

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

July 18, 2011 - 5:37 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT Council Members: Mayor D. Welborn Adams, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Kenn Wiltshire, Johnny Williams, and Ronnie Ables. City Manager Charles Barrineau; Assistant to City Manager, Julia Wilkie, and City Clerk Steffanie Dorn; Leslie Lane of Gwdtoday.com and Chris Trainor of the Index Journal.

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.

CALL TO ORDER The meeting in Council Chambers was called to order by Mayor Adams at 5:30 p.m.

Councilor Linda Edwards gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA Mayor Adams asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER Replacing Vacant Position on the Board of Architectural Review. Mayor Adams read the only item under Unfinished Business and recognized City Manager Charles Barrineau who recommended Joyce Turner, who lives in the Avondale Subdivision located in Ward 4, to replace Anne Norton's vacant position on the Board of Architectural Review.

There was no discussion from Council.

Motion to approve Joyce Turner to replace Anne Norton on the Board of Architectural Review was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Turner thanked Council for the opportunity to serve on the committee.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No.
11-012 Amending
Section 1-13 of
the City of
Greenwood Code
of Ordinances.

(1st reading)

Under New Business, Mayor Adams introduced the first item and recognized City Manager Charles Barrineau who explained that, during the recent codification, the City Attorney realized a typographical error in the codes since 1993. A particular word in Section 1-13 was supposed to be 'No specific penalty' instead of "So" that was later changed to "A".

The motion to amend Section 1-13 of the Greenwood Code of Ordinances was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Resolution No.
11-011 to Expend
Hospitality Tax
Funding to
Support the
Operations and
Maintenance of
the Arts Center
at the Federal
Building (120
Main Street),
Greenwood
Community
Theatre (110
Main Street) and
The Museum (106
Main Street).

Mayor Adams introduced the second item and recognized City Manager Charles Barrineau who reminded Council that, during the June and July work session, there was discussion on a request from the three Uptown cultural arts agencies to receive operational and maintenance funds over the next three years. He gave Council an analysis provided by the Finance Director that shows funds available at their discretion and recommends approval. He suggests a yearly, if not biannually, review of how closely these funds are being spent. There is an added section in the Resolution that states the funds will increase the H-Tax collections particularly in the immediate area of the Uptown. If approved by Council, these agencies will realize that receiving these H-Tax funds will impact eating and drinking establishments particularly in the Uptown area.

Mayor Adams asked the City Manager how that would tie in.

Mr. Barrineau suggested that an Ad Hoc committee member

may sit on the cultural agencies boards to get a better understanding of their needs. He also encouraged a committee of restaurateurs with monthly meetings.

Councilor Johnny Williams suggested that the restaurant owners outside of Uptown be included since their businesses are being taxed. He recommends that records should be kept indicating how much their establishments contribute to the H-Tax and that the City should have activities along the By-pass as well. City Manager Barrineau noted that it would be harder to indicate the impact events will have on businesses outside a mile radius of Uptown.

Councilor Kenn Wiltshire noted that there should be some kind of accountability because a volunteer at the Federal Building couldn't answer any of the questions regarding the impact of weddings and etc. to the City's revenue. He suggested that the three agencies specify their rates in writing. City Manager Barrineau stated that all of that information is online and Federal Building rentals are up which is a great sign. It's an excellent facility now that the courtyard is finished. Social Media such as Facebook has helped the theatre the most. It started with 250 fans and it now has 750 fans. The Arts Center has 150 fans the museum has probably 300 fans. Councilor Betty Boles asked if the information presented by the agencies at the work session would be updated semi-annually. Councilor Linda Edwards asked if a clause could be added to the Resolution showing the impact H-Tax has on the three agencies. City Manager Barrineau stated that it is already included in the Resolution that monies will only be disbursed by receipts and invoices.

Mayor Adams asked if there are any thoughts to better insure a connection between the three cultural agencies and restaurants. Bess Park stated that the theater has anecdotal knowledge of conversations with restaurateurs that needs to be formalized. City Manager Barrineau pointed out that the Federal Building does have an accurate list of caterers. Mayor Adams suggests an advisory group of people that pay into the H-Tax a couple times a year. Councilor Linda Edwards added that it would be best if restaurant owners and the three agencies meet together.

Motion to accept Resolution 11-011 expending \$100,000 of Hospitality Tax Funding in 2011, 2012, and 2013 to the Arts Center, Greenwood Community Theatre and Greenwood Museum was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Linda Edwards.

Those who voted in favor were Mayor Adams, Linda Edwards,

Betty Boles, Kenn Wiltshire, Johnny Williams and Ronnie Ables. Niki Hutto abstained due to conflict of interest.

The motion passed.

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CONSIDER
Ordinance No.
11-013 Amending
Ordinance Number
10-021, the City
of Greenwood
2011 General
Budget.

Mayor Adams introduced the last item and recognized City Manager Charles Barrineau who stated that this ordinance amends this year's budget by adding \$100,000 from the Hospitality Tax Account going forward to 2012 and 2013 that will be distributed to the Arts Council at the Federal Building, The Greenwood Theatre, and The Greenwood Museum.

There were no comments from City Council.

(1st reading)

Motion to accept Ordinance No. 11-013 Amending the City of Greenwood 2011 General Budget was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

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

The motion passed.

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CITY MANAGER
COMMENTS

City Manager Barrineau noted that he has already provided information on the Valley Brook Road Clean Up.

The Greenwood Mill Voluntary Clean Up contract has been signed and the deed to the property has been given to the City and forwarded to the Department of Commerce. He will provide a quote on fencing the property at the August work session and get the contract of the work plan signed.

The Court Street Project is now open for bids.

Construction on West Court will begin in mid to late

September and should be finished before the Christmas shopping season.

The Long Alley Project is going well. Thayers will be installing new windows in their building. Councilor Hutto stated that Skip Shelton presented sketches to embark on a painted mural program on the back of buildings such as window boxes. Councilor Wiltshire stated that the Century Link building would be great for a mural. City Manager Barrineau stated that Century Link has plans that are still available where stucco windows would be placed.

The Municipal Building is almost complete and the carpet has been cleaned.

The curbing on Washington Street is getting fixed and two new acorn lights are being installed. The entrance at First Citizens bank is being raised to meet the new asphalt. A countdown pedestrian crosswalk will be installed on Seaboard Avenue.

The owners of Millhouse Pizza have bought the building next to it.

Another tenant on the upper end will open a food related business in September.

CITY COUNCIL
COMMENTS

Councilor Hutto requests a formal thank you to City Staff in the form of a resolution.

Councilor Edwards thanked everyone for the prayers, calls and visits during her illness and recuperation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

ATTEST:

D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

City Clerk and Treasurer