GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

May 15, 2017 - 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

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

Councilor Niki Hutto entered the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

ABSENT
Councilors Betty Boles and Matthew Miller.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor D. Welborn Adams called the meeting in Council Chambers to order at 5:30 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.

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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 Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.
RECOGNIZE

Shay Arnold of Beckman Mental Health.

Under Public Appearances, City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized Shay Arnold from Beckman Mental Health who informed Council that, from fiscal year 2007 - 2008, Greenwood has been consistently ranked in the top five Counties of the juvenile delinquent rate in South Carolina. Greenwood County is currently ranked #3 in the State, with an average of 88 out of every 1,000 youths, that are involved with the Department of Juvenile Justice population. She then discussed the Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) Program of Beckman Mental Health to help reduce the number of juvenile delinquents in Greenwood County.

DISCUSSION:

Shay Arnold confirmed to Councilor Niki Hutto that the program is a holistic approach by counseling parents, as well as the child. She also confirmed to Councilor Kenn Wiltshire that a parent, or caregiver, must agree to participate with the child.

Mayor Adams noted that Greenwood County has the largest community in the State without a Boys/Girls Club. Ms. Arnold noted that this program is currently serving 12 families from Laurens County, but is willing to accept referrals from anyone. The Department of Juvenile Justice is using grant funds, along with Medicaid, for this project and is trying to inform the public. She also confirmed to Councilor Linda Edwards that, although there haven’t been any referrals from area schools yet, the courts have been receptive by working with probation officers on referrals.

RECOGNIZE

Taylor Wilson, Communications and Advocacy Director for Alzheimer’s Association, South Carolina Chapter.

City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized Taylor Wilson, from the South Carolina Chapter Alzheimer’s Association, who informed Council that there are 5 million Americans with Alzheimer’s Disease and about 15 million caregivers. There are 86,000 confirmed diagnosed cases and about 304,000 caregivers in South Carolina. The Alzheimer’s Association goal is to hopefully find a cure by 2025 but, until then, they provide free workshops, legal and financial help, one-on-one personalized care consultations, provider relief services, etc.

Mayor Adams presented a proclamation declaring June 2017 as Alzheimer’s & Brain Awareness month.
CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 17-014 Amending Ordinance 01-009, Adopting Chapter One of Certain International Codes and Deleting Section 8-62 and 24-25.

(2nd reading)

Under Public Hearings, City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed State Law requirements to adopt a separate ordinance for adopting chapters in regards to Building Officials’ duties. There were no changes since first reading.

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion approve Ordinance No. 17-014 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 17-015 Amending the City of Greenwood’s Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning an Approximately 0.18 Acre Portion of an Existing Parcel of Land Located at 520 Marion Avenue from R10 (Multi-Family Residential) to NS (Neighborhood Services)

(1st reading)

City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler who discussed the request from Nathaniel Copeland to subdivide 520 Marion Avenue and rezone the portion with a former beauty shop to Neighborhood Services. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

No one spoke against the proposed ordinance.

Prondolyn Copeland of 804 East Ferguson Street, Clinton, South Carolina, spoke in favor of the request on behalf of the property owner who wants to reinvest in the community.

Sharon Singletary of 202 Siloam Acres Drive once operated the shop for 16 years and needs the property rezoned before she can return her business there.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Singletary confirmed to Mayor Adams and Councilor Wiltshire that only one person will be operating the shop.

Phil Lindler confirmed to Councilor Edwards that the house will remain residentially zoned.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to rezone a portion of 520 Marion Avenue from Multi-Family Residential to Neighborhood Services was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.
The motion passed unanimously.

Council gave City Manager Barrineau permission to have second reading of the rezoning request on Monday, June 5th.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 17-013
Authorizing the Renaming of Nightfall Lane to North Creek Boulevard.

(2nd reading)

City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the extension of North Creek Boulevard to the front of the new Holiday Inn Express.

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to accept Ordinance 17-013 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 17-016 Amending Sections 2-79, Bond, and Section 38-41, Collecting Officer Duties; Bond of the City of Greenwood Code of Ordinances.

(1st reading)

Under New Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized City Clerk/Finance Director Steffanie Dorn who discussed the terminology change in Section 2-79 to add the Assistant Finance Director, along with the Finance Director, to be bonded for $200,000 each. Section 38-41 will remove all the language related to a bond on the Collection Officer, as that position is covered under the City’s general bond for dishonesty. The City will also change its insurance general bond coverage to $500,000.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to amend Section 2-79 and 38-41 of the City of Greenwood Code of Ordinances was made by Ronnie Ables, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.
CONSIDER

Authorizing the City Manager to Expend Funds from the Community Account for the Kitson Mill/City Center Market Study Grant.

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council that Benchmark Planning from Charlotte, North Carolina, will complete a marketing analysis of the City Center, including the Kitson Mill site, to indicate any areas the City of Greenwood may be able to act upon to attract new businesses. The Greater Greenwood County Foundation of the Partnership Alliance will fund the analysis with a $20,000 grant that requires a $5,000 match. The Uptown Greenwood Development Corporation Board of Directors has approved to provide $2,500, and Council was asked to provide $2,500 from the Community Account.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to authorize the City Manager to expend $2,500 from the Community Account for the Kitson Mill/City Center Market Study grant match was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council of the following:

- Uptown Live will be Thursday at the County Bank Plaza to accommodate the SC Community Developers Association’s annual meeting attendees.
- The Veterans Plaza ribbon cutting will be Friday at 2 p.m.
- Public Safety Day will be at the Uptown Market this Saturday at 11 a.m.
- The Martin Luther King, Jr., Mass Choir will celebrate their 25th Anniversary with the Mother Emmanuel Choir from Charleston, South Carolina, at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Coronaca. Mrs. Edith Childs asked for a list of attendees to provide special seating.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Wiltshire announced that he will not be able to attend the Council meeting on June 5th.
CONSIDER

Executive Session:

• To Receive Information on an Economic Development Project in Uptown Greenwood.

And

• Regarding Contract for Parking in Uptown Greenwood.

City Manager Charles Barrineau asked Council to receive information on an Uptown economic development project and discuss a contract for Uptown parking in the executive session.

A motion to enter into executive session was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed into executive session at 6:04 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:34 p.m.

There was no action taken at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Niki Hutto.

Mayor Adams adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer