GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

May 7, 2018 - 5:31 p.m.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT

Council Members: Mayor D. Welborn Adams, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Kenn Wiltshire, and Ronnie Ables; City Manager Charles Barrineau, Assistant City Manager Julia Wilkie, and City Clerk Steffanie Dorn; Adam Benson from The Index Journal.

Councilor Niki Hutto entered the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

ABSENT

Councilor Matthew Miller.

CALL TO ORDER

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

City Manager Charles Barrineau 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.

CONSIDER

Proclamation for Bike Month.

Mayor D. Welborn Adams read and presented the Bike Month Proclamation to present bicycle advocates.

CONSIDER

Proclamation for Community Action Month.

Mayor D. Welborn Adams presented the Community Action Month Proclamation to Marcella Kennedy and Zsaquez Flucker who informed Council of GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission, Inc., being one of 1000-plus Community Action Agencies across the country working to help individuals and families with low incomes.
CONSIDER
Proclamation for Leath Correctional Institution Week.

In their absence, Mayor D. Welborn Adams recognized Leath Correctional Officers and staff for their service and exceptional professionalism under difficult circumstances. He will be presenting the proclamation to them in person at their program celebration tomorrow.

CONSIDER
Ordinance No. 18-010, Amending the City of Greenwood’s Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning an approximately 1.37 Acre Parcel of Land Located at 1510 Spring Street from GC (General Commercial) to LIW (Light Industrial Warehouse).

(1st reading)

Under the only Public Hearing, City Manager Barrineau discussed the request from Self Regional Healthcare to rezone the former Cornerstone property to Light Industrial Warehouse for the relocation of their laundry facility. He noted to Councilor Kenn Wiltshire that moving the laundry facility is one of the reasons for the rezoning and that the Planning Department staff and Planning Commission approved of the request.

No one spoke against the request.

Mr. Lee Lowe, Director of Facility Services and Ground Maintenance at Self Regional Healthcare, spoke in favor of the request stating that the new landlord of their former laundry facility wants them to move their operations.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve the rezoning of 1510 Spring Street from General Commercial to Light Industrial Warehouse was made by Ronnie Ables, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
Action on Bids for Kitson Mill Capping and Participation in the South Carolina Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund.

Under New Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed bids received for capping the former Kitson Mill site and repairing the broken drainage pipe that raised costs $300,000 over the $200,000 EPA Brownfield Cleanup grant amount. The lowest bid for the project is $454,306 and he, along with City Clerk Steffanie Dorn, suggested utilizing the SC Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund where a portion can be repaid by Sunday alcohol sales fees with the rest coming from the General Fund for 10 years. City Clerk Dorn reminded Council that 25% of the revolving loan will be forgiven.
DISCUSSION:

City Manager Barrineau informed Councilor Betty Boles that the City has already spent $50,000 of the grant money for drainage pipe construction designs and drawings of best alternatives for the site. Paying back the SC Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund will be a part of the budget for the next 10 years.

The City Manager confirmed to Councilor Wiltshire that only multifamily residential, and any other allowed facilities, can be built on that site. City Clerk Dorn noted that some developers aren’t interested in the property because they don’t understand brownfields, along with area neighborhood and location constraints.

Councilor Edwards advised against giving the money back to the EPA because the City may need more financial help from them in the future.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to accept the bid for Kitson Mill Capping and participate in the South Carolina Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund for up to $300,000 was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Authorizing City Manager to Obtain Right to Enter into Agreement for 213 Jennings Avenue to Repair Storm Drainage Utility Systems.

City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed a possible crack in the storm drainage pipe at 213 Jennings Avenue that needs to be fixed. He confirmed that this is the same property that had drainage issues in the past and suggested lining the pipe, similar to the Jefferson/Cornelia project, in the future with rural infrastructure grant funds.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to authorize the City Manager to obtain the right to enter into an agreement to repair storm drainage utility systems at 213 Jennings Avenue was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.
CONSIDER

Acceptance of $5,000 Grant from the Greenwood County Community Foundation.

Assistant City Manager Julie Wilkie discussed the grant obtained by her and Fire Marshal Tanner Hall, of the Greenwood Fire Department, to purchase fire safety education materials to include a laptop(s), a projector, and age-appropriate software. This equipment will allow only one person to present to several schools and other facilities in one day.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to accept the $5,000 grant from the Greenwood county Community Foundation was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Barrineau commended Assistant City Manager Wilkie and Fire Marshal Hall for working together to get this grant award.

CONSIDER

Acceptance of $25,000 Grant from the Foundation for a Greater Greenwood County to Update the City Center Master Plan.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council that the City Center Master Plan update would cost an estimated $100,000 and that he was seeking partners to help with funding. The Partnership Alliance will donate $25,000 if a traffic reduction feasibility plan will be conducted for Main Street. He noted that the traffic component should be a different plan and an assessment of Main Street was already planned to be conducted to reduce semi-trucks and increase bike traffic.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Wiltshire that the purpose of the City Center Master Plan update is to increase connectivity of Lander University, the Genetic Center, Self Regional Healthcare, etc., to Uptown Greenwood.

Councilor Ronnie Ables commented that slower traffic will make drivers notice more Uptown activities but they will divert to the By-pass if it’s too slow. City Manager Barrineau confirmed that the Partnership is willing to donate more funds in the future.
Councilor Hutto suggested, and Councilor Linda Edwards agreed, that fining drivers will help reduce speeding along Main Street. City Manager Barrineau noted that SCDOT engineers may recommend no changes to the current flow of traffic.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to accept the $25,000 grant award, with the exception that more funds will be provided for the traffic reduction survey, was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Acceptance of $25,000 Grant from the Self Family Foundation to Update the City Center Master Plan.

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council that the Self Family Foundation also donated a $25,000 Grant towards the City Center Master Plan Update.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to accept the $25,000 grant from the Self Family Foundation was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Acceptance of $200,000 EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant for Foundry Road Project.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council of the $200,000 EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant that the City was awarded for the future Foundry Road park. The 20% match, provided by the Capital Project Sales Tax, will allow the City to remove the contaminated soil and build a parking lot.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Hutto that the Capital Project Sales Tax funds will be available in July.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to accept the $200,000 EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant for the Foundry Road Project was made by Ronnie
Ables, seconded by Niki Hutto.
The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Adams adjourned the Special Called Meeting at 6:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor D. Welborn Adams

City Clerk and Treasurer