

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

August 7, 2017 - 5:31 p.m.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING 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 and City Clerk Steffanie Dorn; Adam Benson from The Index Journal.

ABSENT Assistant City Manager Julia Wilkie.

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

STATEMENT AND QUORUM Mayor D. Welborn 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 there was a quorum present and City Manager Charles Barrineau gave the invocation.

CONSIDER Under New Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau explained to Council the reason for the called meeting to ask their approval to expend City Hospitality Funds for the proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) East Court Avenue/Main Street/Phoenix Avenue Streetscape project because the application deadline will expire before their next scheduled meeting. He discussed the proposed application for \$500,000 in CDBG funds that will include a 360-degree security camera and wi-fi capability. The City will also be required to provide a \$238,000 match and the Commissioners of Public Works proposed an in-kind match to provide nine black, acorn lamps and underground utilities. The total estimated cost for the project is \$800,000.

Resolution No. 17-008 to Approve the Expenditure of City Hospitality Funds as a Match for a Community Development Block Grant for Streetscape Improvements Along East Court Avenue from Main Street to Phoenix Avenue.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Betty Boles stated, and Councilor Linda Edwards agreed, that citizens must be informed about grants, other than attending meetings, because they think the City is spending tax money on Uptown and not in their communities. City Manager Barrineau confirmed that these types of grants benefit communities by building the Uptown tax base from new and expanding businesses that will provide more jobs.

Councilor Niki Hutto stated that the City of Greenwood is doing what was discussed at the Municipal Association Annual Meeting that is needed to generate growth.

City Manager Barrineau informed Councilor Kenn Wiltshire that staff will consider eliminating featured items if construction bids are too expensive. He assured Councilor Ronnie Ables that an arborist will trim the existing trees' roots instead of removing them.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 17-008 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Matthew Miller.

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Adams adjourned the Special Called Meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Mayor D. Welborn Adams

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer