

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

December 19, 2016 - 5:32 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT Council Members: Mayor D. Welborn Adams, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Kenn Wiltshire, and Matthew Miller; Assistant City Manager Julia Wilkie, City Clerk Steffanie Dorn, and City Attorney Tripp Padgett; Adam Benson from The Index Journal.

ABSENT Councilman Ronnie Ables; City Manager Charles Barrineau.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor D. Welborn Adams called the meeting in the Municipal Courtroom to order at 5:32 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 Betty Boles, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER Under Public Hearings, Assistant City Manager Julia Wilkie reviewed the proposed bond anticipation note request that would allow the CPW to purchase up to \$10 million of natural gas, if needed.

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

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 16-021 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

(2nd reading) The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER Assistant City Manager Julie Wilkie reviewed the proposed budget for 2017. There were no questions from Council regarding several small changes that were made.

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

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no discussion from Council.

(2nd reading) A motion to approve Ordinance No. 16-022 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER Assistant City Manager Julia Wilkie reviewed the budget amendment to invest \$18,000 of hospitality tax funds for the Dr. Benjamin Mays bronze statue. She noted that Mayor Adams and Councilor Boles will 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.

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

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

(2nd reading) There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 16-023 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Linda Edwards.

Those who voted in favor were Mayor Pro Tempore Niki

Hutto, Linda Edwards, Kenn Wiltshire and Matthew Miller. 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.

Assistant City Manager Julia Wilkie reviewed the proposed budget amendment to provide \$200,000 in hospitality tax revenue to the Arts Center, Theatre, and Museum to be equally split during 2017. She noted that Councilors Niki Hutto and Matthew Miller will abstain from voting because of their contracted employment with the Arts Center and Theater, respectively.

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

(2nd reading)

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Kenn Wiltshire confirmed to Councilor Betty Boles that \$200,000 will be allocated only for 2017.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 16-024 was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Linda Edwards.

Those who voted in favor were Mayor Adams, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles and Kenn Wiltshire. 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.

(2nd reading)

Assistant City Manager Julia Wilkie reviewed changes to the Business License Ordinance that will delete duplicate sections and update the rate class index based on the recently published Internal Revenue Service profit margins.

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

There was discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 16-025 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

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

(2nd reading)

Assistant City Manager Julia Wilkie reminded Council that there will be no tax increase for 2017.

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

DISCUSSION:

City Clerk and Finance Director Steffanie Dorn clarified to Councilor Boles that 2017 tax notices will be sent in October and must be paid before February 15, 2018, to avoid being charged penalty fees.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 16-026 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
 Ordinance No. 17-001
 Authorizing the Renaming of Norwood Avenue to Norwood Avenue East and Norwood Avenue West.

(1st reading)

Assistant City Manager Julia Wilkie discussed the City/County Addressing Department's request to rename Norwood Avenue to Norwood Avenue East and West.

No one spoke for or against the proposed renaming.

DISCUSSION:

City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler confirmed to Councilor Boles that no one spoke against the renaming of Norwood Avenue at the City/County Planning Commission. He noted that the eastern portion of Norwood Avenue does have houses on it, but their addresses are not fronted on it.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to rename Norwood Avenue to Norwood Avenue East and Norwood Avenue West was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Matt Miller.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
 To Authorize the City Manager to Release Demolition Lien for 320 Mineral Avenue in Return for Parcel being Deeded to Greenwood Area Habitat for Humanity.

Under New Business, Assistant City Manager Julia Wilkie reminded Council of a house on 320 Mineral Avenue, across from Mineral Court Apartments, that they approved to have demolished in 2014. The owner of that property wishes to donate it to Habitat for Humanity, if the City agrees to release the lien.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to release the demolition lien for 320 Mineral Avenue upon the execution and delivery of the deed to the Greenwood Area Habitat for Humanity was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Linda Edwards questioned why the City would pay to demolish a property only to give it away and suggested owners of dilapidated property should be proven unable to pay for demolitions first.

City Clerk and Finance Director Steffanie Dorn confirmed

the property was demolished using Community Payback Funds and stated that, after three years, the debt off-set program would no longer allow the City to pursue payment on the lien anyway. If Habitat for Humanity builds a house on that site, then it will become a taxable property where the City can recover some money.

CITY COUNCIL
COMMENTS

Councilor Wiltshire inquired if the CPW bond request amount would increase in lieu of Teijin, LTD, locating in Greenwood. City Clerk Steffanie Dorn stated that the ordinance is only for the pre-purchase of natural gas that the CPW can buy in bulk at a good price. Teijin's primary concern would be the water availability provided by the CPW.

CITY MANAGER
COMMENTS

Assistant City Manager Julia Wilkie noted no additional comments other than what was written in City Manager Barrineau's memo to Council.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Betty Boles.

Mayor Adams adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer