

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

November 28, 2016 - 5:33 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT Council Members: Mayor D. Welborn Adams, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Johnny Williams, Ronnie Ables, and Councilman-Elect Matthew Miller; City Manager Charles Barrineau, Assistant City Manager Julia Wilkie, City Clerk Steffanie Dorn, and City Attorney Tripp Padgett; Adam Benson from The Index Journal.

ABSENT Kenn Wiltshire.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor D. Welborn Adams called the meeting in the Municipal Courtroom to order at 5:33 p.m.

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."

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 Johnny Williams, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

RECOGNIZE Under the only Public Appearance, Mayor Welborn Adams presented Hope Hanna a proclamation declaring December as National Hospice and Palliative Care Month.

Hope Hanna,
Administrator of
Caris Healthcare
Regarding
National Hospice
and Palliative
Care Month.

CONSIDER Under the only Public Hearing, City Manager reviewed annexing land belonging to School District 50, adjacent to Springfield Elementary School, for a transportation center/bus facility.

Ordinance No.
16-020 Annexing
Property Owned
by Greenwood
School District
50.

No one spoke for or against the proposed annexation.

There was no discussion from Council.

(2nd reading)

A motion to annex property owned by Greenwood School District 50 was made by Ronnie Ables, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER Under the only Unfinished Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau requested Council to reaffirm their motion from the October 17, 2016, Shred with Us, LLC, business license hearing.

Order Affirming
Requirement for
Shred with Us,
LLC, Business
License.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion affirming the requirement for Shred with Us, LLC business license was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

RECOGNIZE

Johnny Williams
for 32 Years of
Public Service
on City Council.

Under New Business, Mayor Adams presented outgoing Councilman Johnny Williams with a proclamation for being the longest serving City Council member on record.

ADMINISTER

Oath of Office
to:
Niki Hutto, Ward
1
Betty Boles,
Ward 2
Matthew Miller,
Ward 5
Arthur Bush,
Commissioner of
Public Works

City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized Municipal Court Judge Lee Miller who administered the oaths of office to City Councilwomen Niki Hutto and Betty Boles & Commissioner of Public Works Arthur Bush together. He then administered the oath of office to first term Councilman Matthew Miller.

CONSIDER

Appointment of
Mayor Pro
Tempore for 2
Year Term.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council that a new Mayor Pro Tempore must be appointed after each election and, based on the rotation of council members, Councilor Niki Hutto is next to serve in that position.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to appoint Councilor Niki Hutto as Mayor Pro Tempore was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Betty Boles.

Those who voted in favor were Mayor Adams, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Matthew Miller, and Ronnie Ables. Niki Hutto abstained from voting.

The motion passed 5-0.

CONSIDER
 Ordinance No. 16-021 to Authorize the City Manager to Issue Commissioner of Public Works (CPW) Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes in 2017.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council that this bond anticipation note would allow the CPW to purchase up to \$10 million of natural gas, if needed. To his knowledge, they haven't had to use it, but Council approves this ordinance annually.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to authorize the City Manager to issue CPW Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes in 2017 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

(1st reading)

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
 Resolution No. 16-010 Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with Carolina Health Centers, Greenwood Genetic Center, Self Regional Healthcare, and Wesley Commons.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council of the first non-profit, fee-in-lieu-of, agreement in 2011 with Carolina Health Centers, Self Regional Health Care and Wesley Commons for five years. He has now recommended another agreement with a five year, flat fee of \$197,000 with the same non-profits, and including the Greenwood Genetic Center, for a combined total of \$985,000.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Linda Edwards that the Genetic Center was not included in the first agreement. He also confirmed to Councilor Betty Boles that, although the fee will remain consistent for the next five years, the difference from the last agreement is \$15,000.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Carolina Health Centers, Greenwood Genetic Center, Self Regional Healthcare, and Wesley Commons was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
Ordinance No.
16-022 to Adopt
the Budget for
2017.

(1st reading)

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council of a slight number change of the proposed ordinance from the draft given at the work session. A 3% cost of living adjustment for all City employees, an additional \$1 million in liability coverage taken from the South Carolina Municipal Insurance & Risk Fund (SCMIRF), and several major equipment purchases will be made without a property tax increase. He also noted the budget is balanced by using \$375,014 from the City's Capital Improvement Fund.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to adopt the budget for 2017 was made by Ronnie Ables, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
Ordinance No.
16-023 to Adopt
Hospitality
Budget Line Item
(Benjamin Mays
Statue) for
2017.

(1st reading)

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council of their intention to invest \$18,000 of hospitality tax funds, along with additional private funds that are being raised by GLEAMNS, for the Dr. Benjamin Mays bronze statue. He suggested that Mayor Adams and Councilor Boles abstain from voting because of their position on the GLEAMNS Board of Directors, and asked Mayor Pro Tempore Niki Hutto to entertain a motion for a vote.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to adopt the Benjamin Mays Statue hospitality budget line item for 2017 made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Matt Miller.

Those who voted in favor were Mayor Pro Tem Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Matthew Miller, and Ronnie Ables. Mayor Adams and Betty Boles abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

The motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No.
16-024 to Adopt
Hospitality
Budget Line Item
(Emerald
Triangle) for
2017.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council of their three-year agreement to provide hospitality tax revenue to the Arts Center, Theatre and Museum. He recommended \$200,000 to be equally split during 2017 and discuss future funding with Emerald Triangle leadership. Because Councilors Niki Hutto and Matthew Miller are contracted employees of the Arts Center and Theater, respectively, they will abstain from voting.

DISCUSSION:

(1st reading)

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Ables that \$200,000 will be just for 2017, but will discuss additional funding in future meetings.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to adopt the Emerald Triangle hospitality tax budget line item for 2017 was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Linda Edwards.

Those who voted in favor were Mayor Adams, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles and Ronnie Ables. Niki Hutto and Matthew Miller abstained due to a conflict of interest.

The motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER

Consider Ordinance No. 16-025 Amending Ordinance 16-001 by Deleting Section 10-29, Purpose and Duration; and Adding Division 6, Amending Section 10-51, Purpose and Duration, and Appendices A, B, & C of the City of Greenwood Business License Ordinance, Chapter 10, Article II of the City of Greenwood Code of Ordinances.

City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized City Clerk and Finance Director Steffanie Dorn who informed Council of duplicate sections in the Business License Ordinance that needs to be deleted. She suggested updating the City's business license rate class index based on the recently published Internal Revenue Service profit margins.

DISCUSSION:

Steffanie Dorn confirmed to Councilor Boles that businesses will be notified of new rate changes. She also confirmed to Mayor Adams that some businesses will either pay the same, or less, fees. Those whose profits increase will see an increase if they remained in the same classification.

There was no further discussion.

A motion to Amend Ordinance 16-001 by deleting Section 10-29, adding Section 10-51 and Amending Appendices A, B & C of the City of Greenwood Business License Ordinance and Chapter 10, Article II, of the City of Greenwood Codes of Ordinances was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 16-026 to Levy Tax for the City of Greenwood for 2017.

(1st reading)

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council that there will be no tax increase for 2017 and the City's millage rate would remain at 111.69 mills.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to levy tax in the City of Greenwood for 2017 was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
 Resolution No.
 16-011
 Authorizing
 Christmas Gifts
 for City
 Employees.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council of the resolution that allows City employees to receive Christmas gift cards (\$50 to those employed over one year and \$25 for those that are part-time and/or employed less than one year). He informed them that this year's gift cards were already approved in the 2016 budget for this year.

A motion to authorize Christmas gift cards for City employees was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Ronnie Ablesa.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
 Acceptance of
 \$500,000
 Community
 Development
 Block Grant
 (CDBG) funds to
 Demolish a
 Vacant,
 Dilapidated
 Apartment
 Complex in the
 City of
 Greenwood.

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council that the City, in partnership with the Greenwood Area Habitat for Humanity, has been awarded \$500,000 in CDBG funds to demolish Mineral Court Apartments. If accepted, Davis and Floyd Engineers will manage the project that is estimated to be completed by the end of 2017.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Edwards asked if the entire apartment complex will be demolished. City Manager Barrineau confirmed those buildings must be cleaned of asbestos first before any demolition and recycling of salvable materials. Once completed, 10 to 15 single-family homes, similar to those in Springwood Trails, will be constructed by Habitat for Humanity.

There was no further discussion.

A motion to accept \$500,000 in CDBG funds to demolish a vacant, dilapidated apartment complex in the City of Greenwood was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
Allocation from
Community
Development
Funds of \$4,500
to Demolish
Dilapidated
Home at 114
Singleton
Street.

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council that their previous allocation of \$25,000 to demolish six properties wasn't enough to add 114 Singleton Street to the list. He asked for an additional \$4,500 to demolish the structure, located across from Tabernacle Baptist Church, that has been unable to sell at the Greenwood County tax sale.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Edwards that staff has been unable to contact the owner of the property.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to allocate \$4,500 from Community Development funds to demolish the dilapidated home at 114 Singleton Street was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITY
COMMENTS

MANAGER

City Manager Barrineau advised Council to check their calendar to view upcoming dates for the month of December. He confirmed to Councilor Hutto that the Christmas parade will run as scheduled, rain or shine. It is rare to cancel parades, but he advised everyone that a cancellation notice would be posted on the City and Uptown Greenwood Facebook pages.

CITY
COMMENTS

COUNCIL

Mayor Adams informed Council that he received letters of thanks from the Cities of Orangeburg and James Island for Greenwood's help during the Hurricane Matthew.

