

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

September 16, 2013 - 5:33 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Council Members: Mayor D. Welborn Adams, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Kenn Wiltshire, Johnny Williams, and Ronnie Ables. City Manager Charles Barrineau, Assistant to City Manager Julia Wilkie, City Clerk Steffanie Dorn, and City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler; Brian King of GwdToday.com and Chris Trainor of the Index Journal.

Niki Hutto entered the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting in the Council Chambers was called to order by Mayor Adams at 5:33 p.m. and he welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Councilor Linda Edwards gave the invocation.

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 a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF
CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Adams asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

RECEIVE

2013 Progress Report from the Emerald Triangle (The Arts Council, The Museum, and Greenwood Community Theatre).

Under Personal Appearances, City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized: Anne Craig, Executive Director of the Arts Council of Greenwood County; Stacey Thompson, Executive Director of The Museum-Greenwood SC; and Stephen Gilbert, Executive Director of the Greenwood Community Theatre.

Anne Craig reported on the progress Emerald Triangle has made with the City's investment of Hospitality Tax that resulted in stronger working partnerships and focused planning for the future as well as increased tourism. She hopes that public support would increasingly underpin the operating costs of the Emerald Triangle organization in 2014. Stacey Thompson reviewed the Emerald Triangle's affect on educational programs. Stephen Gilbert reviewed community enrichment and economic impacts of the Emerald Triangle. A detailed proposal for Hospitality Tax funding will be made to Council at the end of the month.

Amaryllis Turman, a representative of Capsugel, and Andrew Schwork, a representative of Eaton Corporation both spoke on the importance of the Emerald Triangle in business and industrial communities.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 13-023 of the City Council of the City of Greenwood Imposing a Temporary Suspension of Certain Municipal Code Provisions along a Designated Section of Oregon Avenue for the Purposes of Conducting a One-Night Festival - Oktoberfest.

Under Public Hearings, City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the request for the consumption and possession of beer and wine on October 17 on Oregon Avenue.

No one spoke for or against Ordinance No. 13-023.

Councilor Johnny Williams personally wished the City would stop promoting alcohol.

A motion to approve Ordinance 13-023 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

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

The motion passed 5-2.

(2nd reading)

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CONSIDER
Ordinance No.
13-024 Annexing
Property Owned
by Upper
Savannah
Development
Corporation.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the request by Upper Savannah Development Corporation to have the small tract located in the Research Park be annexed back in to the City.

No one spoke for or against Ordinance 13-024.

There were no comments from Council.

(2nd reading)

Motion to approve the annexation was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER
Ordinance No.
13-025 Amending
the City of
Greenwood's
Official Zoning
Map (Ordinance
No. 04-020) by
Rezoning Two
Parcels of Land
Totaling
Approximately
3.25 Acres
Located at 1413
and 1415 East
Cambridge Avenue
from R3 (Single
Family
Residential) to
GC (General
Commercial).

City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler who informed Council of the request to rezone 3.25 acres of land located directly behind the Spinx gas station to General Commercial, the same as the surrounding property. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

Councilors Niki Hutto and Betty Boles inquired of any comments and/or opposition from surrounding property owners. Phil Lindler stated that there were some inquiries but no opposition. He also confirmed to Councilor Kenn Wiltshire that the Planning Department hasn't received any plans for this piece of property other than the proposed use of retail.

No one spoke against the request.

Sean Faulkner, representing the developer who currently has these tracts under contract, stated there are plans for a large retail development project that will bring several jobs into the community. The front entrance will be on the 72 Bypass with a side entrance on East Cambridge.

(1st reading)

A motion to approve rezoning 1413 and 1415 East Cambridge Avenue was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Johnny Williams.

Those who voted in favor were Mayor Adams, Niki Hutto,

Linda Edwards, Kenn Wiltshire, Johnny Williams, and Ronnie Ables. Betty Boles voted against.

The motion passed 6-1.

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CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 13-026 Amending the City of Greenwood's Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning One Parcel of Land Totaling 1.08 Acres Located at 1421 East Cambridge Avenue from R3 (Single Family Residential) to GC (General Commercial).

(1st reading)

City/County Planner Phil Lindler informed Council of the request for the property adjacent to the property in the proposed Ordinance 13-025 that was just approved for first reading.

No one spoke against the ordinance.

Bubba Harvin spoke on behalf of Buddy Baldwin who lives in the house. He chose to rezone but wishes to remain in his house at this time.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to rezone 1421 East Cambridge Avenue was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

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

The motion passed 6-1.

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CONSIDER

Ordinance No.
13-022 Amending
Ordinance 03-
010, Zoning
Ordinance,
Chapter 4,
Article 8.0-GNR-
Greenwood
National
Register of
Historic Places
Overlay
District.

Under Unfinished Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the request from the City/County Planning Commission to establish an overlay district for properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This proposed ordinance will prevent any demolition of listed structures without applying and receiving approval from the Board of Architectural Review.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 13-022 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

(2nd reading)

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PROCLAMATION

POW/MIA Day

City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized Ms. Anne Drake whose brother, Colonel Dixon Billingsley, was in the Air Force flying missions in Vietnam. He worked to get POW's released while they were held captive for five years. She asked the Mayor to issue a proclamation for National POW/MIA Day in recognition of prisoners that are still missing in action and are not accounted for.

CONSIDER

Resolution No.
13-005 Approving
the Distribution
of 2013
Accommodations
Tax Funds.

Under New Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council of their joint meeting with the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee last week. The City has \$4,000 more in Accommodation tax than last year. The committee recommended allocating the same amounts to each organization as last year with the additional \$4,000 going to the Festival of Flowers as the community's strongest tourist attraction.

Councilor Kenn Wiltshire suggested allocating A-tax funds that was requested to The Museum and Greenwood Community Theatre. He believes the theatre is doing a great job and he read how expensive it is to produce great shows.

Councilor Williams suggested allocating the amount requested to the Greenwood Community Theatre with the remainder of the extra \$4,000 allocated to the Festival of Flowers.

Mayor Adams believes that Council will discuss a Hospitality Tax increase for those two organizations in the future. City Manager Barrineau stated that it will be an item for discussion at Council's planning retreat.

A motion to take \$2,500 from the Festival of Flowers allocation to The Greenwood Community Theatre was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

Those who voted in favor were Mayor Adams, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Kenn Wiltshire, Johnny Williams, and Ronnie Ables. Niki Hutto abstained due to conflict of interest.

The motion passed 6-0.

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CONSIDER

Acceptance of FY 13 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

City Manager Barrineau stated that the City is in receipt of a \$27,663 Justice Assistance Grant from the Department of Justice to purchase five in-car video cameras and one video surveillance camera for the City Police Department. No monetary match is required.

A motion to accept the FY 13 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER
COMMENTS

City Manager Barrineau gave an update on the streetscape project that started \$40,000 under budget when Council accepted the bid. Waterline conflicts at the intersection of Oak and Monument, estimated to be 100 years old, needed to be replaced at \$20,000.

The City Manager also proposed making a pavilion, a possible Bocce Court, and green space out of the seven parking spaces on the side of the Textile Building at a cost of \$35,000. Julie Wilkie wrote a Ten at the Top grant for a topiary-picture frame with "Greenwood, SC" written on it to be placed in that area as well.

The streetscape project is on schedule. The City Manager needs Council's approval to proceed on the green space.

Councilor Hutto believes that it will cost less to add the project at the Textile Building now.

Councilor Edwards concern is using a lot of money to build in an area only to destroy it 5 to 10 years later for something else.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS There were no comments at this time.

CONSIDER City Manager Charles Barrineau requested Council to enter into Executive Session to introduce the interim Partnership Alliance Director, Heather Jones, and discuss Project Centerpiece.

Executive Session to Discuss Proposed Economic Development Projects - Project Centerpiece.

A motion to adjourn into Executive Session was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Johnny Williams.

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Adams adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer