

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

June 19, 2017 - 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

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

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

Bishop Oliver McCray, from Morris Chapel Baptist Church, 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 Betty Boles, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER Under Public Hearings, City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the proposed amendment to the City of Greenwood Code of Ordinances, Sections 2-79 and 38-41.

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.

(2nd reading)

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 17-016 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Matthew Miller.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the proposed ordinance to allow for the sale and consumption of beer and wine during the Festival of Discovery on an annual basis. He noted that, if Council approves this ordinance, it will be active again next year, but Council can void or make changes to it at any time in the future.

Ordinance 17-017 of the City Council of the City of Greenwood Imposing a Temporary Suspension of Certain Municipal Code Provision on the Main Street Uptown Square During the Annual Three-Day South Carolina Festival of Discovery.

(2nd reading)

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 17-017 was made by Niki Hutto, 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.

CONSIDER Under New Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau

Ordinance No. 17-018 Amending Ordinance 03-010, Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 6, Supplemental Regulations; Article 5, Communications Towers; Sections 6.5.1., 6.5.2., 6.5.3. with Table 6.6., 6.5.4., 6.5.5., 6.5.6., 6.5.7. & 6.5.8 to Allow for Small Cell Technology.

recognized City/County Planner Phil Lindler who informed Council of proposed changes to the cellular communications section of the Zoning Ordinance that will allow for small cell technology located on existing utility, cable television, or their own poles in the City's rights-of way. He confirmed to Councilor Kenn Wiltshire that it will also help the City provide wi-fi throughout the city limits as an economic development tool to encourage individuals and companies to move here for 5G capabilities.

No one spoke for or against the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment.

DISCUSSION:

Councilors Betty Boles and Mayor Adams agreed that allowing small cell technology in the City is a great idea.

(1st reading)

A motion to amend Chapter 6, Article 5 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for small cell technology was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Matthew Miller.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 17-019 Amending Chapter 42, Taxicabs and Limousines, Article II, Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, of the City of Greenwood Code of Ordinances.

Under New Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized City Clerk Steffanie Dorn to discuss the first three agenda items. She informed Council that the Taxicab Ordinance required companies to provide information about vehicles they're purchasing before being issued a Certificate of Convenience. She recommended to strike that language and change it to where taxicab companies will be required to provide that information within 30 days of their certificate approval. The language is also being changed to where the City Clerk would be able to issue new vehicle transfer certificates for companies instead of them appearing before Council, but inspections from the Police Department will remain in place. Additionally, taxicab fees that were changed in the Business License Ordinance, but omitted in the Taxi Cab Ordinance, will also be included for Council's consideration.

(1st reading)

DISCUSSION:

City Clerk Dorn acknowledged to Councilor Betty Boles that fee changes, which coincides with the City's Business License Ordinance, were not discussed at their work session.

She informed Councilors Wiltshire and Boles that the State regulates and generate funds from Uber drivers and establishes all licensing requirements.

There was no further discussion.

A motion to amend Chapter 42, Article II, of the City of Greenwood Code of Ordinances to also include fee changes was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

City Clerk Dorn informed Councilor Linda Edwards that Southside Cab and J&W, which is licensed with a certificate for limousines, are located within the City. J&W applied for additional vehicles for taxis, but staff delayed their applications until this ordinance was amended.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No.
17-020 Amending
08-051 to Add
the Definition
of Continuous
Service.

(1st reading)

City Clerk Steffanie Dorn discussed the amendment to Ordinance 08-051 where the definition of Continuous Service was changed to an absence of less than one year so that employees who leave the City's employment may be able to keep their retiree health insurance benefits, if they're rehired. Historically, the policy has included anyone who leaves for less than one year, but there are only three employees that are currently eligible for this proposed policy change.

DISCUSSION:

City Clerk Dorn clarified to Councilors Boles and Wiltshire that this policy change only applies to employees who were hired before 2015 and absent from their jobs for less than one year.

Councilors Ables and Edwards agreed that employees who leave their employment with the City should not be able to retain their benefits because it would be unfair for employees who stayed on their jobs.

Councilor Hutto noted, and Mayor Adams agreed, that the City can save time and money that would be spent training a new employee by rehiring a former employee. Having the ability to retain their benefits can be an incentive for a qualified employee to return.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to amend Ordinance 08-051 to add the definition of Continuous Service was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

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

The motion passed 4-3.

Councilor Edwards suggested this issue be revisited for former employees who want to return. Councilor Hutto noted that this ordinance is not a guarantee for a rehire, just benefits. City Clerk Dorn noted that this is just adding a definition into the retiree health insurance ordinance.

City Clerk Dorn and Councilor Matthew Miller noted that this policy is similar to the State's policy where accrued leave can be reinforced, if not cashed out.

CONSIDER

Resolution 17-
006 Approving
Financing Terms.

City Clerk Steffanie Dorn informed Council that this resolution will allow the City to proceed with a Capital Lease of \$400,000 for five police cars, with related equipment, and one front-loading sanitation truck. Her recommendation would be to finance with First Citizens Bank for 5 years at a rate of 1.86%.

Mayor Adams recused himself and Mayor Pro Tempore Niki Hutto presided over the vote.

A motion to approve financing terms from First Citizens Bank at 1.86% was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

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

The motion passed 6-0.

CONSIDER
Proclamation for
National
Pollinator Week.

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council of an event celebrating National Pollinator Week at Howard's on Main where the proclamation will be presented.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Barrineau informed Councilor Wiltshire that the DHEC mosquito spraying program could be contradictory to pollinators/pollination, but most spraying is done in the evening when bees are inactive and in their hives.

There was no further discussion from Council.

Mayor Adams signed the proclamation to be presented at the National Pollinators Week celebration.

CONSIDER
Accepting \$50,000 South Carolina National Heritage Corridor Grant for Railroad History Park.

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council that a \$50,000 grant from the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor will be used for the third phase of the Railroad Museum renovation, which also required a \$50,000 match. The museum has provided \$42,000 in private funds and City Manager Barrineau asked Council to allow the City to provide \$8,000 in Hospitality Tax funds.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to accept the \$50,000 South Carolina National Heritage Corridor Grant was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
Request to Waive Invoices, Interest, and Related Lien Claims on 646

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council that the City's Neighborhood Improvement Program efforts to demolish dilapidated homes that are abandoned, or owned by cooperative institutions, has expanded from the west side to the central location of the City. He noted that homes located at 646 Deans Alley and 807 Neel Street have had a significant number of liens forgiven from various

Deans Alley and 807 Neel Street for NIP Grant Inclusion.

institutions and asked Council to release their grass cutting liens.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Barrineau noted to Councilor Boles that Habitat for Humanity will retain ownership of those properties for three years, but there's no guarantee they will build houses on them.

A motion to waive invoices, interest, and related liens claims on 646 Deans Alley and 807 Neel Street was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Executive Session to Receive Legal Information Regarding a Contractual Matter.

City Manager Charles Barrineau asked Council to receive a legal opinion regarding a contractual matter in executive session. He does not anticipate any action to be taken.

A motion to enter into executive session was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Matthew Miller.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

The meeting reconvened at 6:23 p.m.

There was no action taken at this time.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Charles Barrineau polled Council for their attendance to the Habitat for Humanity program at Harris Baptist Church. He also asked if they would be interested in participating as celebrity judges at the Festival of Discovery on Friday, July 7th.

CITY COUNCIL

There were no comments at this time.

COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Matthew Miller, seconded by Betty boles.

Mayor Adams adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer