

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

May 16, 2016 - 5:32 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT Council Members: Mayor D. Welborn Adams, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Kenn Wiltshire, Johnny Williams, and Ronnie Ables; City Manager Charles Barrineau, Assistant City Manager Julia Wilkie, City Clerk Steffanie Dorn, and City Attorney Trip Padgett; Matthew Hensley from the Index Journal.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Adams called the meeting in Council Chambers to order at 5:32 p.m.

City Manager Charles Barrineau gave the invocation.

STATEMENT AND QUORUM Mayor Welborn 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.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA Mayor Adams asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

RECOGNIZE

Ms. Denise Rivera from the South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.

Under the only Public Appearance, City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized Denise Rivera, Statewide Capacity Building Specialist of the South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. She informed Council that, although South Carolina has had a decrease in overall teen pregnancies, there has been an increase in 17 - 19 year olds. She asked Council to urge Greenwood citizens to continue to help reduce teen pregnancies by providing information and encouraging more family interactions.

Mayor Adams presented Ms. Rivera with a Proclamation for Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 16-007 Amending City of Greenwood Code of Ordinances Section 2-293.

(2nd reading)

Under the only Public Hearing, City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the City's "No Smoking" Ordinance that must be amended to include the entire Uptown Market complex.

Councilor Niki Hutto reported that she has already seen people smoking and littering cigarette butts. Assistant City Manager Julie Wilkie confirmed that "No Smoking" signs will be at the market within a month, but temporary signs will be immediately placed along the property. City Manager Barrineau will also make "No Smoking" announcements during public events at the market.

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Ronnie Ables that the ordinance also bans e-cigarettes and vaping.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 16-007 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 16-005 Amending the City of Greenwood's Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Placing Seven Parcels of Land Located at 158 East Cambridge Avenue, 503 East Cambridge Avenue, 105 Dargan Avenue, 835 Main Street, 504 Hackett Avenue, 416 Magnolia Avenue, and 530 Stanley Avenue within the O-GNR (Greenwood National Register Overlay District).

(2nd reading)

Under the only Unfinished Business item, City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the request from the City/County Planning Commission to add seven parcels within the City limits, that are already on the National Historic Register, into the Greenwood National Register Overlay District.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Betty Boles that this proposed ordinance will not affect any of the neighboring residences. He also confirmed to Councilor Linda Edwards that, once these properties are placed in the Greenwood National Register Overlay District, the property owner must request a Certificate of Appropriateness for any demolitions through the Board of Architectural Review in a public hearing.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 16-005 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

To Rescind First Reading of Ordinance No. 16-006 of the City Council of the City of Greenwood Imposing a Temporary Suspension of Certain Code Provisions along Designated Section(s) along Main Street during the Three Day South Carolina Festival of Discovery.

Under New Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council that, after the last meeting, a point of order was raised as to whether or not Councilor Kenn Wiltshire should have voted on proposed Ordinance 16-006. After receiving clarification from the State Ethics Commission last year that Councilor Wiltshire should abstain, he asked Council to rescind the vote taken at the last meeting and reconsider it again as Agenda Item #2.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to rescind the first reading of Ordinance No. 16-006 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. Kenn Wiltshire abstained due to a conflict of interest.

The motion passed 4-2.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 16-006 of the City Council of the City of Greenwood Imposing a Temporary Suspension of Certain Municipal Code Provisions along Designated Section(s) along Main Street During the Three Day South Carolina Festival of Discovery.

City Manager Charles Barrineau asked Council to take first reading again on the same ordinance, but with Councilor Wiltshire abstaining. He reminded Council that this ordinance will allow the sale and consumption of beer and wine during the hours of 6-11 p.m. on Thursday and 11 a.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday at the South Carolina Festival of Discovery.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve the temporary suspension of certain municipal code provisions along designated sections along Main Street 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. Kenn Wiltshire abstained due to a conflict of interest.

(1st reading)

The motion passed 4-2.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 16-008 to Rescind Ordinance No. 16-004 of the City Council of the City of Greenwood Establishing Guidelines for a Temporary Suspension of Certain Municipal Code Provisions for the Uptown Market and Adjoining Public Streets and Sidewalks (TAX ID #6845-812-957).

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council that a similar point of order was raised regarding the vote to allow beer and wine during public and/or private events at the Uptown Market. Because Councilor Wiltshire could also benefit from this ordinance as the owner of Caffé 312, the City Manager asked Council to rescind Ordinance No. 16-004 and take two readings of a new ordinance to allow the sale and consumption of beer and wine at the Uptown Market.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Johnny Williams asked for the vote to be postponed until Council receives a statement from the State Ethics Commission because he believes the vote wouldn't have passed, but tied at 2-2, if Councilor Wiltshire had abstained. Mayor Adams and Councilor Edwards both agreed that postponing this recension wouldn't make a difference because Council is now handling the conflict.

There was no further discussion from Council.

(1st reading)

A motion to rescind Ordinance No. 16-004 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Linda Edwards.

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

The motion passed 4-2.

CONSIDER
 Ordinance No. 16-009 of the City Council of the City of Greenwood Establishing Guidelines for a Temporary Suspension of Certain Municipal Code Provisions for the Uptown Market and Adjoining Public Streets and Sidewalks (Tax ID #6845-812-957).

City Manager Charles Barrineau asked Council to consider Ordinance 16-009, which is a new reading of the same stipulations, for the sale and consumption of beer and wine at public and private events at the Uptown Market property and adjoining streets.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 16-009 was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Linda Edwards.

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

The motion passed 4-2.

(1st reading)

Councilor Wiltshire apologized to Council Members for his mistake and any extra work he caused.

CONSIDER
 Allocation of \$25,000 to Demolish Dilapidated Homes within the City of Greenwood.

City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed the list of dilapidated homes that will be demolished, one at a time, with funding coming from the Community Development Account.

DISCUSSION:

Councilors Edwards and Hutto asked why the Grendel Avenue house was on the list when there are houses in worse condition on Taggart and Milwee Avenues. City Manager Barrineau informed them that it has been vacant for at least 10 years and is more dilapidated on the inside. He confirmed to Councilor Boles that no one has paid any taxes, or back taxes, on these properties during tax sales which indicate their condition from the inside, but offered to do further research on other dilapidated homes.

Councilor Wiltshire asked if the mobile home at Moss Creek can be towed. City Manager Barrineau stated that he added that sixth property so it can hopefully be removed.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to allocate \$25,000 to demolish dilapidated homes within the City of Greenwood was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Johnny Williams.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Request of \$500 to Support the Neighborhood Association Council Banquet.

City Manager Charles Barrineau requested Council to allocate \$500 to support the Neighborhood Association Council banquet.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to support the Neighborhood Association Council was made by Ronnie Ables, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Appointing George Ligon to the City of Greenwood Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee.

City Manager Charles Barrineau recommended Council to appoint Mr. George Ligon to the City of Greenwood Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee. Mr. Ligon confirmed to Mayor Adams that he's ready for the challenge.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to appoint George Ligon to the City of Greenwood Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Barrineau distributed and discussed mosquito abatement information. Councilor Hutto asked if there were any environmentally friendly pesticides available, such as bats or other natural predators. City Manager Barrineau will look into any natural alternatives, but stated that mosquitoes must be attacked at the larvae stage and fogging is limited. He recommended all citizens to be proactive in prevention by eliminating any stagnant water and other conditions that breed mosquitoes.

City Manager Barrineau also commented that the Uptown Market water feature grand opening and Train Day at the Railroad Museum were successful.

CITY COUNCIL
COMMENTS

Councilor Edwards inquired why the Municipal Building doors aren't handicapped accessible. City Manager Barrineau stated that the building is up to code but there is a sign to call Executive Secretary Tiffany Albert at 864-942-8412 if any assistance is needed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Adams adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer