

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

May 17, 2010 - 5:30 p.m.

**MINUTES**

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PRESENT Council Members: Mayor D. Welborn Adams, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Teresa Klauber, Johnny Williams, and Barbara Turnburke. City Clerk/Acting City Manager and Assistant to the City Manager; Police Chief Brooks, Phil Lindler, and Fire Chief Strange; Lesley Lane of Greenwood Today, Chris Trainor of the Index Journal, and Fox News.

Niki Hutto came into the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

ABSENT City Manager Charles Barrineau

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

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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/Acting City Manager, Steffanie Dorn, stated that there was a quorum present.

Councilwoman Linda Edwards gave the invocation.

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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.

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SPECIAL  
RECOGNITION

Mayor Adams recognized Miss Greater Greenwood Teen 2010, Rita Christian, who will be competing in Spartanburg on July 3 and wishes her the best of luck. He also recognized Miss Greater Greenwood 2010, Kelly Stroud.

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PROCLAMATION

Under Proclamations, Mayor D. Welborn Adams declared the month of May, 2010, as Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

Lyme Disease  
Awareness Month.

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CONSIDER

Under Public Hearings, Acting City Manager Steffanie Dorn recognized Planning Director Phil Lindler.

Ordinance No.  
10-004 Amending  
the City of  
Greenwood's  
Official Zoning  
Map (Ordinance  
No. 04-020) by  
Rezoning  
Properties  
Located at 419 &  
501 Montague  
Avenue, 405 &  
411 Graydon  
Avenue, and Two  
Unaddressed  
Parcels Located  
off Ellison  
Avenue and  
Graydon Avenue  
from R7 (High  
Density  
Residential) and  
GC (General  
Commercial) to  
PDD (Planned  
Development  
District).

Phil Lindler discussed Lander University's request of lumping seven properties accessing 24 acres into one major parcel for the recreational and wellness complex on the site. He described Lander's design plan that shows the softball and baseball fields, tennis courts, the existing wellness complex, as well as intramural fields for students and parking. It will also be used as an off shoot of their educational resources making the site both an athletic and educational site for multiple uses.

No one spoke in favor or against the request.

There was no discussion from City Council.

Niki Hutto made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Barbara Turnburke.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

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CONSIDER

Ordinance No.  
10-003 Annexing  
Property Owned  
by the Greenwood  
Commissioners of  
Public Works  
Located at 1400  
Mathis Road.

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

Acting City Manager Steffanie Dorn reviewed the proposed Commissioners of Public Works property annexation request.

No one spoke in favor or against request.

There was no discussion by City Council.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 10-003 was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Barbara Turnburke.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Ordinance No.  
10-002 to  
Prohibit the  
Sale of Beer  
and/or Wine  
between the  
Hours of 2:00  
a.m. and 6:00  
a.m. and the  
Consumption and  
Possession of  
Beer and/or Wine  
between the  
Hours of 2:30  
a.m. and 6:00  
a.m. in  
Commercial  
Establishments  
Licensed to Sell  
Beer and/or Wine  
for On Premise  
Consumption and  
to Restrict the  
Hours of  
Operation of  
Those  
Establishments.  
(2<sup>nd</sup> reading)

Mayor D. Welborn Adams opened the floor for discussion amongst City Council regarding two variations of the proposed ordinance.

Councilor Williams asked for the proposed Ordinance to be tabled because he didn't see a reason to defend it due to the lack of evidence displaying recent disturbances related to bars in the City of Greenwood.

Councilors Klauber and Turnburke agreed with Mayor Adams in recommending going forward with the Ordinance.

Councilor Edwards agreed with Betty Boles that there should be separate ordinances for the serving of beer and wine versus the closing of establishments by the City of Greenwood.

When asked to come forward, Police Chief Brooks indicated that, although the City of Greenwood hasn't had any recent disturbances at local bars, history will show incidences that have occurred. He also noted that this was City Council's decision to make and the Police Department will enforce whatever they decide.

Motion to table the ordinance for further discussion was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed 4-3.

Councilors Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, and Johnny Williams voted in favor of tabling the ordinance. Mayor Adams and Councilors Teresa Klauber and Barbara Turnburke voted against tabling.

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RECOGNIZE

Claudette and  
Denise  
Bannerman,  
Representatives  
of Wisewood  
Neighborhood  
Association.

Under Public Appearances, Mayor D. Welborn Adams recognized Ms. Claudette Bannerman and Ms. Denise Bannerman.

Ms. Claudette Bannerman discussed a problem with water runoff she's been experiencing that causes mosquitoes from standing water, trash from neighbors' properties, and erosion at her and Ms. Denise Bannerman's residences.

Acting City Manager Steffanie Dorn stated that she spoke with Public Works Director Billy Allen who indicated that Wisewood has underground springs and the best solution would be to install French drains on the owners' properties but that's something the City of Greenwood doesn't do.

Upon Mayor Adam's suggestion to clean the ditches to prevent stoppage, Ms. Claudette Bannerman asked if the City of Greenwood could clean all the ditches instead of just one property at a time.

Councilor Linda Edwards suggested that the City not only clean the drains but to also monitor them as well.

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CONSIDER

Appointment of  
Mayor Pro  
Tempore for 2  
Year Term.

Under Unfinished Business, Acting City Manager Steffanie Dorn listed who served as Mayor Pro Tempore from the past 10 years. The position rotated to every City Council Member that hasn't served before.

Mayor Adams noted that it was City Council's decision that the next in line will serve.

Councilor Betty Boles made a motion that Linda Edwards serve as the next Mayor Pro Tempore, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Under New Business, Acting City Manager Steffanie Dorn

Ordinance No. 10-005 Providing for the Transfer of Authority for Conducting Municipal Elections to the Greenwood County Voter Registration and Election Commission.

discussed moving the Municipal Election with the Greenwood County Voter Registration Office which will do everything. They'll receive the filing and filing fees, set the date according to the City Ordinance, and invoice the City at the end of the election for any cost. The County could still hold elections in April but the City would still pay for poll workers. The effective date will be established after the City Council vote on the second reading and the Greenwood County Council must vote on accepting the responsibility. The July Municipal Election will still be held as scheduled.

Councilor Niki Hutto suggested that the elections are best done in tandem.

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

A motion to approve Ordinance 10-005 was made by Teresa Klauber, seconded by Niki Hutto.

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

The motion passed.

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CONSIDER

Acting City Manager Steffanie Dorn discussed moving Municipal Elections to November in two years.

Ordinance No. 10-006 Amending Section 7-2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenwood to Change the Dates for Holding Municipal Elections and the Subsequent Terms of Office.

Councilor Edwards was concerned about the Municipal Election remaining nonpartisan. Acting City Manager Dorn noted that there are other nonpartisan items on the election ballots. The order will be partisan elections first, constitutional questions second, and local elections last.

If passed, this will be effective for the next regular election in 2012. The changes will be made public after approval from the United States Justice Department.

Councilor Williams noted that he doesn't trust voting by machines.

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

Motion to approve Ordinance 10-006 was made by Teresa Klauber, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed 6-1.

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

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CONSIDER  
Ordinance No. 10-007 Deleting Section 5-26 of the City of Greenwood Code of Ordinances.

Acting City Manager Steffanie Dorn stated that this ordinance will require nonexempt entities such as churches, schools, hospitals, and eleemosynary entities to pay building permit fees.

There was no discussion from Council.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 10-007 was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER  
Resolution No. 10-006 to Reaffirm the City's Commitment to a Joint City and County Building Inspection Department and Adjust the Percentage of Shared Expenses Effective January 1, 2011.

Acting City Manager Steffanie Dorn discussed changing the current share percentage from 85/15 to 75/25. Currently, the County retains all permit revenues and the City pays for all the expenses out of the Building Inspection Department. The County then reimburses the City 85% of departmental expenses. The staff recommends that City Council adopt this resolution to be effective January 1, 2011, so it will not affect the current budget.

There was no discussion from City Council.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 10-006 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER                      Fire Chief Terry Strange informed City Council of the full scale, terrorist, weapons of mass destruction exercise that'll involve Anderson, Oconee, Pickens, Abbeville and Greenville Counties. It will take place on June 18, 2010, start at 5 p.m., and last for 6½ to 7 hours. The entire Fire Department will work through it but will continue to have the engines manned and still run emergency calls. They will also cooperate with the Army Reserve Unit 415 Chemical Battalion and the State Cobra Team. It will take place at the Connie Maxwell farm and Emerald High School will be the equipment staging area. Local participation will include the Police and Sheriff Departments, Red Cross, SCDHEC, CSX, EMS, Greenwood County Emergency Management, and County Fire Departments.

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CONSIDER                      Police Chief Gerald Brooks discussed the 2010 Edward Byrnes Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) that comes from the Department of Justice in the amount of \$33,310. This grant doesn't require any matching funds from the City. All that is required is for City Council to authorize the Police Department to apply for and accept the grant.

Approval            to                      Motion to authorize Chief Brooks to apply for and accept the Justice Assistance Grant was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Niki Hutto.

Apply for and                      The motion passed unanimously.

Accept a 2010                     

Justice                     

Assistance                     

Grant for the                     

Police                     

Department.

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CITY            COUNCIL                      Mayor Adams again recognized Miss Greater Greenwood Teen 2010, Rita Christian, and Miss Greater Greenwood 2010, Kelly Stroud, who were not present at the beginning of the meeting.

COMMENTS

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ACTING            CITY                      Acting City Manager Dorn informed City Council of the following:

MANAGER                     

COMMENTS                     

1) A decision has been made for Panagakos Paving in the recent C-Fund allocation of various roads. The pre-contract meeting will be next week. The project should start June 1, 2010.

2) SCDOT will begin working on the West Cambridge bridge

this summer. A portion of the walking trail under the bridge will be closed during the demolition for the safety of pedestrians.

3) Fox Channel 21 will be in town Thursday morning from 7 - 9 a.m. at the fountain parking lot. The Mayor will be one of the first to interview. They'll also be speaking with Mrs. Self from the Festival of Flowers.

Upon Councilor Boles inquiry of the voluntary clean up of the City Dump, acting City Manager Dorn stated that Davis & Floyd picked up additional samples last week. The McNair Law Firm is waiting on the analysis that will be available June 1<sup>st</sup> in order to complete the final draft of the voluntary clean up stating how much dirt the City will remove. There is no deadline established on when this will be completed. Councilor Boles requested that updated information be sent to the College Heights Neighborhood Association.

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Mayor Adams adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

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D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk and Treasurer