

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

November 5, 2012 - 5:25 p.m.

**SPECIAL MEETING 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; Brian King of GwdToday.com and Chris Trainor 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 5:25 p.m.

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.

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CONSIDER City Manager Charles Barrineau briefly updated Council on the Kitson Mill site cleanup. He expects DHEC will sign the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Permit Plan and is hopeful that the cleanup can be mobilized as early as next Monday, November 12. The Air Monitoring Contract has been signed, all the asbestos abatement permits, waste management characterization, and safety plans have been approved.

Resolution No. 12-014 Authorizing Mayor to Commitment Letter for \$500,000 of Project Remediation Financing to the City of Greenwood.

This resolution is to authorize the acceptance of the \$500,000 loan from the SC Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund that is managed by the Catawba Regional Council of Governments.

City Manager Barrineau reminded Council, if the entire \$500,000 is used, \$125,000 becomes forgivable and the City would only have to return \$375,000 in principal plus the 1% interest over 10 years. The City must also set aside \$400,000 of the City's money as an escrow account for this project. Any part of the cleanup process, except demolition, can be utilized from this loan fund.

Councilor Betty Boles asked if the one percent interest is for the whole amount. City Clerk Steffanie Dorn stated that fund is like a regular loan but the 1% interest rate will initially be for the \$375,000. City Manager Barrineau stated that, if there aren't any problems, the City can make a first payment in 2013 the first of 10 years.

Councilor Johnny Williams asked why spend the whole \$500,000 in cleanup and questions a two foot cap when there is a 8 - 10" deep hole that has to be filled anyway. City Manager Barrineau stated that the City will spend the money easily but staff won't know what is found environmentally underneath the site to know where and what has to be capped. City Clerk Dorn stated that 25% will be forgiven either way.

A motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a commitment letter for \$500,000 of Project Remediation Financing for the City of Greenwood was made by Ronnie Ables, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Negotiated  
Agreement with  
Greenwood County  
for Landfill  
Fees Associated  
with Former  
Kitson Avenue  
Mill Site Debris  
Removal.

City Manager Charles Barrineau advised Council that County Council voted 6-1 to authorize the landfill fees for the Kitson Mill site to be reduced to \$200,000. The debris is estimated to be 14,000 cubic yards at \$40 per ton. An agreement must be made by City Council to get trucks moving at the site by next week.

Councilor Boles asked if there was any way to negotiate lower fees. Mayor Adams stated that \$200,000 is the lowest they're offering and it's time to move forward.

Councilor Williams noted, and Councilor Ronnie Ables agreed, that the County has waived fees for Lander University and other area towns but the City of Greenwood and it's not right for City residents who already pay landfill fees. Councilor Ables also noted that the City was at fault for letting the company tear the mill down without removing the debris. City Manager Barrineau stated that this situation is no different than a homeowner abandoning a house but on a much larger scale.

Councilor Edwards stated that this decision is about the residents that want the debris gone and the City must do what is best with whatever resources it has.

A motion to accept the agreement with Greenwood County for landfill fees association with the former Kitson Mill site debris removal was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Linda Edwards.

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 unanimously.

Councilor Boles asked if staff checked every option for more money. City Manager Barrineau stated the City has been approved for Brownfield grants.

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CONSIDER                      City Manager Charles Barrineau asked for a brief executive session to be updated by Mark Warner from the Partnership Alliance of Projects Seminole and Zig.

Executive Session            to  
Discuss Project                and  
Seminole                        Project Zig.

A motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT                Meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

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D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk and Treasurer