

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

January 23, 2012 - 5:33 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Council Members: Mayor D. Welborn Adams, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Johnny Williams, Kenn Wiltshire, and Ronnie Ables. City Manager Charles Barrineau, Assistant to City Manager Julia Wilkie, City Clerk Steffanie Dorn, Police Chief Gerald Brooks, Fire Chief Terry Strange, City Attorneys Bacot and Padgett, and City/County Planner Director Phil Lindler; Rachel Davis of Gwdtoday.com and Chris Trainor of the Index Journal.

CALL TO ORDER

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

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council of the quarterly introduction of new employees. Police Chief Gerald Brooks introduced new officers: Bradley Clinkscales, Wesley McClinton, and Kevin Eskew.

Councilor Linda Edwards gave the invocation.

STATEMENT AND
QUORUM

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."

The City Clerk, Steffanie Dorn, stated that there was a quorum 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 Johnny Williams.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 11-026 Amending Sections 16 and 20 of the City of Greenwood Business License Ordinance.

(2nd reading)

Councilor Kenn Wiltshire asked for a motion to table Ordinance No. 11-026 for further discussion, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 11-027 Amending Section 30 of the City of Greenwood Business License Ordinance, Being Ordinance Number 10-024.

(2nd reading)

City Manager Charles Barrineau stated that there were no changes since first reading of this proposed ordinance. If approved, a business could not remain open during the appeal period to City Council or Circuit Court if their license is revoked or not renewed by the License Administrator.

No one spoke in favor or against the proposed ordinance.

Councilor Edwards asked if a business license isn't renewed by December 31, then a business can't operate during the appeals process. Mayor Adams stated that the idea of this ordinance is to amend the appeal process that would keep a business from operating during that period.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 11-027 was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
 Ordinance No. 11-028
 Amending Ordinance
 97-009 Making
 Provision for Annual
 Leave and Sick Leave
 for City of
 Greenwood Employees.

(2nd reading)

City Manager Barrineau stated there were no changes since the first reading of this proposed ordinance which updates sick leave for fire fighters that have been moved to a two week pay schedule.

Councilor Betty Boles asked if this information has been disclosed to the employees. City Manager stated that everyone is aware of the changes.

No one spoke in favor or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no discussion among Council.

A motion to accept Ordinance No. 11-028 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Johnny Williams.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER
 Ordinance No. 11-029
 Amending the City of
 Greenwood's Official
 Zoning Map
 (Ordinance No. 04-
 020) by Rezoning
 Properties Located
 at 1155 & 1172
 Edgefield Street,
 1224 Spring Street,
 128 & 130 Wells
 Avenue, and 1186
 South Main Street
 from GC (General
 Commercial) and OP
 (Office
 Professional) to PDD
 (Planned Development
 District).

(2nd reading)

Under New Business, City Manager Barrineau stated that no changes have been made to the request from Self Regional Healthcare for a number of properties on and off of South Main Street.

There were no questions for City/County Planning Director Phil Linder or comments from Council.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 11-029 made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER
 Ordinance No.
 11-030 Amending
 Ordinance 03-
 010, Zoning
 Ordinance,
 Chapter 4,
 Section
 4.6.4.12. to Add
 Signs as a
 Permitted Sign
 Type in the O-UP
 (Uptown Overlay
 District).

City Manager Charles Barrineau stated there were no changes since the first reading of the proposed ordinance that changes the language in the Uptown Overlay District to add "OPEN" neon signs.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 11-030 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

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(2nd reading)

CONSIDER
 Ordinance No.
 12-001 Amending
 the City of
 Greenwood Code
 of Ordinances,
 Chapter 16,
 Elections,
 Section 16-7
 (a), Ware Lines
 for Single-
 Member Districts
 Established.

City Manager Charles Barrineau presented Council with the first reading of an ordinance to update City voting wards to reflect the most recent 2010 Census. If approved by Council, the adopted ward lines must be reviewed by the US Department of Justice. He then went over the criteria that must be met when drawing the new wards lines.

A motion to approve the proposed single-member ward lines was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

Councilor Edwards asked if the City Manager received any input from the NAACP. Charles Barrineau spoke with the President and is supposed to meet with their policy individual this week to review the proposed wards.

The motion passed unanimously.

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(1st reading)

CONSIDER
Ordinance 12-002
Authorizing City
Manager and
Clerk to Execute
a Site Lease
Agreement
between the City
of Greenwood and
the Greenwood
Toros Soccer
Club.

City Manager Barrineau reminded Council that at their December meeting they accepted ownership of the former Greenwood High fields located off of Phoenix Street. Now that the City has entire ownership of the property, he recommended Council to authorize a new lease with the Toros for the property. The terms will be the same as the existing ordinance and the Toros will be responsible for the maintenance, utility costs, and provide the City with a Certificate of Insurance.

A motion to approve Ordinance 12-002 was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

(1st reading)

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER
Resolution No.
12-001
Reaffirming
Incentives
Granted for
Project Smoke.

City Manager Charles Barrineau stated that this resolution reaffirms incentives granted for Project Smoke. The incentives included a 15 year special source revenue credit of 90% in which he anticipates a minimum investment of \$10 million with 200 full-time equivalent jobs.

A motion to approve Resolution 12-001 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER
 Resolution No. 12-002
 Approving an Inter-governmental Agreement Giving Consent for the Greenwood County Council to Add Certain Property to the Comprehensive Joint County Business and Industrial Park (Project Russ).

City Manager Barrineau stated this resolution is an incentive agreement for the new Gary Russ dealership currently under construction at the former Lowes on Bypass 72. The property will be placed in the multi-county business park and granted a special source revenue credit of 75% for 15 years. He anticipates an investment of \$2 million and believes it is a good use of the incentive project because it encourages the removal of the former Lowes facility blight.

Mayor Adams stated that this is a good direction to get something into a vacated shopping center.

A motion to approve Resolution 12-002 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER
 Resolution No. 12-003
 Approving Financing Terms for Municipal Equipment Lease Purchase.

City Manager Charles Barrineau stated that this resolution approves financing terms for a capital lease of \$324,183 in equipment proposed to be purchased in the 2012 budget. The items placed out for bid included: six equipped police cars for the Police Department; one knuckle loader and one mower for the Public Works Department; and eight self contained, self breathing apparatus and one radio repeater in the Fire Department.

Steffanie Dorn, Finance Director, stated that four bids were received for this proposal and the lowest bid came from Sun Trust Bank that offered either 1.637 for four years or 1.715 for five years. She noted that Sun Trust charges a \$500 upfront fee, a \$250 escrow fee and a three percent penalty if the City decided to pay off the lease early.

City Manager also noted that Sun Trust has two locations in Greenwood.

Councilor Johnny Williams stated that City doesn't need a lease agreement for six new police cars.

Councilor Betty Boles asked if everything will be paid in five years. Councilor Linda Edwards asked if this resolution includes everything that the City planned to purchase. Steffanie Dorn stated that the payments will start in 2013 so there are no payments budgeted in this year's budget for all the equipment that the City proposed to purchase.

A motion to approve Resolution 12-003 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Linda Edwards.

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

The motion passed.

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CONSIDER

To Authorize
the Mayor to
Sign a Records
Retention
Schedule for
the Municipal
Court Office.

Finance Director Steffanie Dorn stated the Department of Archives requires that the City maintain records for a certain amount of time and must approve any recommended schedules that City staff has to develop. Staff is asking to dispose of parking tickets three years after the ticket is paid and town citations, which are violations of City ordinances rather State ordinances, be disposed 15 years after the disposition of the case. She noted that Department of Archives has already approved the request and asked Council to consent with it.

A motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a Records Retention Schedule was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Reappointing
Glynn Boles,
Michael Butler,
and R. Wayne
Craft to the
Board of Zoning
Appeals.

City Manager Charles Barrineau recommended reappointment of three joint City/County Board of Zoning Appeals members.

A motion to reappoint Glynn Boles, Michael Butler, and Wayne Craft to the Board of Zoning Appeals was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Niki Hutto.

Those who voted in favor were Mayor Adams, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Kenn Wiltshire, Johnny Williams and Ronnie Ables. Betty Boles did not vote due to conflict of interest.

The motion passed.

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CONSIDER

A Grant to the
Healthy
Greenwood
Neighborhood,
Inc., for the
2011 Awards
Event.

City Manager Charles Barrineau received a request from Healthy Greenwood Neighborhoods Inc. to support their annual awards banquet. The City supported it with \$1000 contributions for the last three years but he is only recommending \$500 this year. Last year Council discussed a one-time grant be made for a community garden but was never voted in a form of a motion.

Councilor Boles asked if this is the only time they ask for a contribution other than water. City Manager Barrineau stated the direct payment to the Grendel garden was less than \$200 this year.

Councilor Boles stated that a donation will be worthwhile because the neighborhood association does so much for the City and within the community.

Councilor Williams noted that City employees didn't get a Christmas gift but will vote to give \$500.

City Manager Barrineau recommended that funds come from the Community Account and not the General Fund.

Councilor Wiltshire asked if the County contributes. City Manager Barrineau stated they have in recent years.

A motion to approve a grant to the Healthy Greenwood Neighborhood, Inc. was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER Mayor Adams asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session.

Executive Session to Discuss Contractual Matter.

Motion was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 5:57 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 6:49 p.m.

CONSIDER City Manager Charles Barrineau read the title to Resolution 12-004.

Resolution No. 12-004 Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with Self Regional Healthcare, Wesley Commons, and Carolina Health Centers.

A motion to table Resolution 12-004 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed two items for Council's consideration and asked if they can be added to the agenda.

Motion to amend the agenda was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Resolution 12-005 to Approve the Expenditure of City Funds as a Match for a Community Development Block Grant for Efforts to Secure, Remove Debris, Assess, and Revitalize the Former Greenwood Mill Property Located at 700 Kitson Street.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council of approved Resolution 11-013 authorizing a minimum 10% match for the \$500,000 grant to clean up the Greenwood Mill site. The South Carolina Department of Commerce has asked Council to consider adding an additional sentence in the final paragraph that reads: "...as well as other funds necessary to complete the project. He suggested Council to approve Resolution 12-005 to add that language.

Councilor Wiltshire asked if the City will be forced to spend any extra money above \$500,000. City Manager Barrineau stated the Department of Commerce wants to make sure the project is completed. He believes the City will have everything removed but the challenge will be getting into soil and ground water samples.

Motion to approve Resolution 12-005 was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

A Request from Lander University for Donation of Bicycles for International Students.

City Manager Charles Barrineau received a request from Lander University for 12 bicycles for international students that lack adequate transportation. The City has a large quantity of confiscated bicycles that are unclaimed property stored over 90 days. The City code requires that the City sell items that have been stored at least 60 days but don't have the ability as staff to make a donation of bicycles unless Council chooses to do so.

Councilor Wiltshire asked if the City Code would have to be changed. City Manager Barrineau believes Council can make that motion.

Councilor Williams stated that the City used to have auctions. City Manager Barrineau agreed that bicycles were sold for very little money.

