

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

November 20, 2017 - 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT Council Members: Mayor Pro Tempore Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Kenn Wiltshire, and Ronnie Ables; City Manager Charles Barrineau, Assistant City Manager Julia Wilkie, City Clerk Steffanie Dorn, City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler, City Attorney Tripp Padgett; Adam Benson from The Index Journal.

ABSENT Mayor D. Welborn Adams, and Councilor Matthew Miller.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Pro Tempore Niki Hutto called the meeting in Council Chambers to order at 5:30 p.m.

City Manager Charles Barrineau gave the invocation.

STATEMENT AND QUORUM Mayor Pro Tempore Hutto 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 Pro Tempore Hutto asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 17-021 Amending the City of Greenwood's Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning Properties Located at 312 Barksdale Street, 402 & 408 Calhoun Avenue, 507 Grace Street, and Unaddressed Parcel and 401 Graydon Avenue, An Unaddressed Parcel & 324 Lawson Street, 111 Sanders Street, and 424 Stanley Avenue from R4 & R7 (Medium Density Residential) and GC (General Commercial) to IP (Institutional Professional).

City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the rezoning request from Lander University to modify the zoning of their properties around its campus, excluding 507 Grace and 111 Sanders Street, to reflect the Institutional Professional classification.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 17-021 was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

(2nd reading)

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 17-022 to Authorize the City Manager to Issue CPW Revenue Bonds Anticipation Notes in 2018.

Under New Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council that this bond anticipation note would allow the CPW to purchase up to \$10 million of natural gas, if needed. He confirmed to Councilor Ronnie Ables that this ordinance is to be considered by Council annually but, to his knowledge, they haven't had to use it.

There was no further discussion from Council.

(1st reading)

A motion to authorize the City Manager to issue CPW Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes in 2018 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 17-023 Amending Section 34-9 (3) & (4) Fee Schedule and Procedure for Billing of Chapter 34, Solid Waste, the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenwood

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council that this proposed ordinance intends to increase sanitation collection rates for commercial businesses at 20 cents per cubic yard, generating \$60,000 of new money for the City. He confirmed to Councilor Kenn Wiltshire that the City's sanitation service is still competitive with privately owned commercial sanitation services.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to amend Section 34-9 (3) & (4) fee schedule and procedure for billing of Chapter 34, Solid Waste, the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenwood was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

(1st reading)

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 17-024 to Adopt the Budget for 2018.

City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed highlights of the proposed 2018 budget that is balanced without a property tax nor employee cost of living increase. He also discussed both proposed Hospitality and Accommodations Tax fund budgets.

There was no discussion from Council.

(1st reading)

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 17-024, the budget for 2018, was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
Ordinance No.
17-025 to Adopt
Hospitality
Budget Line Item
(Emerald
Triangle) for
2018.

Due to a conflict of interest, Mayor Pro Tempore Hutto recused herself from presiding over this agenda item. City Manager Barrineau suggested the last Mayor Pro Tempore, Councilor Kenn Wiltshire, to preside.

A motion to select the previous Mayor Pro Tempore, Kenn Wiltshire, to preside over this agenda item was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Linda Edwards.

(1st reading)

The motion passed 3-0.

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

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council that this is the second year of their three-year agreement to provide \$200,000 in hospitality tax revenue to the Arts Center, Theatre, and Museum for operations and maintenance funds. City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Betty Boles that funds are to be divided equally amongst the three agencies and they all must submit receipts to the Finance Director for reimbursement.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 17-025 to adopt the Hospitality Budget Line Item for 2018 was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed 4-0.

Those who voted in favor were Kenn Wiltshire (presiding over the vote), Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, and Ronnie Ables. Mayor Pro Tempore Niki Hutto did not vote due to a conflict of interest.

CONSIDER
 Ordinance No. 17-026 Adding Section 132 to the City of Greenwood Business License Ordinance, Chapter 10, Article II of the City of Greenwood Code of Ordinances.

(1st reading)

City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized City Clerk Steffanie Dorn who reminded Council of this proposed ordinance that would require contractors, with annual business licenses with the City, to purchase a decal to be placed on their vehicle. The purpose for decals would be to allow contractors to work without being interrupted by code enforcement investigators. The estimated cost of \$2 would cover expenses to produce decals, depending on proposed bids from printers.

DISCUSSION:

City Clerk Dorn confirmed to Councilor Boles that \$2 is an estimate for first reading. Bids will be ready by second reading in December before sending license renewal letters in January.

City Manager Barrineau noted that a newspaper ad will also be used to inform the public and confirmed to Councilor Linda Edwards that the City will not profit from decal purchases.

City Clerk Dorn confirmed to Councilor Ables that decals will only be displayed on vehicles that are registered by the contractor, not for private vehicles.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance 17-026 adding Section 132 to the City of Greenwood Business License Ordinance, Chapter 10, Article II, of the City of Greenwood Code of Ordinances, was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
 Ordinance No. 17-027 to Levy Tax for the City of Greenwood for 2018.

(1st reading)

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council that there will be no tax increase for 2018 and the City's millage rate would remain at 110.3 mills.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 17-027 to levy tax for the City of Greenwood for 2018 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
 Resolution No.
 17-012
 Authorizing
 Christmas Gifts
 for City
 Employees.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council of the resolution that allows City employees to receive Christmas gift cards (\$50 to those employed over one year and \$25 for those that are part-time and/or employed less than one year). He informed them that gift cards will be purchased at Wal-Mart (located within the City limits) and are already approved in the 2017 budget.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to authorize Christmas gift cards for City employees was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
 Acceptance of
 \$500,000
 Community
 Development
 Block Grant
 Funds for
 Streetscape
 Improvements on
 East Court
 Avenue.

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council that the City has been awarded \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for streetscape improvements on East Court Avenue in 2018. The City will provide a \$275,000 match from hospitality tax funds, and the CPW will also participate with in-kind services. Davis and Floyd Engineers are proposed to manage the project that is estimated to bid in May, construction to start after the Festival of Discovery, and completed by the holidays.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Boles that the CPW has already added water and sewer to the project area and plans to provide electricity and acorn lamp bump-outs. He also confirmed to Mayor Pro Tempore Hutto that a crosswalk will be added on the Eastern side of Phoenix Street.

There was no further discussion.

A motion to accept \$500,000 in CDBG funds for streetscape improvements on East Court Avenue was made by Ronnie Ables, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Authorizing
Mayor to Sign a
Certified Local
Government
Agreement with
the South
Carolina State
Historic
Preservation
Office.

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council of the Planning Department's application submission for the City of Greenwood to be the 36th Certified Local Government (CLG). This designation will allow for small grants on historical properties within the City limits.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilors Edwards, Hutto, and Boles that the CLG will cover all areas of the City, not just the Uptown area, including private entities, residences, and churches applying for grants on historically significant properties needing renovation.

Councilor Ables had concerns regarding the Mayor approving grants without Council. City Manager Barrineau confirmed that this authorization would allow the Mayor to sign the agreement for the City to participate in CLG program training.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a Certified Local Government agreement with the South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Authorizing the
Mayor to Sign a
DEU Agreement
with the
Greenwood County
Sheriff's
Department.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council of the City's current DEU agreement with the Greenwood County Sheriff's Department where funds from drug forfeitures are equally distributed between City & County Enforcement and Solicitor's Offices for expenses. Because the City only has three of four agreed upon officers staffed for the DEU currently, the Sheriff's office recommended a reduction of funds going to the Police Department.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Hutto that this agreement was made under the previous Sheriff and isn't necessarily updated every year.

Councilor Edwards doesn't agree with the reduction of funds to the City Police Department because it doesn't mean any less work is being done on the DEU.

City Manager Barrineau noted that Police Chief Brooks is okay with the agreement and offered to have him discuss it further at the work session, if Council has any concerns.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a DEU agreement with the Greenwood County Sheriff's Department was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

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

The motion passed 4-1.

Councilor Edwards stated that she would like to know what is going on in the DEU before voting on any agreement changes. City Manager Barrineau apologized for omitting the proposed agreement in the November work session for discussion.

CONSIDER

Reappointing
Kathy Nave
Felder and
Sheila Reynolds
to the Greenwood
City/County
Planning
Commission.

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council that Kathy Nave Felder and Sheila Reynolds both wanted to remain on the City/County Planning Commission.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to reappoint Kathy Nave Felder and Sheila Reynolds to the City/County Planning Commission was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER
COMMENTS

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council that bids to fix the concrete failure at Fire Station #2, by either patching or repaving the entire area, are due November 29th, and he hopes it will be completed before the end of the year. Councilors Wiltshire and Edwards agreed to repave the entire area, but Mayor Pro Tempore Hutto suggested replacing it with gravel because it's inexpensive. City Manager Barrineau noted that placing gravel would be an ongoing expense.

He also informed Council of upcoming dates:

- Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 - Thanksgiving Holiday City Offices Closed
- Thursday, November 30 @ 8:30 a.m. - Inn on the Square Breakfast with the CPW Commissioners and Legislative Delegation.
6-8 p.m. - Miriam Hair Retirement Celebration at MASC, Columbia
- Friday, December 1 - Saturday, December 2 - Santa on Main
- Saturday, December 2 @ 6 p.m. - Greenwood Christmas Tree Lighting
- Sunday, December 3 @ 2:30 p.m. - Greenwood Christmas Parade
- Monday, December 4 @ 5:30 p.m. - Work Session
- Wednesday, December 6 @ noon - Mayor's Annual Cookout for Staff Arts Center
- Wednesday, December 6 @ 6 p.m. - Fire Department Christmas Dinner Arts Center
- Thursday, December 7 through Saturday, December 9 - 2017 Connie Maxwell Christmas
- Monday, December 11 @ 6 p.m. - Administrative Christmas Dinner
- Monday, December 18 @ 5:30 p.m. - Regular City Council Meeting
- Wednesday, December 20 @ noon - Public Works Annual Christmas Lunch
- Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26 - City Offices Closed Christmas Holiday

CONSIDER

Executive Session to Receive Legal Update from City Attorney City of Greenwood Owned Arcades and Discuss Economic Development "Project Down".

City Manager Charles Barrineau asked Council to enter into an Executive Session to receive a legal update from the City Attorney regarding City of Greenwood owned arcades and to discuss economic development "Project Down".

A motion to enter into the Executive Session was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 6:18 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

CONSIDER

Authorizing the City Attorney to Finalize an Agreement with LCM Builders to Include the Expenditure of City Funds.

Councilor Kenn Wiltshire stated, "I make a motion to authorize the City Attorney to finalize an agreement with LCM Builders to include the expenditure of \$6,500 of City funds to finalize the contract."

A motion to authorize the City Attorney to finalize an agreement with LCM Builders to include the expenditure of \$6,500 of City funds was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Wiltshire inquired of the MASC's position on the proposed Federal tax change. City Clerk Dorn stated that most of the attention is focused on removing the ability to tax State income and increasing the standard deduction without the deduction of property tax. It is her opinion that there will be no incentive to pay taxes before December 31st, resulting in the City receiving funds later in February.

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Boles that the 1st Responder report of 11 overdoses is for the year so far.

Councilor Edwards commented that more information must be distributed regarding automated sanitation trucks for compliance.

City Manager Barrineau will contact Council regarding holiday invitations.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tempore Hutto adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer