

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

January 22, 2018 - 5:34 p.m.

**MINUTES**

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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, and City Attorney Tripp Padgett; Adam Benson from The Index Journal.

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CALL TO ORDER After quarterly new staff introductions, Mayor D. Welborn Adams called the meeting in Council Chambers to order at 5:34 p.m.

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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.  
  
City Manager Charles Barrineau gave the invocation.

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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 Betty Boles, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.  
  
The motion passed unanimously.

## CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 18-001 Amending Ordinance 03-010, Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 3, Section 3.3.4.2. Additional Conditional Uses Permitted in GC (General Commercial).

(1<sup>st</sup> reading)

Under the only Public Hearing, City Manager Charles Barrineau introduced City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler who discussed the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to allow the outdoor retail sale of strawberries from April 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>. There was also a request to allow sales within 500 feet of a commercial building selling similar items, but the Planning Commission agreed the distance should be 750 feet.

**DISCUSSION:**

Phil Lindler confirmed to Councilor Betty Boles that vendors will need permits to sell within the City Limits and the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is only for the sale of strawberries, starting on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Councilor Linda Edwards requested that the Planning Department inform applicants of zoning differences between the City and County. She would like to see similar City and County zoning regulations to reduce outdoor sales confusion.

City Manager Barrineau offered to open the April 1<sup>st</sup> date for all produce vendors to reduce confusion. He also stated Council can table the request for more discussion if they have any questions. Councilor Niki Hutto stated that changing the date wouldn't make a difference if the local produce season doesn't start until May anyway. She also wants limitations on the number of vendor locations. Councilor Kenn Wiltshire agreed that vendors should be encouraged to use the Uptown Market.

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 18-001 amending Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 3, Section 3.3.4.2. to allow the temporary sale of strawberries from April 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup> at a distance of 750 feet from retail establishments selling similar or like products was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 18-002 Deleting Section 18-20a(2) of the City of Greenwood Code of Ordinances.

(1<sup>st</sup> reading)

Under New Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council of discussions regarding the proposed amended ordinance that will delete the distance requirement for overgrowth abatement between residences.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 18-002 deleting Section 18-20a(2) of the City of Greenwood Code of Ordinances was made by Ronnie Ables, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 18-003 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Lease with WC Fiber, LLC, for Placement of Equipment and Easement on City Property.

(1<sup>st</sup> reading)

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council of a request from WC Fiber, LLC, to place a piece of their equipment behind Fire Station 1. Fire Chief Terry Strange confirmed that the area isn't used for training and therefore he doesn't have a problem with the proposed location.

City Manager Barrineau provided Council an example of the lease but will have the full lease drawn by the second reading.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 18-003 authorizing the City Manager to sign a lease with SC Fiber, LLC, was made by Matthew Miller, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Resolution No. 18-001 to Reaffirm the Importance of On-the-Job Safety for the City of Greenwood.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council of the annual requirement from the City of Greenwood insurance carrier, SC Municipal Insurance Risk Fund (SCMIRF), to adopt an annual job safety resolution. He noted that there was a slight increase of on-the-job employee injury, but the total number of restricted days decreased by 2/3. There were 15 at-fault accidents during 2016 costing \$22,000, and 10 at-fault accidents during 2017 costing \$17,500, but staff will continue to monitor safety closely.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 18-001 to reaffirm the importance of on-the-job safety for the City of Greenwood was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement.

City Manager Charles Barrineau introduced Assistant City Manager Julie Wilkie who noted that the SC Department of Emergency Management asked the City to update their Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement. After reviewing it, along with the City Attorney, some language has been clarified and are currently being reviewed by Fire Chief Terry Strange and Police Chief Gerald Brooks.

**DISCUSSION:**

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Boles that nothing has changed from the previous agreement other than clarity in its wording.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to authorize the City Manager to enter in the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement, was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Authorizing the City Manager to Expend City Community Development Funds for the Purchase and Abatement of Nuisance Vegetation at 722 Edgefield Street and 314 Marion Avenue on Behalf of Greenwood Habitat for Humanity.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council that there are still community development grant funds available that can be used to buy 722 Edgefield Street and 314 Marion Avenue at tax value. He estimated the total cost will include \$5,500 for both properties, closing costs, and nuisance vegetation abatement before deeding them to Habitat for Humanity.

**DISCUSSION:**

Councilor Wiltshire inquired about the condition of five other homes on that block. City Manager Barrineau noted that the one owner he contacted isn't interested in selling his home, some still have tenants, and the others haven't been contacted yet. He noted that this clearing should make Holloway's Grocery visible from Edgefield Street.

He confirmed to Councilor Edwards that he hasn't been able to reach an agreement with the owners on Washington Street and may consider legal action.

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Boles that total costs may be around \$7,500 but shouldn't exceed \$10,000.

He confirmed to Councilor Hutto that trees may be cleared for Habitat for Humanity to have an easily maintained lot.

Councilor Ronnie Ables inquired of the Westside Community Project schedule. City Manager Barrineau noted that Habitat for Humanity is currently focused on the Mineral Court Apartments property and perhaps should schedule a meeting with them to review their progress. Councilor Matthew Miller suggested, and the City Manager agreed, delaying the meeting until their new director is in place.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to authorize the City Manager to expend community development grant funds to purchase and abate nuisance vegetation at 722 Edgefield Street and 314 Marion Avenue, not to exceed \$10,000, was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER  
  
Reappointing  
Glynn Boles and  
Marchelle  
Tompkins-Bryant  
to the  
City/County  
Board of Zoning  
Appeals.

City Manager Charles Barrineau asked Council to reappoint Glynn Boles and Marchelle Tompkins-Bryant to the City/County Board of Zoning Board of Appeals.

**DISCUSSION:**

Councilor Boles noted that she will abstain from voting due to a conflict of interest.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to reappoint Glynn Boles and Marchelle Tompkins-Bryant to the City/County Board of Zoning Appeals was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

Those who voted in favor were Mayor Adams, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Kenn Wiltshire, Matthew Miller, and Ronnie Ables. Betty Boles did not vote due to a conflict of interest.

The motion passed 6-0.

He informed Council that they must seek a replacement for Wayne Craft who no longer wishes to serve.

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CITY COMMENTS	MANAGER	<p>City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The MASC Hometown Legislative Action Day will be Tuesday, February 6.</li> <li>• The Mill Site Planning Recap luncheon will be Tuesday, January 30 at noon.</li> <li>• The Pathway House and its consumers will participate in the Festival of Discovery by building trophies and awards.</li> <li>• The Mineral Court Apartments demolition is almost completed at 60%.</li> <li>• The Emerald Triangle will make their presentations at the next Work Session.</li> </ul>
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City Manager Barrineau also polled Council for their attendance to the Chamber of Commerce Annual dinner at the James Medford Family Event Center on February 13<sup>th</sup> and thanked them for their participation in the City/County food drive.

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CITY COMMENTS	COUNCIL	<p>City Manager Charles Barrineau informed <u>Councilor Edwards</u> that the current contractor that's demolishing the third round of houses is slower than previous contractors, plus weather had also been a factor, but he will inform area residents of the project status. Assistant City Manager Wilkie confirmed that the contractor will have two crews staying in town and working simultaneously to help accelerate the process.</p>
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City Manager Barrineau updated Councilor Ables of the Cornelia/Jefferson Street project. An onsite meeting will be next Tuesday and the opening of bids will be February 15<sup>th</sup>. The anticipated start of the project should be at the end of March or early April.

Councilor Kenn Wiltshire noted that the Chamber of Commerce speaker on finance, Walter B. Todd, III, was excellent.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Matthew Miller, seconded by Niki Hutto.

Mayor Adams adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

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D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk and Treasurer