

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

March 20, 2017 - 5:31 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Council Members: Mayor D. Welborn Adams, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Kenn Wiltshire, Matthew Miller and Ronnie Ables; City Manager Charles Barrineau, Assistant City Manager Julia Wilkie, City Clerk Steffanie Dorn, and City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler; Adam Benson from The Index Journal.

Councilor Niki Hutto entered the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

City Manager Charles Barrineau 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 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 Ronnie Ables, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No.
17-007 Annexing
36.48 Acres on
Milford Springs
Road.

Under Public Hearings, City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed Developer Todd Bailey's request to annex 36+ acres off of Milford Springs Road.

Mayor Pro Tempore Niki Hutto entered the meeting at 5:34 p.m. to preside over the public hearing and vote due to Mayor Adams' conflict of interest.

(2nd reading)

Mr. William Buzhardt of 301 Milford Springs Road spoke against the request because of his concern of too much congestion for that area and asked for a restricted number of units to be built.

No one spoke in favor of the request.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Charles Barrineau and City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler confirmed to Councilor Betty Boles that there is no other access to the proposed subdivision of 140+ houses. Phil Lindler also confirmed to Mayor Pro Tempore Niki Hutto and Councilor Kenn Wiltshire that annexing the property into the City, with an R-7 zoning classification, will only allow seven units per acre and no multi-family housing, or apartments, would be allowed.

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Linda Edwards that the contractor is still going through the permitting process before construction starts. The number of houses being built depends on the market for them.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 17-007 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Linda Edwards.

Those who voted in favor were Mayor Pro Tempore Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Matthew Miller, Kenn Wiltshire and Ronnie Ables. Mayor Adams did not vote due to a conflict of interest.

The motion passed 6-0.

CONSIDER City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the request from Western Carolina, LLC, to install and maintain their equipment in the City's rights-of-way as they move their operations into the Greenwood area.

Ordinance No. 17-008 Tele-communications Franchise and Consent Ordinance. No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance. There was no discussion from Council.

(2nd reading)

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 17-008 was made by Matthew Miller, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the proposed ordinance to remove the requirement to have a three-strand, barb wire fence around City wrecker service providers' storage areas from the Code of Ordinances.

Ordinance No. 17-010 Amending Section 30-207(a) of the City of Greenwood Code of Ordinances. No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance. There was no discussion from Council.

(2nd reading)

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 17-010 was made by Ronnie Ables, seconded by Matthew Miller.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 17-005 Amending the City of Greenwood's Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning a 0.10 Acre Parcel of Land Located at 113 High Street from GC (General Commercial) to OP (Office Professional).

Under Unfinished Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the request to rezone property located at 113 High Street from General Commercial to Office Professional. He confirmed to Councilor Edwards that nothing has changed since first reading.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 17-005 was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

(2nd reading)

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 17-006 Amending the City of Greenwood's Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning a Portion of a 3.4 Acre Parcel of Land Located at 1025 South Main Street from R7 (High Density Residential) to GC (General Commercial).

City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the rezoning request from Harley Funeral Home that will allow their entire campus to be zoned General Commercial.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 17-006 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

The motion passed unanimously.

(2nd reading)

CONSIDER

Appointing Sara Powell to Fill Vacant Position on the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee.

Under New Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau introduced Ms. Sara Powell to Council. As the Area Director of Sales for the Paragon Hotel Company representing the new Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Fairfield Inn and Suites, and Hampton Inn, he recommended her to fill a vacant position on the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to appoint Sara Powell to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 17-011 of the City Council of the City of Greenwood Establishing Guidelines for a Temporary Suspension of Certain Municipal Code Provisions along a Defined Area of City of Greenwood Owned Property along Main Street for the Purposes of Conducting a Public Event.

City Manager Charles Barrineau requested Council to allow the City Manager to issue permits from time to time to allow beer and wine to be possessed and consumed in a defined area in front of the Countybank Plaza during public events.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to establish guidelines for a temporary suspension of certain municipal code provisions along a defined area of City of Greenwood owned property along Main Street for the purpose of conducting a public event was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

Those who voted in favor were Mayor Adams, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Kenn Wiltshire, and Matthew Miller. Ronnie Ables voted against.

The motion passed 6-1.

(1st reading)

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 17-012 Amending Ordinance No. 16-022, the City of Greenwood Hospitality Fund Budget for 2017.

(1st reading)

City Manager Charles Barrineau asked Council for a slight change to the \$530,000 Hospitality Tax budget for the Uptown Arcade. He noted that \$300,000 to \$400,000 will be available in 2019, and the amount to totally overhaul the elevators will be from \$75,000 - \$100,000 per elevator. City Manager Barrineau then asked Council to use approximately \$130,000 of the remaining funds for the following projects:

- \$75,000 for the East Court Streetscape CDBG match.
- Begin legal parameters for the bike/pedestrian project to be ready in 2018-2019.
- \$3,200 to repair the roof on the storage building at Phoenix Field.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Matthew Miller that replacing the roof will cost \$30,000 - \$50,000. He also agreed with Councilor Wiltshire that it will be best to take advantage of CDBG grants while they are still available.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 17-012 was made by Ronnie Ables, seconded by Matthew Miller.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Resolution 17-003 Designating the City of Greenwood as BEE CITY USA Affiliate.

City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed a request from the Lakelands Beekeepers and Master Gardeners Associations to designate the City of Greenwood as a BEE CITY USA affiliate and showed a video explaining the importance of maintaining local bee hives.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Edwards stated that she already has a problem with bees and this resolution would encourage the presence of them even more.

Ruth Tolbert, a Lakelands beekeeper, expressed the importance of insecticide-free pollinator gardens.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Resolution 17-003 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the 2017 list of streets for paving and repairs.

Greenwood County
Transportation
Committee (CTC)
Paving List of
Streets for
2017.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve the CTC paving list of streets for 2017 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Matthew Miller.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER
COMMENTS

City Manager Charles Barrineau referred Council to his memo regarding upcoming dates.

CITY COUNCIL
COMMENTS

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Boles that the City's diversity training for staff will be on May 15th.

Sara Powell invited Council members, and staff in attendance, to the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Grand Opening Celebration on March 30th from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Adams adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer