

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

August 16, 2010 - 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT Council Members: Mayor D. Welborn Adams, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Johnny Williams, and Ronnie Ables. City Manager, Assistant to the City Manager; City Clerk; Leslie Lane of GwdToday.com, and Chris Trainor of the Index Journal.

CALL TO ORDER The meeting in Council Chambers was called to order by Mayor Adams at 5:30 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 Johnny Williams, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER Under Public Hearings, City Manager Charles Barrineau described the area where the proposed road closure is located.

Ordinance No. 10-010
Authorizing Road Closure Approval of a 123 Foot Portion of Graydon Avenue.

No one spoke in favor or against the road closure.

There was no discussion from Council.

Motion to approve the road closure was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

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<p>CONSIDER</p> <p>Ordinance No. 10-011</p> <p>Authorizing Road Closure Approval of a 400 Foot Portion of Tabor Street.</p> <p>(1st reading)</p>	<p>City Manager Charles Barrineau described the area behind the current Greenwood County detention facility where the proposed road closure is located.</p> <p>No one spoke in favor or against the road closure.</p> <p>Mr. Barrineau explained to Council how the City of Greenwood's ownership of the property will be deeded to the County if second reading of the ordinance passes.</p> <p>Motion to approve the road closure was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Johnny Williams.</p>
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The motion passed unanimously.

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<p>CONSIDER</p> <p>Ordinance No. 10-009 Amending the City of Greenwood's Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning Property Located at 1305 Phoenix Street from R7 (High Density Residential) to IP (Institutional Professional).</p> <p>(2nd reading)</p>	<p>Under Unfinished Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the rezoning request.</p> <p>There was no discussion from Council.</p> <p>Motion to approve Ordinance No. 10-009 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Ronnie Ables.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p>
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CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 10-012
Amending Section 2-306 of the City of Greenwood Code of Ordinances.

(1st reading)

Under New Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed amending the purchasing section of the ordinance to add language that will include women and minority owned businesses. This is a requirement of the Community Development Block Grant program.

There was no discussion from Council.

Motion to amend Section 2-306 of the City of Greenwood Code of Ordinances was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 10-013
Providing for the Issuance and Sale from Time to Time of One or More Series of Combined Public Utility System Revenue Bonds of the City of Greenwood, South Carolina, Including Improvement Revenue Bonds in the Principal Amount of Not Exceeding Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000), and Refunding Revenue Bonds in the Principal Amount of Not Exceeding Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000); and Other Matters Relating Thereto (CPW Bond Ordinance).

(1st reading)

City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized Robert Galloway from Hansworth, Sinkler, Boyd to discuss the request from the Commissioners of Public Works (CPW).

Mr. Galloway discussed the request for the issuance of bonds to be repayable only by the CPW for certain projects including various electric, water, and gas as a part of their Capital Improvement Program. This ordinance will also grant authority for refinancing up to \$25 million in bonds depending on which of the old bonds that may need to be refinanced. The Bonds are to be paid only by the revenues of the combined utility system of the Commissioners.

CPW Manager Steve Reeves discussed the wireless projects that will include an upgrade to meter reading. He also discussed the water system improvements that are projected in certain areas to coincide with the Community Development Block Grant. Charles Barrineau will provide the list of streets to City Council members.

The reimbursement of these bonds will not cause a rate increase for CPW customers. The City of Greenwood will not be held liable for payback of the bonds.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 10-013 (CPW Bond Ordinance) was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Johnny Williams.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Resolution No. 10-008 to Approve the Expenditure of City Funds as a Match for a Community Development Block Grant for Streetscape Improvements along West Court Avenue.

City Manager Charles Barrineau explained how the streetscape improvements on West Court Avenue appears to be the strongest application to get a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The project will include pedestrian improvements such as sidewalks, lighting, and additional landscaping. If awarded, the City will be required to match 10% of that \$450,000 grant from the Hospitality Tax account to a total of \$45,000.

The goal of these improvements will be to link the government corridor of the Courthouse and City Hall to Main Street. The City Manager hopes that the renovation will entice new businesses in the vacant buildings. The City is partnering with the CPW on this project and adjacent property owners will be solicited for input, if the grant is awarded.

Councilor Johnny Williams stated that CDBG projects need to get back into the neighborhoods. While City Manager Barrineau agrees, he also stated that most of the approved applications were awarded for downtown areas. Mayor Adams suggested that Ruth LaForge from the Upper Savannah Council of Governments should attend a work session to help apply for a neighborhood grant.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 10-008 to approve the expenditure of City funds as a match was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER
 Agreement between Lander University and the City of Greenwood, South Carolina, for the Usage of the Jeff May Recreation, Wellness, and Sports Complex.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded City Council of an agreement to pledge \$1.5 million dollars to Lander University over five years for the recreation, wellness, and sports complex with the condition that the university have events and facilities to promote tourism.

The only change in the written agreement is in Section G, where the City shall have the university named as, "...a 'limited' additional insured on any and all accident liability." The City insurance company recommended and Lander agreed to that change to the agreement.

The City Manager noted that the City of Greenwood has made two payments. Councilor Niki Hutto suggested that Council should have a tour of the site to see the progress that has been made.

Motion to approve the agreement with Lander University was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
 Reappointing Jennifer Duffie to the Greenwood Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

City Manager Charles Barrineau stated that Ms. Duffie was selected to complete Teresa Klauber's term. That term has expired and Ms. Duffie is willing to continue to serve.

Motion to reappoint Jennifer Duffie was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
 To Authorize City Manager to Engage the Professional Services of Reynolds Engineering, Inc., for the Municipal Building HVAC and Lighting System Replacement.

City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed the HVAC, mechanical, and lighting grant of \$150,000 that the City received through the Federal Stimulus program. Staff needed to hire a mechanical and electrical engineer outside of the grant to assist with the development of the plans and specifications. Of the two bids that were submitted, the lowest was from Reynolds Engineering for \$33,400. Payment for the services will be provided by the Capital Improvements funds budgeted for this year.

Motion to authorize the services of Reynolds Engineering, Inc. was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

The City Manager expects the plan specifications within 90 to 120 days for bidding. The project will be partially funded by a grant.

CONSIDER

The Acceptance of Bid Results and Allocation of Funding for Monument/Maxwell Municipal Parking Improvement.

City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed the bid results for parking lot improvements to coincide with the Long Alley renovation project. The City has \$170,000 set aside and the Commissioners of Public Works committed an additional \$50,000 for lighting. The funding of this project is coming from the local hospitality account that, by state law, must be used solely for projects related to tourism. Other than improvements, the project design also included storm drainage, handicap access, new event entrance and exits, new pedestrian access to the Uptown fountain parking lot, a redesign of the entrance to accommodate large trucks, dumpster screening and extensive landscaping. The lowest bid received for this project was for \$354,609.

The City Manager gave Council three options to either:

- 1) do nothing
- 2) fund the full project as shown
- 3) redesign the project for an estimated cost of \$10,000.

City Council discussed the feasibility of having a parking lot versus a parking deck/garage and the need for adequate storm water drainage.

Motion to accept the bid results and allocation of \$370,000 to include engineering fees was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

Councilors Betty Boles and Linda Edwards requested that information be sent to the public that this project was paid by tourism monies to promote tourism.

Those who voted in favor were Mayor Adams, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, and Betty Boles. Johnny Williams and Ronnie Ables voted against.

The motion passed.

Linda made a motion adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer