

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

February 7, 2011 - 5:37 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Council Members: Mayor D. Welborn Adams, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Johnny Williams, and Ronnie Ables; City Manager Charles Barrineau, Assistant to City Manager Julia Wilkie, City Clerk Steffanie Dorn, and City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler; Scott Bryan and Chris Trainor of the Index Journal.

Kenn Wiltshire entered the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting in Council Chambers was called to order by Mayor D. Welborn Adams at 5:37 p.m.

Councilor Linda Edwards 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."

The City Clerk, Steffanie Dorn, stated that there was a quorum present.

CONSIDER City Manager Charles Barrineau asked for City Council's consideration of the one-time loan pool program for the second phase of the Emerald Triangle Façade Improvement Project. He reminded Council that the City committed to the parking lot and now it is time for building and façade improvements along Long Alley.

Authorizing the City Manager and Finance Director to Establish a Onetime Loan Pool Program for the Emerald Triangle Façade Improvement Project, Phase II.

Staff solicited bids for the improvements of the buildings along Long Alley in which Town and County Construction had the lowest bid. Through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), property owners will be granted \$20,000 per building. City Manager Barrineau listed the stores requesting to participate in using the loan funds that totaled less than \$100,000. Seven out of 10 stores want loans while three businesses will be using their own money as a match. The City Manager previously asked Council to use Community Development Funds as a onetime loan pool for the owners at three percent interest for five years. Mr. Bill Wilson requested 10 years because of the amount needed for the two buildings he owns. City Clerk Steffanie Dorn confirmed to Councilor Niki Hutto that the interest the City accrues will be more than what the City earns on funds sitting in the bank.

Councilor Hutto also inquired if the buildings can obtain a historical designation and if additional grants will be available. The City Manager stated that the extension of the Historical Overlay in that area is being discussed. City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler stated that tax credits may be available. Phil Lindler also advised Councilor Betty Boles that there is not a cost for an overlay designation, but all owners must follow overlay guidelines.

A motion to authorize the City Manager and Finance Director to establish a onetime loan pool program for the Emerald Triangle Façade Improvement Project, Phase II was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

The motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Kenn Wiltshire entered into the building at 5:48 p.m. and did not vote.

A motion to adjourn was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Betty Boles.

Meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer