

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

**Monday, September 26, 2022
3:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Location:
Greenville City Hall, Council Chambers, 206 S. Main Street**

MINUTES

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

CITY STAFF: City Manager John F. McDonough; City Attorney Leigh B. Paoletti;
City Clerk Camilla G. Pitman

Mayor White called the meeting to order for the purpose of discussing the following matters.

Pedestrian Safety Study

Traffic Engineer Valerie Holmes introduced David Beaty with Stantec who provided a presentation update on the pedestrian safety study as located in Council's Agenda packet. Mr. Beaty commented on the project overview, including 46 total corridors and 18 school zones and crash data on pedestrian collisions between 2016 to 2021. Mr. Beaty referred to GIS data involving the City, SCDOT, and census tracts and commented on public engagement opportunities held with the public and with stakeholder groups. Mr. Beaty provided a list of the top 15 high crash locations in the past six years and stated high risk locations under subcategories, including roadway characteristics, proximity to services, demographics, and crash risk. Mr. Beaty commented on how priorities were determined by the stakeholders and the public, shared percentages for each subcategory, and showed how each subcategory is ranked and scored to determine priorities.

Mr. Beaty provided the top ten corridor areas selected for further study based on score and public input including the following: Buncombe Street, Pleasantburg Drive, Academy Street, Laurens Road, Augusta Street, Pete Hollis Boulevard, North Street, Mills Avenue, Pendleton Street, and Church Street. Mr. Beaty referred to countermeasures currently being identified to assist the corridors, including lighting, signals, curb reductions and extensions, crosswalks, sidewalks and paved shoulders, right turn lanes, signs, access management, and speed humps/tables. Mr. Beaty also referred to ongoing efforts in developing a safety improvement project list.

Regarding School Zones, Mr. Beaty identified each of the 18 zones and commented on the conditions evaluated. Councilmember Brasington stated he wants to make sure that the City has evaluated the safety in each of the school zone as a part of the project. Mr. Beaty provided improvement options including high-visibility crosswalks, pedestrian and street signs, flashing beacons.

Mr. Beaty advised that the next steps in the process will include field reviews of the top ten corridors, finalizing the countermeasure identification, analyzing the benefit/cost, developing a list of safety projects, and providing the final report in December 2022.

Regarding scoring, Mr. Beaty stated there is always some subjectivity in how they score the criteria. Mr. Beaty also stated that the process includes three areas of consideration: statistics for the crashes, public input, and risk factors in determining weighted recommendations.

Councilmember Gibson asked if there are any roads where the City should be encouraging more pedestrian traffic, and Mr. Beaty responded no. Councilmember Flemming stated that cut throughs should be reviewed as an additional step. Councilmember Gibson responded that while he does not have any suggested roadways, the City might need to consider certain roads due to growth and increased density while reviewing the matter. Councilmember Gibson recommended having further discussions to consider where the City might want to be in the future and to develop a consolidated plan to get to that point. Councilmember Flemming asked if the request could be a tentative recommendation for review. Mr. Beaty responded that he could review the request and discuss it with staff to determine how to better address it. Mr. Beaty stated it would be difficult to change human behavior when crossing the street.

Councilmember Brasington asked what the weighted distribution was for the 15 streets in the high crash locations. Mr. Beaty responded that there were just under 300 pedestrian collisions over a six year period on 46 routes, so about 150 of the collisions happened on the 15 routes provided on the presentation. Councilmember Brasington referred to approximately 1,000 comments provided by the public in connection with the project.

Motion - Executive Session

During the open Work Session, Mayor White asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. City Attorney Leigh Paoletti 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 subsection (a)(2) regarding acquisition or disposition of city property for the Unity Park maintenance facility.

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

(Executive Session)

There being no further discussions, Councilmember Brasington 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 5:15 p.m.

Camilla G. Pitman, MMC, Certified PLS
City Clerk

Meeting notice posted on September 23, 2022