

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

June 1, 2015 - 5:30 p.m.

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

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PRESENT Council Members: Mayor D. Welborn Adams, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Johnny Williams, and Ronnie Ables; City Manager Charles Barrineau and City Clerk Steffanie Dorn; Brian King from gwdToday.com and Colin Riddle from the Index Journal.

ABSENT Councilman Kenn Wiltshire; Assistant City Manager Julia Wilkie.

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CALL TO ORDER The meeting in Council Chambers was called to order by Mayor Adams at 5:30 p.m.

City Councilwoman Linda Edwards gave the invocation.

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QUORUM AND STATEMENT Mayor Adams read the following statement, "In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, Chapter 4, Title 30, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, an agenda has been posted on the front door of City Hall and notification of this meeting has been given to the news media."

City Clerk Steffanie Dorn confirmed that a quorum was present.

## CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 15-017 Imposing a Temporary Suspension of Certain Municipal code Provisions on the Main Street Uptown Square during the Three Day South Carolina Festival of Discovery.

(1<sup>st</sup> reading)

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council of their approval of special provisions during the Festival of Discovery for the past 2 years to include fencing in front of restaurant areas. With two additional restaurants and more attendance, he is asking for Council to consider a zone of Main Street using barricades along the public sidewalks and Main Street along the Uptown Square where the Festival of Discovery largely occurs. The traffic will be rerouted as it was last year.

He distributed the current version of the proposed ordinance to include Section 2 (a) where a temporary permit would allow the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages (beer and wine) in designated areas as proposed from Thursday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday, 6 p.m. to midnight; and Saturday, noon to midnight. All participating restaurants must discontinue alcohol distribution outside at a minimum of 20 minutes prior to the end of event, 10:40 on Thursday; 11:40 on Friday and Saturday nights. No further sales outside could occur and all the beer and wine must be off the street by midnight in that defined area. Signage and perimeter fencing will be in place stating, "No Alcohol Beyond This Area" and each participating restaurant must provide their own staff to monitor and discourage overcrowding. All sales are limited to beer and wine only in clear plastic cups along the Main Street Square. He did note, and the local restaurant owners agreed, that all establishments will close from two to seven a.m. and will not serve alcohol beverages inside or outside during that time.

**DISCUSSION:**

Councilor Johnny Williams inquired how the City plans to police the whole Uptown area to insure people won't bring their own beer. He noted that there aren't any City events a family can go to without beer and wine being consumed. Mayor Adams stated that he's not aware of any blues festival without alcohol being served. City Manager Barrineau noted that the Kids Zone will take place along Monument Street and the library and is not included in the area he's proposing.

Councilor Ronnie Ables declared that he'll always be against it.

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Niki Hutto that restaurants will stop serving alcohol for outdoor consumption at 10:40 p.m., Thursday and 11:40 p.m., Friday and Saturday. He listed for Councilor Betty Boles the following participating Uptown restaurants that are permitted to sell beer and wine on the Square: Uchi E, Café 312, TW Boones, Howard's, Buffalo's, and Polo's.

Councilor Linda Edwards stated that she doesn't have a problem with fenced-in areas. City Manager Barrineau noted that for the past two years fenced-in areas in front of restaurants didn't guarantee anyone could not get out of them.

A motion to approve the temporary suspension of certain Municipal Code provisions on the Main Street Uptown Square during the three day South Carolina Festival of Discovery was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

Those who voted in favor were Mayor Adams, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, and Betty Boles. Johnny Williams and Ronnie Ables voted against.

The motion passed 4-2.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Adams adjourned the meeting 5:43 p.m.

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D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk and Treasurer