

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

March 15, 2010 - 5:34 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT Council Members: Mayor D. Welborn Adams, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Teresa Klauber, and Johnny Williams. City Manager, Assistant to the City Manager, and City Clerk; Chris Trainor of the Index Journal and Lesley Lane of Greenwood Today.

Barbara Turnburke entered into the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER The meeting in Council Chambers was called to order by Mayor Adams at 5:34 p.m.

Councilwoman 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.

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

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Under Public Hearings, City Manager Barrineau introduced the rezoning request by The Faith Home to City Council.

Ordinance No. 10-001 Amending the City of Greenwood's Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning Property Located at 902 Edgefield Street from R7 (High Density Residential) to GC (General Commercial).

Planning Director, Phil Linder, explained the request in detail. The Planning Commission recommends approval to rezone from High Density Residential to General Commercial.

Andy Moorehead spoke in favor of the request on behalf of The Faith Home. The Faith Home proposed to either upgrade the existing building and use it for a store or client housing, but prefer to have it cleared off the lot.

No one spoke against the request.

(1st reading)

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 10-001 was made by Barbara Turnburke, seconded by Teresa Klauber.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Under Unfinished Business, City Manager Barrineau reviewed Mr. Jones' request for a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a limousine service of up to five vehicles that was introduced at the February City Council Meeting. Now that the City has all of Mr. Jones' paperwork, Mr. Barrineau suggests approval.

Resolution 10-005 Granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to J&W Cab, Inc. DBA J&W Transportation to Operate a Limousine Service.

Discussion among Council included the amount of vehicles Mr. Jones requested to approve tonight versus returning to City Council for approval of each vehicle.

Councilor Hutto suggests that Council approve only one vehicle for now and have Mr. Jones reapply for each new license.

Councilor Williams made a motion that Council approve two vehicles and monitor his progress before approving any others, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed 5-2.

Those who voted in favor were Mayor Adams, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Teresa Klauber, and Johnny Williams. Niki Hutto and Barbara Turnburke voted against.

RECEIVE

Fiscal Year
2009 Audit
Report from
Greene, Finney,
and Horton.

Under New Business, Mr. Mike Downing presented the City of Greenwood audit from fiscal year 2009. The unqualified letter concluded that the City's government operation is in healthy financial condition as of 12/31/09. He concluded with noting a new accounting pronouncement of GASB54 which will change the definitions and criteria for the fund balance. There will be no change in the City's total fund balance but there will be significant changes in the definitions, categories and components beginning in the 12/31/2011 balances.

There was no discussion from City Council.

City Manager Barrineau commended the former City Manager, Steven Brown, and City Clerk/Finance Director Steffanie Dorn for their direction in keeping the City operating within its budget.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 10-002 to Prohibit the Sale or consumption of Alcoholic Beverages between the Hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. in Commercial Establishments Licensed to Sell Alcoholic Beverages for On Premise consumption and to Restrict the Hours of Operation of Those Establishments.

(1st reading)

City Manager Barrineau introduced Ordinance 10-002 to City Council as being similar to the ordinance that County Council approved at their meeting last week.

Councilor Williams asked Mayor Adams to postpone action on this ordinance until it is discussed at the next work session because he has a lot of questions.

Discussion among Council included questions about stopping the sale of alcohol at 2 a.m. versus closing a business at 2 a.m.

As requested by Councilors Boles and Hutto, Mayor Adams opened the floor to the public for discussion.

No one spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Kevin Prater, owner and manager of Sports Break, spoke against the 2:00 a.m. closing time in the proposed ordinance. He stated that, although he respects what Sheriff Davis and Chief Brooks are trying to do and completely understand the problems they're facing, his business should not be penalized and punished because of what other businesses are doing. He also noted that licensed premises should not be discriminated against because it sells alcohol.

Stokes Adams, owner of Stokies, concurred with Mr. Prater.

James Poore, owner of Key West Club, spoke against the proposed ordinance because businesses will need time to clear an establishment before 2:00 a.m.

City Police Chief Brooks stated that this proposed ordinance will be needed to avoid the influx of patrons leaving businesses in the County after 2:00 a.m. to continue drinking at City establishments. He stated that closing businesses at 2:00 a.m. will be easier for the police to enforce this ordinance.

After further discussion among City Council Members, Mayor Adams asked for a motion to table Ordinance 10-001.

Motion to table Ordinance 10-001 was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Linda Edwards.

Those who voted in favor were Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Teresa Klauber, Johnny Williams, and Barbara Turnburke. Mayor Adams voted against.

The motion passed.

CONSIDER
Resolution No. 10-003 for the South Carolina Department of Transportation to Remove and Replace the Existing Bridge over the Abandoned Railroad Located on West Cambridge Avenue.

City Manager Barrineau discussed the SCDOT resolution to replace the West Cambridge Avenue bridge. The project is scheduled to take bids in May 2010 and construction is expected to be completed in a year. Mr. Barrineau recommends approval from City Council.

Discussion among Council included an estimated time of a year and a half before the bridge is completed.

Motion to approve Resolution 10-003 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Teresa Klauber.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER
Fair Housing Resolution No. 10-004.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the Fair Housing Resolution that is presented to City Council every year stating that all citizens have the opportunity to have adequate housing without discrimination.

There was no discussion among Council.

Motion to approve Resolution 10-004 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Johnny Williams.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER
 Authorizing
 Mayor Adams and
 Mayor Pro-
 Tempore Johnny
 Williams to
 Request Street
 Resurfacing
 Funds from the
 Greenwood County
 Transportation
 Committee.

City Manager Charles Barrineau named the following streets that can get improvements provided by gas tax funds in 2011 to include: Bowles Avenue, Blake Street, Cadillac Court, Grand Prix Court, Grove Street, West Henrietta Avenue, Janet Street, Lee Street, Logan Court, Norwood Avenue (400 block), Sandy Lane and Sidney Drive. The alternate streets include: Chesterfield Court, Georgia Street, Roswell Road, and Woodland Way. If they're not included in the 2011 list, these streets will be listed in 2012.

Discussion among Council included the location of some of the listed streets.

Motion to authorize Mayor Adams and Mayor Pro-Tempore Williams to request street resurfacing funds totaling \$257,235 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Teresa Klauber.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
 Acceptance of
 an Award
 through
 American
 Recovery and
 Reinvestment
 Act of 2009 via
 the Energy
 Efficiency and
 Conservation
 Block Grant
 program EECBG.

City Manager Barrineau discussed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The City of Greenwood has been awarded \$147,011 to replace existing air handling units, install variable speed drives, night setback/shutdown controls, and replace the existing lights with energy efficient fluorescent lighting at the Greenwood Municipal Building. He anticipates an annual energy savings of over \$25,000 if City Council accepts the grant. Mr. Barrineau asks City Council's acceptance of the award with the understanding that staff will have to determine the project amount and contractor; Funding will be granted from the City's Capital Improvement Fund.

Mayor Adams commended staff for finding this needed grant.

Motion to accept the award was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Johnny Williams.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER
 COMMENTS

Mayor Adams recognized City Manager Barrineau for comments before the Executive Session.

City Manager Barrineau stated that the SC DHEC test results of samplings from the former Greenwood City Dump and Cemetery Dump showed some elevated levels compared to the EPA standards but does not present any immediate health risks. He will be scheduling a public meeting along with DHEC in the coming weeks to disseminate the data for everyone to have a clear explanation of what it means.

The municipal lease purchase has gone through the legal process and will be signed tomorrow.

The Census forms are being mailed and citizens should be receiving them this week.

CONSIDER Executive Session to Receive Economic Development Information.	Mayor Adams asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss economic development information from Mark Warren of The Partnership Alliance regarding 'Project Tech'. Motion to exit into executive session was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.
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The motion passed unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS	There were no comments at this time.
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The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer