

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

September 20, 2010 - 5:31 p.m.

**MINUTES**

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PRESENT Council Members: Mayor D. Welborn Adams, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Johnny Williams, and Ronnie Ables. City Manager Charles Barrineau, Assistant to the City Manager Julie Wilkie; City Clerk Steffanie Dorn; City Attorneys Bacot and Padgett; City/County Planning Director Phil Linder; Leslie Lane of GwdToday.com, and Chris Trainor of the Index Journal.

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CALL TO ORDER The meeting in Council Chambers was called to order by Mayor Adams at 5:31 p.m.

Councilwoman Linda Edwards gave the invocation.

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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."

The City Clerk, Steffanie Dorn, stated that there was a quorum present.

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

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

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

(2<sup>nd</sup> reading)

Under Public Hearings, City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed the ordinance that was drafted at the request of the Upper Savannah Council of Governments to comply with Community Development Block Grant requirements providing language for minority and women owned businesses.

No one spoke for or against the ordinance.

There was no discussion from Council.

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

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).

(2<sup>nd</sup> reading)

City Manager Charles Barrineau presented an updated copy of the CPW Bond Ordinance and recognized CPW Manager Steve Reeves and City Attorneys to discuss the changes.

City Attorney Tripp Padgett discussed the new changes to the CPW Bond Ordinance. He stated that Council is authorizing CPW to refinance this bond series but also future refinancing if the rates go lower. These revenue bonds are payable out of CPW revenue and are a one-time refinance possibility. CPW would have to reapply for new project money.

No one spoke in favor or against the ordinance.

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  
 Ordinance No. 10-014 Amending the City of Greenwood's Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning Property Located at 202 Lee Street from R4 (Medium Density Residential) to OP (Office Professional).

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

City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler to discuss the proposed ordinance which will allow Gindre Copper administrative offices to be moved from the rented facility to 202 Lee Street.

Phil Lindler stated that Gindre Copper's current office is located further down Mill Avenue but the company wants to relocate to a larger facility on the corner of Lee Street and Mill Avenue. The Planning Commission has recommended approval of the request by a unanimous decision.

Councilor Edwards had concerns about adjacent property owners to the property. Phil Linder stated there are two houses on the same side of Lee Street and four across the street. Only one neighbor had concerns with the trees located on the property.

Phil Linder also told Councilor Betty Boles that the owner plans to buy this property if it is rezoned.

No one spoke for or against the ordinance.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 10-014 was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

(2<sup>nd</sup> reading)

Under Unfinished Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed proposed Ordinance 10-010 which is a request by Lander University to close a portion of Graydon Avenue.

Councilor Linda Edwards expressed concern for the one house on Graydon Avenue. Charles Barrineau stated that Lander University intends to leave Graydon Avenue open to the owner of that house.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 10-010 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Johnny Williams.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER  
Ordinance No.  
10-011  
Authorizing Road  
Closure Approval  
of a 400 Foot  
Portion of Tabor  
Street.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the proposed ordinance to close a section of Tabor Street behind the current Greenwood County detention facility. The City plans to quit claim this property to the County as they begin to prepare for the expansion of the jail.

There was no discussion from City Council.

(2<sup>nd</sup> reading)

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 10-011 was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER  
Resolution No.  
10-009 to  
Reaffirm the  
Importance of On  
The Job Safety  
for the City of  
Greenwood.

Under New Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed the requirement by the insurance company for City Council to support this biannual resolution to reaffirm the importance of on-the-job safety for the City of Greenwood.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 10-009 was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER  
Resolution No.  
10-010 Approving  
the Distribution  
of 2010  
Accommodation  
Tax Funds.

City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed Resolution 10-010 adopting the Accommodations Tax allocations for 2010. The total of allocations requested was \$91,300; however, the available funding was \$62,009.04. He also noted that City Council allocated \$57,649 in 2009. Because there were the exact same agencies requesting funds, the A-Tax Committee is recommending the expenditure of \$61,716.53 which is a seven percent across-the-board increase from the allocation that you made to each agency in 2009.

The City will keep the first \$25,000 and the next five percent. Also, 30% of the \$62,009.04 goes to the Greenwood Regional Visitors and Tourism Bureau which is the lead tourism agency.

The allocations are as follows:

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>\$ REQUESTED</b>	<b>\$ COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED</b>	<b>\$ APPROVED BY COUNCIL</b>
<b>The Arts Center</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>\$7,169.00</b>	<b>\$7,169.00</b>
<b>Chamber of Commerce Half Ironman</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>\$4,280.00</b>	<b>\$4,280.00</b>
<b>City of Greenwood</b>	<b>29,522.85</b>	<b>29,522.85</b>	<b>29,522.85</b>
<b>Greenwood Community Theatre</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>\$7,490.00</b>	<b>\$7,490.00</b>
<b>Greenwood Regional Visitors/Tourism</b>	<b>27,137.10</b>	<b>27,137.10</b>	<b>27,137.10</b>
<b>Museum (Exhibits)</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>\$10,677.53</b>	<b>\$10,677.53</b>
<b>South Carolina Festival of Discovery</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>\$16,050.00</b>	<b>\$16,050.00</b>
<b>South Carolina Festival of Flowers</b>	<b>33,300</b>	<b>\$16,050.00</b>	<b>\$16,050.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$147,959.95</b>	<b>\$118,376.48</b>	<b>\$118,376.48</b>

Councilor Linda Edwards thought that the seven percent across-the-board increase was a great idea.

Motion to approve the distribution of 2010 Accommodations Tax funds was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Linda Edwards.

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

The motion passed.

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CONSIDER  
Resolution No.  
10-011  
Determining the  
City Attorney's  
Duties and  
Compensation.

City Manager Charles Barrineau noted that City Council appointed the law firm of Bacot and Padgett as the City Attorney, as well as the City prosecutor. Resolution No. 10-011 is the same resolution that the City adopted with the Welch Law Firm in 2005 which puts into writing the duties of the City Attorney and City Prosecutor and salary.

City Attorney Adam Bacot explained to Councilor Linda Edwards the Rule 5 Request under the City Prosecutor's duties and responsibilities, which is a defense attorney's request that the prosecutor provide any evidence they have to show if the defendant is guilty or not.

City Manager Charles Barrineau noted to Councilor Betty Boles that the only difference in this resolution is the salary increase for the prosecutor because of jury trial increases.

Motion to accept Resolution No. 10-011 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Johnny Williams.

Councilor Betty Boles asked City Manager Charles Barrineau to notify the other applicants of the City's final decision of the City Attorney position.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER  
Acceptance of  
the Ready to Go  
Grant from the  
Community  
Development  
Block Grant  
(CDBG) Program  
for the Approval  
of the Water  
Upgrade Phase  
III Project.

City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed the Community Block Grant award for the Phase III water upgrades. The streets include: Anderson, Chesterfield Ct., Cooper, Davis, Highside, Mays, Plowden, Spring, Stroud, Wade and Woodrow. If approved by Council, this \$500,000 project may be ready to go within 40 - 60 days.

Motion to approve the Water Upgrade Phase III Project was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Awarding Bid for  
Uptown Greenwood  
Enhancement  
Phase V South  
Main Gateway  
Project in front  
of the New  
Greenwood County  
Library.

City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed the area in Phase V of the South Main Gateway Project that starts in front of the new library to the heritage trail at the Palmetto Bank. The City was awarded funds in 2007 to remove a section of the median in front of the library and replacing with curb and gutters and oak trees. New sidewalks with pavers similar to Maxwell Avenue and decorative street lamps will be placed at the front of the library. The contractors will also take out a section of the roadway in front of the Heritage Trail at the Palmetto Bank to add landscaping.

The low bid was presented by Town & Country Construction for a total price, including the bid additive, of \$114,295. The City initially estimated the project to be over \$200,000, making this project under budget. The City has already authorized the funding in the 2010 budget and \$50,000 in Hospitality Taxes has also been set aside to pay for this project.

The City will also work with the SC Department of Transportation to determine if there are any other improvements to be made for pedestrians, the library, church, and handicap accessibility. City Manager Barrineau asks City Council to award \$114,395 to Town & Country to complete the project.

City Manager Barrineau told Mayor Adams that the current landscaping at the Heritage Trail will not be removed but there will be a new median on South Main Street similar to the two that was done three years ago. The ultimate goal with those curbed medians is to slow traffic as it comes into the main square of Uptown.

Motion to award \$114,295 to Town & Country for the construction of the Phase V South Main Gateway Project was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

To Authorize  
City Manager to  
Sign an  
Agreement with  
GovDeals.

City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized the City Clerk and Finance Director Steffanie Dorn to discuss the agreement.

Steffanie Dorn stated that the staff would like the opportunity to work GovDeals which is a website that offers a service to auction the City's equipment and get ideal prices in today's market.

She also stated that other municipalities in the State of SC are pleased with this service and highly recommend it.

The City Attorney reviewed the terms of the agreement and addressed the two items of concern they had. The money made on the auction will go back into the general fund.

Motion to authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement with GovDeals was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

To Authorize  
City Manager to  
Sign  
Governmental  
Access Channel  
Agreement with  
Lander  
University.

City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed the agreement for use of Government Access Channel 16 with Lander University. Dr. Stevenson made a presentation for the concept of Lander University running the channel through Northland Cable to provide video. The school must go through consultation with City Staff over the material that will be aired. The City is looking to draw tourists and advertise meetings and Lander will be broadcasting quality of life features such as festivals, history, and things that are unique to Greenwood. The City Manager hasn't received comment from Northland Cable's review of the agreement.

Motion to approve the governmental access channel agreement with Lander University was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Johnny Williams.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Amending Inter-  
governmental  
Agreement with  
Greenwood County  
Creating a  
Greenwood  
Visitors and  
Tourism Office.

City Manager Charles Barrineau stated that this is a consideration to change the 2005 intergovernmental agreement with Greenwood County which created the Greenwood Regional Visitors and Tourism Bureau. The current committee consists of 10 appointed members but there has been a request to appoint a committee member from the towns of Ware Shoals and Ninety Six. If approved by City Council, the Mayor and Council of those towns will select their representative. Greenwood County Council has already approved this change.

Motion to amending the intergovernmental agreement with Greenwood County was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.



CITY COUNCIL  
COMMENTS Mayor Welborn Adams recognized the Emerald High School Government Economics class and new Ward 4 City Council Member, Mr. Ken Wiltshire.

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CITY MANAGER  
COMMENTS City Manager Charles Barrineau noted that the next community meeting for the former City Landfill off of Valley Brook Road will be on Monday, October 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the Brewer Community Center auditorium after the City Council work session.

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ADJOURNMENT Mayor Adams asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn was made by Betty Boles.

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

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D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk and Treasurer