

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

September 19, 2016 - 5:31 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT Council Members: Mayor D. Welborn Adams, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Kenn Wiltshire, Johnny Williams, and Ronnie Ables; Assistant City Manager Julia Wilkie, City Clerk Steffanie Dorn, and City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler; Adam Benson from the Index Journal.

City Manager Charles Barrineau entered the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor D. Welborn Adams called the meeting in Council Chambers to order at 5:31 p.m.

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 that a quorum was present.

Councilor Linda Edwards gave the invocation.

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 Under Public Appearances, Assistant City Manager Julia Wilkie recognized Lori Bassett, Head of Communications for the Greenwood Genetic Center, who discussed activities during the last week in September, known as Gene Week.

Lori Bassett
Regarding the
Greenwood
Genetic Center
Presentation of
Gene Week 2016.

Mayor Adams read and presented a Gene Week Proclamation to Ms. Bassett.

RECOGNIZE There was no representative from the Hispanic Alliance of South Carolina to receive the Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation that was presented by Mayor Adams.

The Hispanic
Alliance of
South Carolina
Regarding
Hispanic
Heritage Month.

RECOGNIZE Assistant City Manager Julia Wilkie recognized David Thompkins, a soccer coach for the Lakelands Toros Soccer Club, who familiarized Council on the organization that has been using Phoenix Field since 2003. Dr. Lloyd Willis, President of the Lakelands Toros Soccer Club, discussed proposed facility improvements that include repairing underground piping, a new shelter, and irrigation. He believes having the Toros organization practicing, along with tournaments, in a centralized location provides a positive economic and social impact for Uptown Greenwood.

The Lakelands
Toros Soccer
Club.

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Adams asked if Greenwood County had been approached for financial help, with recreational funds, to fix and upgrade Phoenix Field facilities. David Thompkins stated that their organization is open for any suggestions. He believes that more children may want to join the soccer club if it remains centrally located instead of being further out in the County.

Councilor Kenn Wiltshire asked if the organization considered other fields for expansion and if they're wanting the City to fund the proposed new building. David Thompkins confirmed that the organization has moved around to utilize more space, but prefers to stay in Uptown. The organization is looking for any help to expand the field and replace "ancient" bathroom facilities.

Mr. Thompson confirmed to Councilor Betty Boles that children join the program through a referral process, but the Toros are looking at better ways to outreach.

Councilor Niki Hutto stated that sports tourism should be viable for hospitality tax monies and asked if there were any signage to encourage interest or walk-ons. Dr. Lloyd Willis confirmed that several children have walked-on to join the private organization. He also noted that the Toros is recruiting from schools and the Brewer Recreation Center afterschool program.

Councilor Edwards suggested more community involvement from the organization to reach more children who don't know how to join.

RECOGNIZE

Jim Medford
Representing the
Women's Health
Classic.

Assistant City Manager Julie Wilkie recognized Jim Medford, Chairman and owner of The Links at Stoney Point, who gave Council a brief history of the Symetra Pro Golf Tournament hosting the ladies golf event in Greenwood for three years. He stated that last year's tournament had the largest attendance of over 16,000 people, plus national television coverage, and estimated a \$30 million economic impact for Greenwood in 10 years. Mr. Medford also noted that it costs over \$1 million to promote the event through sponsorship advertising. This year, he is asking for three percent of overall costs for the program from the City & County of Greenwood and South Carolina State governments.

DISCUSSION:

Jim Medford confirmed to Councilor Boles that \$25,000 was requested from the City last year but noted that Greenwood County gave \$35,000 and the State gave \$45,000.

City Manager Charles Barrineau entered the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No.
16-015 Amending
Section 34-7(b)
of the City of
Greenwood Code
of Ordinances.

Under Public Hearings, City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed proposed sanitation policies of trash pickup times and the location of green cans for side arm, automated trucks.

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

(2nd reading)

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 16-015 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Edwards, who was satisfied with the language change, that penalties for not returning sanitation carts off the curb is listed in the general code section of the ordinance.

There was no further discussion.

CONSIDER

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

City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the recent reassessment of property values in Greenwood County that required a millage recalculation for the City of Greenwood.

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no discussion from Council.

(2nd reading)

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 16-017 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.

Councilor Ronnie Ables stated that he's still against any form of tax at any rate.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 16-018 Authorizing the Renaming of Andrews Avenue to Andrews Avenue North and Andrews Avenue South.

City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler who discussed a request from the GIS Department to rename Andrews Avenue, intersected by a railroad track, to Andrews Avenue North and South.

No one spoke for or against the proposed request.

DISCUSSION:

City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler confirmed to Councilor Johnny Williams that, although it does run from east to west, the street ends at a northern point and starts again on a southern point of Andrews Avenue.

(1st reading)

City Manager Barrineau noted to Councilor Wiltshire that typographical errors in the proposed ordinance will be corrected.

Councilor Ables believes 911 Dispatch should be able to establish the location of buildings in case of an emergency, even though Councilor Williams thinks it should be renamed Andrews Avenue East and West. City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler confirmed that there will be no address changes and the Planning Commission recommended approval.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to authorize the renaming of Andrews Avenue to Andrews Avenue North and Andrews Avenue South, with noted corrections in the proposed ordinance, was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
Ordinance No. 16-012 Amending Ordinance No. 03-010, Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 3, Section 3.4.1.2.I., Conditional Uses Allowed in All Industrial Districts Pertaining to Solar Farms.

Under Unfinished Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the proposed text change amendment to the Zoning Ordinance that would modify the original language to be more site specific on types of buffers and screenings for solar panels. There were no changes since first reading.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 16-012 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

(2nd reading)

CONSIDER
 Ordinance No. 16-013 Amending the City of Greenwood's Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning 118 Parcels of Land in an Area Bounded by Mathis Road and Maxwell & Oak Avenues from RM7 (High Density Residential Manufactured Housing) to R7 (High Density Residential).

City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the request from the City to rezone properties bounded by Mathis Road and Maxwell & Oak Avenues from High Density Residential Manufactured Housing (RM7) that allows conditional usage for manufactured housing, to High Density Residential (R7) that allows seven residential units per acre.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 16-013 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Barrineau and City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler confirmed to Councilor Edwards that no one spoke against the rezoning request at the Planning Commission meeting and the one existing mobile home will be grandfathered as a nonconforming use.

(2nd reading)

CONSIDER
 Ordinance No. 16-019 Amending Ordinance 15-040, the City of Greenwood General Fund Budget for 2016.

Under New Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council of their acceptance of State grant funds to purchase body cameras and backend storage equipment for the Police Department. This proposed ordinance would amend the budget to reflect funds given by the State and line items of expenses for body-worn cameras and equipment.

There was no discussion from Council.

(1st reading)

A motion to amend Ordinance 15-040 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
 Resolution No. 16-006 Approving the Distribution of 2015 Accommodations Tax Funds.

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council of the Accommodations Tax (A-Tax) Advisory Committee's distribution recommendation as follows:

AGENCY	\$ REQUESTED	\$ COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED	\$ APPROVED BY COUNCIL
City of Greenwood	31,012.29	31,012.29	31,012.29
Greenwood Regional Visitors/Tourism	36,073.74	36,073.74	36,073,74
The Emerald Triangle	33,000	27,000	27,000
Greenwood Performing Arts	7,000	5,500	5,500
South Carolina Festival of Discovery	20,000	19,696.23	19,696.23
South Carolina Festival of Flowers	37,700	23,463.55	23,463.55
Greenwood Chamber	2,500	2,500	2,500
Total	\$167,286.03	\$145,245.81	\$145,245.81

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Boles that no agency requests were denied.

Councilor Wiltshire questioned not funding more money for the Festival of Flowers 50th Anniversary.

Mayor Adams stated that he's okay with the distribution of Accommodations Tax funds as presented by the Advisory Committee.

Assistant City Manager Wilkie noted that the committee debated fund distribution to agencies who brought the most visitors to the City.

Councilor Hutto stated that she must abstain from voting due to a conflict of interest.

A motion to approve the distribution of 2015 A-Tax funds was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Johnny Williams.

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

The motion passed 6-0.

CITY MANAGER
COMMENTS

City Manager Barrineau reminded Council of the following dates:

- September 29 - John Lamb Retirement Drop-In
- September 30 - City Council Annual Retreat at the John Lamb Center
- October 18 - Safety Dinner at the Greenwood Farmer's Market
- October 20 - Oktober Fest
- October 27 - Boo Bash

CONSIDER
Executive Session to Discuss a Contractual Matter Regarding Bank Services.

City Manager Charles Barrineau requested Council to enter into an Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter regarding banking services and noted that action may be taken after Executive Session ends and the regular Council meeting reconvenes. He also requested an additional item that wasn't on the agenda to discuss an Uptown economic development project.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to amend the Executive Session agenda to add an extra item to discuss an Uptown economic development matter was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 6:36 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:53 p.m.

CONSIDER

To Accept South State Bank Bid for Banking Services.

City Manager Charles Barrineau requested Council to accept the low bid for banking services that was presented by South State Bank.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to accept the low bid for banking services from South State Bank was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Hutto inquired the status of an investigation of a violent crime that happened two weeks ago on Abney Street. The City Manager confirmed there were no new leads resulting from the arrest of one suspect.

Councilor Wiltshire asked the status of the Panera Bread Company. City Manager Barrineau stated that construction is expected to start at any time.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

Mayor Adams adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer