the lack of permanence caused by the rotating schedule does not foster lasting relationships and familiarity between officers and the staff and students. Police Chief Howie Thompson responded that the increase in

SROs will allow for the establishment of permanent officers at the schools. Councilmember Dowe shared that permanent SROs could help in the support of homeless students in the City.

Councilmember Dowe asked if the officers would go through Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training, and Chief Thompson responded affirmatively. Mayor White advised that through additional budgeting and grant approval, the Police Department will be able to add an additional ten officers to their staff.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ordinance to annex approximately 3.02 acres of real property and 0.19 acre of adjacent right-of-way located at 454 Jacqueline Lane and to provide the zoning designation of CV, Civic District (Tax Map Numbers M010020100700 and M010020100701)(AX-16-2023)
(Presented by Planning Administrator Mary Douglas Hirsch)

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

Councilmember Dowe questioned why the annexations are coming to Council before they are put forth in Planning Commission meetings. Planning Administrator Mary Douglas Hirsch reminded Council of the current process in place with the item coming to Council for first reading, going to the Planning Commission for approval, and returning to Council with the Planning Commission's recommendations and approval for second and final reading. City Manager Shannon Lavrin responded that this method is intended to simplify the process of approving voluntary annexations and will be utilized going forward.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- c. Ordinance to annex approximately 1.24 acres of real property located at 75 Market Point Drive and to provide the zoning designation of CV, Civic District (Tax Map Number 0547010101605)(AX-17-2023)
(Presented by Planning Administrator Mary Douglas Hirsch)

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

- d. Ordinance to annex approximately 0.01 acre of real property and 0.18 acre of adjacent right-of-way located on Margaret Court and Pete Hollis Boulevard, to provide the zoning designation of RC-2, Community-Scale 2 District, and conditioned upon the completed purchase of adjacent property (Portion of Tax Map Number 0150001701500)(AX-18-2023)
(Presented by Planning Administrator Mary Douglas Hirsch)

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

- e. Ordinance to annex approximately 5.23 acres of real property and 5.31 acres of adjacent right-of-way located on Pete Hollis Boulevard, Alexander Street, Montgomery Avenue, and Buncombe Road, and to provide the zoning designation of RC-5, Community-Scale 5 District and conditioned upon the completed purchase of adjacent property (Tax Map Numbers 0150001600100, 0150001600600, 0150001600700, 0150001600800, 0150001601000, 0150001701200, 0150001700600, 0150001700300, and 0150001700100)(AX-19-2023)
(Presented by Planning Administrator Mary Douglas Hirsch)

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

Mayor White thanked Ms. Lavrin and the Planning Department for putting forth this annexation and emphasized its importance as one of the most significant annexations in the City's recent history.

- f. Ordinance to annex approximately 0.24 acre of real property located on Montgomery Avenue to provide the zoning designation of RC-5, Community-Scale 5 District, and conditioned upon the completed purchase of adjacent property (Tax Map Number 0150001700200)(AX-20-2023)
(Presented by Planning Administrator Mary Douglas Hirsch)

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

- g. Ordinance to rezone approximately 2.8 acres of real property located at 3410 Augusta Road from C-2, Local commercial district, in the Land Management Ordinance, to MX-2, Mixed-Use 2 District, in the Greenville Development Code (Tax Map Numbers 0365000202300 and 0365000202400)(Z-4-2023)
(Presented by Planning Administrator Mary Douglas Hirsch)

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

Councilmember Brasington asked Ms. Hirsch why the rezoning was not captured in the recent updates to the Development Code. Ms. Hirsch and Ms. Lavrin explained that the two rezoning items on tonight's Agenda were inadvertently omitted from the original Development Code approval.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- h. Ordinance to rezone approximately 0.03 acre located on Tulip Street from C-3, Regional commercial district, in the Land Management Ordinance, to BH, Business Heavy District, in the Greenville Development Code (Portion of Tax Map Number 0174020702800) (Z-5-2023)
(Presented by Planning Administrator Mary Douglas Hirsch)

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

- i. Ordinance to amend Chapter 24, Offenses, and Chapter 26, Parks and Recreation, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville to include the Greenville Zoo as a city owned location
(Presented by Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Tara Eaker)

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

Councilmember Dowe commented on how this Ordinance will increase revenue and promote improvements for the Greenville Zoo. Councilmember DeWorken commented that administrative bodies throughout the United States have noted positive benefits from implementing similar ordinances.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- j. Ordinance to enter into a Lease Agreement with Rebuild Upstate for properties located at 601 Green Avenue and 16 Jenkins Street (Tax Map Numbers 0086010101900 and 0086000101400)
(Presented by Community Development Manager Monique Mattison)

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

Councilmember Flemming asked for the duration of the Lease, and Ms. Lavrin responded the term of the Lease will be for two years.

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

- a. Resolution to approve a Lease between the Salvation Army and the City of Greenville to provide short-term public parking for Unity Park at 320 Hudson Street
(Presented by Deputy Manager Brandon Madden)

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

Mayor White asked how many additional parking spaces the Lease will provide for patrons of Unity Park. Deputy City Manager Brandon Madden answered that the Lease will add an additional 100 parking spaces. Mayor White expressed thanks to the Salvation Army.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- b. Resolution to accept \$25,000 in donated funds from Chuck and Jo Macpherson for the addition of amenities at Cleveland Park
(Presented by Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Tara Eaker)

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

Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Director Tara Eaker introduced Chuck and Jo Macpherson and stated the additional amenities will benefit the local pollinator population and promotes the City's Mayors' Monarch Pledge. Mayor White and Ms. Eaker expressed their gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Macpherson for their donation.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- c. Resolution to approve a Lease Agreement with Carolina Elite Soccer Academy for the continued use of city property located at the Wenwood Soccer Complex (Tax Map Number M012020100106)
(Presented by Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Tara Eaker)

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

- d. Resolution to approve a structural encroachment permit for Hughes Development Corporation to add a scissor table on its property at 2 North Main Street which will encroach into the public right of way on an unnamed alley off of North Brown Street (Tax Map Number 0001000500900).
(Presented by Engineering Services Director Clint Link)

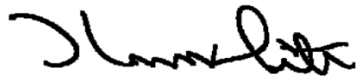
Councilmember Brasington moved, seconded by Councilmember Dowe, to approve first and final reading. The motion carried unanimously.

17. STAFF REPORTS

City Manager Shannon Lavrin provided information on the following items:

- a. Introduced the City's new Chief Financial Officer Patricia Dennis;
- b. Acknowledged new pedestrian crossings being installed throughout the City and thanked Public Works and Engineering Departments for their efforts; and
- c. Recognized City Clerk Camilla Pitman who introduced the City's new Deputy City Clerk Fiona Buchanan.

18. **ADJOURN.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.



KNOX H. WHITE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CAMILLA G. PITMAN, MMC, Certified PLS
CITY CLERK

MEETING NOTICE POSTED AND MEDIA NOTIFIED ON AUGUST 11, 2023.