

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

September 4, 2012 - 5:31 p.m.

**MINUTES**

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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 to City Manager Julia Wilkie, and City Clerk Steffanie Dorn; Frank Bumb of the Index Journal.

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting in Council Chambers was called to order by Mayor D. Welborn Adams at 5:31 p.m. and he welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Councilor Linda Edwards gave the invocation.

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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.

## CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 12-018 Amending the City of Greenwood's Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning a 0.82 Acre Parcel of land Located at 229 Grace Street from OP-GV (Office Professional-Old Greenwood Village Overlay) to NC-GV (Neighborhood Commercial-Old Greenwood Overlay).

(1<sup>st</sup> reading)

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council of the Planning Commission and Staff's approval to rezone the property that was once Hopewood Academy to Neighborhood Commercial in the Old Greenwood Village Overlay so that it can be rented by a local dance studio. Councilor Ken Wiltshire was concerned about adequate parking and traffic caused by parents dropping off and picking up children. City Manager Barrineau stated that parking is located on the side of the building and the owner must adhere to Office Professional stipulations.

A motion to rezone 229 Grace Street from Office Professional-Old Greenwood Village Overlay to Neighborhood Commercial-Old Greenwood Village Overlay was made by Ronnie Ables, seconded by Johnny Williams.

The motion passed unanimously.

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## CONSIDER

Resolution No. 12-009 to Approve the Expenditure of City Funds as a Match for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Streetscape Improvements along Main Street and Oak Avenue.

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council of a CDBG application for streetscape improvements along Oak Avenue and Main Streets. The City can apply for up to \$500,000 with a match from the local Hospitality Tax account of \$271,293.95 for a total of \$771,293.95 for the project. He presented Council with three options to: 1) Do nothing 2) Approve the resolution to fund this amount or 3) Give staff the ability to fund an amount not to exceed \$375,000. The City Manager encourages Council to approve the higher amount to be more competitive and aggressive by overmatching with local resources for a stronger application. He projects to have a balance at the end of this year in the Hospitality Tax account so the funds will be available for whatever Council will choose.

Mayor Welborn Adams abstained from any deliberations due to a conflict of interest and recognized Linda Edwards, Mayor Pro Tempore, to deliberate.

Councilor Betty Boles asked which property belonged to the bank. Councilor Wiltshire suggested that the developer of the bank property may want to reconstruct the plaza at their own expense. City Manager Barrineau stated that it may be a possibility but the City will have 7 to 11 months before beginning construction and can mirror the bank's plan in that area.

Councilor Niki Hutto inquired of the streetscape and any parking changes. City Manager Charles Barrineau stated that the City will improve all water, sewer, electrical, and lighting in the area similar to what was done on Monument and Maxwell. The parking will remain neutral because it is already maximized based on their angle.

Councilor Wiltshire was concerned about the monuments that are currently on the sidewalks. City Manager Barrineau stated that all of them will remain and be enhanced with up-lighting.

Mayor Pro Tempore Edwards clarified that this resolution is only for a grant application which may or may not be approved. City Manager Barrineau confirmed that if approved this project will not start until the end of Summer 2013 and there is enough funds in the local Hospitality Tax account to cover the match.

A motion to approve the expenditure of City funds as a CDBG match not to exceed \$375,000 for streetscape improvements along Main Street and Oak Avenue was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Linda Edwards.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

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D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk and Treasurer