

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

August 29, 2016 - 5:30 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 City Manager Julia Wilkie, City Clerk Steffanie Dorn, and City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler; Adam Benson from the Index Journal and Angel Parnell of GWDtoday.com.

Niki Hutto entered the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor D. Welborn Adams called the meeting in Council Chambers to order at 5:30 p.m. and 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."

City Clerk Steffanie Dorn confirmed there was a quorum present.

Niki Hutto entered the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 16-014 Amending the City of Greenwood's Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 14-020) by Rezoning a 2.03 Acre Parcel of Land Located at 1801 By-Pass 72 NE from GC (General Commercial) to IP (Institutional Professional).

(2nd reading)

Under Unfinished Business, Mayor Adams reviewed the request from Bubba Harvin to rezone the old Sunshine House Operations Center from General Commercial (GC) to Institutional Professional (IP).

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to accept Ordinance No. 16-014 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Johnny Williams.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Presentations for Requests to Receive 2015-2016 State Accommodations Tax (A-Tax) Funding.

Under New Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau gave an overview of the \$145,245.81 Accommodations Tax funds that the City received and five funding requests from local agencies totaling \$100,200. After he asked A-Tax Committee members to introduce themselves, the following allocation proposals were requested:

- Executive Directors Ann Craig, Karen Jennings, and Steven Gilbert requested \$33,000 for the Emerald Triangle. The Greenwood Museum & Railroad Historical Center, Arts Center, and Community Theatre will split the funds for advertising and quality programming.
- On behalf of the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce, President and CEO Angelle LaBorde requested \$2,500 for the advertisement and promotion of the Women's Leadership Upstate Conference. She also requested \$27,700 to help support the 50th Anniversary of the South Carolina Festival of Flowers.
- Executive Director Cecily Furgerson informed Council of the Greenwood Performing Arts Organization's 70th season in Greenwood and requested \$7,000 to increase their social media advertising and marketing.

- Uptown Greenwood Development Manager Lara Hudson requested \$20,000 for the SC Festival of Discovery to increase marketing and Blues Cruise funding.

After allocation requests were made, City Manager Barrineau dismissed the A-Tax Committee to deliberate on fund distribution recommendations with Assistant City Manager Julia Wilkie.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 16-017 Amending Ordinance No. 15-041, to Levy Tax for the City of Greenwood for 2016.

(1st reading)

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council of the recent reassessment of property values in Greenwood County that required a millage recalculation. He recognized City Clerk and Finance Director Steffanie Dorn who discussed the purpose of a millage rollback for the City not to receive a significant gain in its tax revenue if there is an increase of City property values. She indicated that the City is only rolling the millage back 0.35% which indicates not as much growth, therefore the City proposes to rollback the millage to 103.3 from 103.7. Because Council previously approved a 7.705 percent increase in millage, City Clerk and Finance Director Dorn recommended Council to only increase it 6.8 percent so the millage will increase to 110.3 to meet the budget that Council had already passed.

DISCUSSION:

City Clerk and Finance Director Dorn confirmed the following to Councilors Johnny Williams, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles and Ronnie Ables respectively:

- Greenwood County reassesses property values every four years. The value of the property determines if taxes will increase or decrease.
- The City must report its millage rate to Greenwood County by September 19th.
- Citizens will not receive a notice from the City, just the reassessment document from the County and their regular tax bill.
- The City will still have a tax increase, but not as much.

A motion to amend Ordinance No. 15-041 to levy tax for the City of Greenwood for 2016 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

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.

CONSIDER City Manager Charles Barrineau requested Council to enter into an Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter regarding a City owned parcel of land.

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Contractual A motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Kenn
Matter Regarding Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.
a City Owned
Parcel of Land.

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

Mayor Adams adjourned the Special Called Meeting at 6:13 p.m.

D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer