

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

September 21, 2009 - 5:35 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT Council Members: Mayor D. Welborn Adams, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Johnny Williams and Barbara Turnburke. City Manager; Assistant City Manager; City Clerk; City Attorney; Phil Lindler; Chris Trainor of the Index Journal and Marjorie Blalock & Johnathan Graves of Greenwood Today.

CALL TO ORDER The meeting in Council Chambers was called to order by Mayor Adams at 5:35 p.m.

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 Mayor then asked the City Clerk, Steffanie Dorn, if a quorum was present. She said, "Yes, Mr. Mayor, we have a quorum present."

Mayor Adams asked for a moment of silence in memory of deceased City Councilmember, Herbert Vaughn.

Reverend Willie Norman of Westin Chapel A.M.E. Church 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 Mayor asked, "If all approve, signify by a show of hands. Is there anyone opposed?"

The consent agenda passes."

Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 09-024 Amending the City of Greenwood's Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning Properties Located at 702 (Units A & B) and 704 (Units A, B & C) East Cambridge Avenue from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) to GC (General Commercial).

Under Public Hearings, Mayor Adams read the first item and asked, "Is there anyone here that would like to speak in favor of this ordinance? This is a public hearing."

(1st reading)

STEVEN BROWN

"Mr. Mayor and Council, I need to make you aware that the gentleman who requested this rezoning called Tiffany around 4 o'clock this afternoon saying that he could not be here and wanted this public hearing postponed. I returned his call and told him that it has been advertised in the paper, people in the community who were opposed to it will be here, and I expected you to move forward with a possible vote following that hearing. I just wanted to make you aware that he would not be here."

MAYOR ADAMS

"Thank you. That being said, is there anyone here to speak in opposition to the ordinance?"

REVEREND NORMAN

"Again, good afternoon to the Mayor and Members of Council. My name is Willie Dale Norman, Jr. I'm the Pastor of Westin Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church who owns the property at 805 East Cambridge Avenue. My home residence is 506 New Zion Road, Bradley, South Carolina, 29819.

I'm here this evening representing the congregation and Board of Trustees who are in opposition of the rezoning change from Neighborhood Commercial to General Commercial. The reason being, this is a historical community. I remember years ago that the Comprehensive Plan for Greenwood County was considering preserving that area. If we move to General Commercial, it opens the property up to uncontrollable establishments that may not enhance the quality of life in the community. Truly, it is a major thoroughfare and there is already a lot of traffic in the area.

We are just in opposition to the change from Neighborhood to General Commercial. I speak on behalf of myself, the church family, and the Board of Trustees of the church. I also bring with me the responsibility of speaking on the interest of the Conference as a Trustee as well. We appreciate your consideration and maintaining it as it is."

MAYOR ADAMS

"Thank you, Reverend Norman."

OTIS BOWMAN

"My name is Otis Bowman and live at 112 Watson Street. I've been living there for 25 years and, in that time, seen a lot of changes. With this particular property, I have seen problems as far as the people who have rented it, the things that go on, and do not want a liquor store in front of my house. I think it's bad for the neighborhood and it will bring trouble into what is already a struggling neighborhood. The whole City is struggling but, in my neighborhood, I have enough problems already by not being able to walk up and down the street in front of my house without people who are not from the neighborhood passing through causing problems, throwing trash out, and selling drugs. The property has problems and I don't want to see a liquor store upon there."

MAYOR ADAMS

"Thank you, Mr. Bowman. Is there anyone else who would like to speak in opposition? I will close the public hearing. Are there comments among Council? I'll entertain a motion."

Motion to deny the rezoning of the property was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The Mayor said, "All in favor of denying signify by a show of hands. Is there anyone opposed? The rezoning is denied."

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Mayor Adams read the second item and recognized the Assistant City Manager.

Ordinance No. 09-025 Amending the City of Greenwood's Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning Properties Located at 310, 412, 420, & 430 Bypass 72 Northwest and 1203 Montague Avenue Extension from GC (General Commercial) to PDD (Planned Development).

(1st reading)

CHARLES BARRINEAU

"Mr. Mayor I think it will be helpful if our Planning Director, Phil Lindler, explains."

PHIL LINDLER

"Thank you, Mr. Mayor and Members of Council. This is a request by the Hull-Storey group, owners of the property that the mall sits on, to bring a Planned Development District to you. It is a proposal that includes a mixed use development and an out-parcel on the lower entrance to the mall at the Western portion on 72 By-Pass towards the Belk's entrance. They are also proposing modifications to the sign standards for a different sign than is currently in front of the property and another on the U.S. Highway 25/Montague Avenue Extension portion as well.

These signs, as you can see on this petition, are what they're proposing. They will have an electronic reader board with 900 square feet. The current standard for an electronic reader board is 60 square feet so, in this case, it's an increase to allow for larger signs and reader boards.

Also, they are forgoing any type of permanent signs along both roadways in order to accommodate these two individual signs that will be placed at their main entrances. They will also have another permanent sign at their outparcel that's shown at the corner towards the Belk's entrance.

Parking on the site will not be changed significantly. There is ample parking to accommodate most uses on the site. They have also provided some minor landscaping additions as well.

The Planning Commission looked at the request and gave a favorable recommendation. However, they would like to see modifications to the verbiage deleting temporary signs as a use and the ability to have any additional electronic reader boards. Other outparcels are denied to this facility, also. Thank you."

MAYOR ADAMS "Okay. Is there any questions for Mr. Lindler?"

LINDA EDWARDS "Are they keeping the same sign in the front or is that the one they're replacing?"

NIKI HUTTO "Yes."

MAYOR ADAMS "Is there anyone who would like in speak in favor of this ordinance?"

KENDAL JONES "Hello. I'm Kendal Jones and I represent the mall ownership group, Hull-Storey-Gibson Company. Thank you for having me here. Phil did recap most of the application highlights but I would like to add just a few points for your consideration.

First of all, the mall was constructed in 1979, as all of you probably know; even better than me. This was well before power centers and big box-anchored shopping and lifestyle centers were the shoppers' preference. So, as you can imagine as an owner of enclosed malls, many of our other properties are challenging to manage, lease, and to keep them viable.

We feel the PDD rezoning provided us some flexibility for opportunities to expand anchors (Sykes is a recent example of that) and create an outparcel to bring new business into the town. We have that ability already in place and approved under a document stating that we can work with your staff in order to accomplish that quickly and efficiently. The PDD will provide us a very flexible framework. The application speaks to square footage, parking, the creation of an outparcel, and permissible building areas there.

There are a couple of other initiatives that are referenced in the application. One of those that we're very excited about is the relocation of the Belk driveway to properly align with the Crosscreek Connector. It's something that our mall ownership has really been talking about for several years. We've worked with DOT on a couple of occasions and very intensely over the last three or four months. We have provided DOT a design for a relocation of that driveway and it has been approved. They have issued an encroachment permit which is their authorization for us to do the construction. Even better news is that we're going to be able to work with DOT to install a traffic signal at that intersection so, obviously, that will help the mall and the general public as they travel the Crosscreek Connector to that intersection. So that is something we're very pleased to be able to do and hope to start construction in the next three or four weeks.

I mentioned the Sykes expansion. That was something we have been working with for a number of months and are thrilled to have them there. They're a large employment base which brings a lot of traffic to the mall. We were glad that we could keep them in their prime location. Again, the PDD flexibility provides us some of that framework so, if other similar opportunities come up in the future, we can act on them quickly.

The other initiative that's probably worth talking about a little bit more is the new signage. Phil mentioned the signs that were proposed and there is a photograph in the package. The old sign was used as a marquee for the movie theater that has the stick-on letters that don't stay up very long. It's a hard way to advertise sales, grand openings, and special events. It's just not efficient at all. We have 36 tenants inside the mall that are all internally oriented on that corridor, so they have no visibility to the traveling public. The great thing the LED does is lets us advertise for those folks that are inside the mall. A big draw to the mall is the public events that we hold for blood drives, fashion shows, for charities, or little league baseball registration. Having those things at the mall has been good for the tenants and, again, it is harder to advertise without any signage on the exterior, so we think it's going to be a great benefit for the mall as a whole.

The ownership is fine with the conditions that the Planning Commission has requested accompanying this application.

We will exclude the temporary signage as a part of the ordinance and also plan to comply with all of the specific criteria for the messaging, sequencing, timing, and the prohibition against flashing that's completely in conformance with the way we typically operate our LEDs.

One of the other conditions was no LEDs on the outparcels. We are fine with that recommendation but just ask that we'll be able to advertise those out parcel sales or special events on those LEDS from time to time since any special, temporary, promotional type signage will no longer be allowed.

That's all I have to add to what Phil has already told you. I'm happy to answer any questions. We'll be available if someone from the audience has any questions also."

BETTY BOLES

"I just have one clarification. Will the traffic light be placed near the Belk's area or the sign?"

KENDAL JONES

"It's actually at that intersection of Crosscreek and the Belk driveway; sort of at the corner where the new outparcel is proposed. The sign on the frontage will actually go exactly where the current sign is today. The old movie theater marquee will be removed and a new sign will be installed in place of it so there will not be a conflict there."

BETTY BOLES

"Okay. Have any consideration been given to traffic on the opposite side where the other sign will be?"

KENDAL JONES

"A little consideration, but not as much support from DOT at this time so we're going to run with what they're supporting at this time. We may approach that again in the future. Thank you."

MAYOR ADAMS

"Thank you. Is there anyone else that would like to speak in favor of this ordinance?"

STEVEN BROWN

"Mr. Mayor and Council, I'd like to let you know that often, when developers and people in Kendal's position come to us, we are kind of half strung with the specificity of our regulations and not able to have a lot of flexibility. I commend Phil Lindler because, when Kendal had this request about needing a larger sign, our first impression was that we would have to tell her no. Then Phil took a look at the PDD that's designed for large parcels of property who have unique needs. What you have before you tonight is a request for a larger sign but they are also forgoing other signs that they can possibly put up. So, please, just don't see this as a request for a larger sign.

Really and truly the sign will be smaller than what they already have except the LED portion is going to be larger. We were able to take your ordinance that you passed and applied it to this property to enhance their use of it.

The other thing that you need to understand is you have a copy of the written plan before you with two conditions. One deals with no temporary signs. We asked Kendal and her superiors to accept that because these are the same conditions you put upon all the other LED signs. I don't think it would be fair allowing them to have the signs and no one else in the City could. Also, since you're enlarging the LED portion, you're saying that they cannot have any additional LEDs on the property.

We are pleased with what's being done at the mall. We think there are positives for its future and this just gives them the opportunity to do more. We would ask that you approve this with those two conditions. We think there will be no harm to any other properties and it will just give them the added ability to market theirs. I think all of us in the City are proud of what's going on in the mall."

MAYOR ADAMS "Is there anyone here who would like to speak in opposition to Ordinance 09-025?"

OTIS BOWMAN "I'm not speaking in opposition, but I do like the idea of a traffic light in that area because people will speed up and run you over when you're trying to get out of that mall."

MAYOR ADAMS "Thank you, Mr. Bowman. Is there any discussion among Council Members?"

BARBARA TURNBURKE "I agree with Mr. Bowman about the traffic light. I'm glad to see it and hope they'll pursue the second traffic light as well."

MAYOR ADAMS "Alright. Do we have a motion to adopt the ordinance with the two conditions as proposed?"

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

The Mayor said, "All in favor of the ordinance with the two conditions signify by a show of hands. Is there anyone opposed? The ordinance passes."

The motion passed unanimously.

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STEVEN BROWN

"Mr. Mayor, there is also a request that you would consider having the second reading at your work session on October 5th. There is a timing element in ordering some of the new signage that they're trying to get it in before Thanksgiving."

MAYOR ADAMS

"I think we can all do that."

CONSIDER

Under Unfinished Business, Mayor Adams read the first item and asked for a motion.

Ordinance No. 09-023 Amending the City of Greenwood's Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning Properties Located at 420 & an Unaddressed Parcel on West Cambridge Avenue and 112 High Street from R4 (Medium Density Residential) to OP (Office Professional).

A motion was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Betty Boles.

The Mayor said, "All in favor signify by a show of hands. The motion passes."

The motion passed unanimously.

- attach -

(2nd reading)

CONSIDER

Mayor Adams read the second item and said, "I have Mr. Bob Redding here. I passed out what you (Mr. Redding) gave me as far as your work history. Just tell the Council where you live in Greenwood and why you're interested in serving on this committee."

Appointing One (1) Person to a Vacant Term on the City/County Planning Commission.

BOB REDDING

"I live at 101 West Laurel Avenue. It's a beautiful neighborhood and I've become interested in some of the proposed changes in that area. It made me start to pay attention to other things going on in the City and I too would like be a part of that.

I live in the big white house on the corner of Grace and Laurel, across from what used to be the Villas Apartments and The Sunshine House. It is the first house of that neighborhood coming up Grace Street towards downtown. I feel I'd like to represent that as well."

MAYOR ADAMS

"Are there any questions for Mr. Redding? Do I have a motion?"

A motion was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Johnny Williams.

"All in favor signify by a show of hands. Is there anyone opposed? Congratulations!"

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Mayor Adams recognized the Assistant City Manager.

Appointing
Members for the
City of
Greenwood Census
Complete Count
Committee.

(1st reading)

CHARLES
BARRINEAU

"Mr. Mayor and Members of Council, I've sent a few names that we've discussed back and forth. They are: Anne Gunby from the Wisewood Neighborhood, Erlene Boles from Harley Subdivision, Maria Lopez lives in Northgate, Mr. Williams introduced at the last meeting Ms. Rosalie Merrow with School District 50, and Chandler Darling, Lander University's Assistant Direct of Housing. Those were the five names that staff has put together. So, Council, we have given you a few other areas that you may want to consider."

MAYOR ADAMS "The Taggart area, right?"

CHARLES "Those areas and we mentioned the Westside Community Club
BARRINEAU and Mathews. We can add names as we go because this is a
flowing committee."

MAYOR ADAMS "Do you want to put those five on and add more?"

BETTY BOLES "What is your number count? Do you anticipate a
particular number?"

CHARLES "Ms. Boles, in my mind I was thinking about seven to ten
BARRINEAU but not just a warm body. We need people that can give
us a connection to the community."

MAYOR ADAMS "Okay. Do I have a motion to approve those five?"

A motion to approve was made by Johnny Williams, seconded
by Niki Hutto.

"All voting in favor signify by a show of hands. Is
there anyone opposed? The motion carries."

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER Under New Business, Mayor Adams read the proclamation and
asked, "Just to reiterate, Senator Nicolson is going to
2010 Census serve on that committee, right?"
Partner
Proclamation

CHARLES "The Senator told me that he and his wife are willing to
BARRINEAU partner with us in any way they could."

MAYOR ADAMS "It gives him the high profile and the hard work!"

CONSIDER Mayor Adams read the second item and asked for a motion.

To Reappoint Mr.
Eugene Van
Taylor to the
Municipal
Election
Commission.

STEFFANIE DORN "I spoke with Mr. Taylor earlier in the year and then again today. He kind of felt he was chosen by the previous Mayor and said that it wouldn't hurt his feelings if he were to be replaced. However, he was willing to continue participating in the Commission. It doesn't require a whole lot of work. We have had two special elections this year which was unusual. He's always been available. I don't think he missed any of the meetings that we called. Sometimes he had to come at different times but I've always been able to work with him. So, he is willing to serve again unless somebody has another name of someone they'd like to replace him with in which case he is acceptable to that."

A motion to approve was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Barbara Turnburke.

MAYOR ADAMS "All in favor signify by a show of hands. Is there anyone opposed? Mr. Taylor has been reappointed."

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER Mayor Adams recognized the Assistant City Manager.

Acceptance of
South Carolina
Department of
Commerce Rural
Infrastructure
Grant.

CHARLES
BARRINAU

"Mr. Mayor and City Council, I guess two meetings ago we asked if staff could apply to the South Carolina Department of Commerce for rural infrastructure funding. Just to clarify, these funds assist counties from the South Carolina rural areas that are eligible to provide financial assistance for infrastructure and other activities to enhance economic development and growth. So, in essence, they're looking for jobs and more private investments. I can tell you on the front end that these funds can't be used for anything unless it promotes jobs or private investments. These are the same funds that we applied for in 2006 to receive the Maxwell Avenue funds.

I'm pleased to tell that we have been awarded \$300,000 from the Department of Commerce Rural Infrastructure Fund. The proposal is very similar to what we have almost completed on Maxwell Avenue.

These are the 10 buildings that face the rear of Long Alley adjacent to Maxwell (pointing at screen). We intend to improve the buildings where you see the metal, outdated colors, painted brick, and falling canopies. We have proposed to remove all of that and bring it back to life to encourage the dual use of those buildings from both Main Street and Maxwell Avenue. If you've seen what Chip Turner did to his building, HH Turner Jewelers, it's an incredible improvement. If you were to walk over there today, those building are in dire need.

Each of the property owners will be allocated up to \$20,000. It's the same terms that we provided on the Maxwell Project where they will be required to put up a 10% match and anything over that amount. Through the grant application, we also submitted that the Greenwood CPW would provide up to \$50,000 in funding to provide lighting along Long Alley and potentially in the City's parking lot. The CPW Commissioners at their last meeting did approve that \$50,000. If there is a way to redesign the parking lot to encourage more parking, it would be by softening it with some landscaping to make it more attractive for people coming into downtown for large events or just to visit for the day.

So the request before Council tonight is first to consider acceptance of this \$300,000 award and authorize \$170,000 coming from your hospitality account. The City funds will only be going into the City owned parking lot for infrastructure improvements and landscaping. Also, a kiosk is proposed to be built and constructed. It is a walking kiosk with way-finding and directional arrows.

We also intend to combine many of the dumpsters and enclose them all with brick screening. So, again, consider acceptance and authorization of \$170,000 in hospitality taxes. Some of those funds will be expended this year but most will be expended next year. Realize too, with the rural infrastructure fund. We have to expend up to \$100,000 before they will reimburse you, so we will have to use some City funds and get reimbursed on the back end. I'll be glad to answer any questions."

MAYOR ADAMS

"Does anyone have a motion?"

Motion to approve was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Barbara Turnburke.

"All in favor signify by a show of hands. Is there anyone opposed? The motion carries."

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Mayor Adams read the fourth item and said that he must abstain from voting.

Selection of
Design
Professionals
for South
Carolina
Department of
Commerce Rural
Infrastructure
Grant Project.

CHARLES
BARRINEAU

"Mr. Mayor and Members of Council, obviously I've learned quickly with these projects that the most important piece is the professional design firm that you hire. We had a great experience with both Davis and Floyd and Furman Architects. We would recommend both of them to you. Davis and Floyd would design the screens, kiosk, and landscaping in the amount of \$42,000. We will ask you to consider engaging Furman Architects to design the façade to those 10 buildings that is estimated at \$48,000. Those numbers are the typical architectural engineering fee which is basically 20% of the total project costs.

I'll be glad to answer any questions."

BETTY BOLES

"You did say \$48,000, right?"

CHARLES
BARRINEAU

"It is \$48,000 for Furman Architects and \$42,000 for Davis and Floyd."

Motion was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Barbara Turnburke.

MAYOR PRO
TEMPORE JOHNNY
WILLAIMS

"All in favor raise your right hand. The motion carries. Mr. Adams has abstained."

Those who voted in favor were Mayor Pro Tempore Johnny Williams, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles and Barbara Turnburke. Mayor Adams abstained from voting.

The motion passed.

CONSIDER

Mayor Adams read the fifth item and recognized the Assistant City Manager.

Authorizing
Participation
in County-Wide
Branding
Initiative.

CHARLES
BARRINEAU

"Mr. Mayor and Members of Council, I know this may have caught some of you off guard and I do apologize. I just received this Friday afternoon and they wanted to look at going forward in November. I felt, if we waited until October, we may not be able to move this forward. I know this may be the first time that we've brought this to you, but I think we've been talking about pieces of this for two years.

If you recall in both the City Center Master Plan and the Tourism Plan, it talks about increased signage and way finding. One key component of that is to create a brand. For about six months now, groups from the Partnership, Self Regional Healthcare, Wesley Commons, our tourism office and the Partnership have been meeting to come up with a brand. If Self Hospital places an ad, it can say

'Self Hospital' but they can also put a brand there that says, 'This is Greenwood'. Wesley Commons is all the same.

We all have logos but nothing that says 'This is Greenwood', so we went to the firm, Arnett Muldrow, who developed our City Center Master Plan. They have submitted a proposal to create or attempt to create a brand by having individual and public meetings. The cost to create a brand is \$7,150. It's being proposed that it be split four ways. The Tourism Office will pay \$1,000 and the remaining \$6,150 will be split three ways between the City, County and the Partnership. Our costs will only be \$2,050.

The new brand is then incorporated into websites, street lanterns, tri-fold brochures, marketing pieces, bags, and the like. Shops in the downtown can use the logo and, ultimately, we hope that Council will consider way-finding in the 2010 budget. I'll be glad to answer any questions."

NIKI HUTTO

"The \$1,000 from tourism will come from accommodations, correct?"

CHARLES BARRINEAU

"It will come from accommodations and their advisory committee has put it in their budget."

MAYOR ADAMS

"Are there any questions or comments?"

BETTY BOLES

"And you want this completed by November?"

CHARLES BARRINEAU

"That was the biggest reason for bringing it to you tonight. Arnett Muldrow works all over the country and we have a window from November 2-4 where they will agree to be in Greenwood. That's why we're asking you to consider it so that we get a contract to get them locked up."

MAYOR ADAMS

"Do I have a motion?"

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

"All in favor signify by a show of right hands. Any opposed? The motion carries."

The motion passed unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL There were no comments at this time.
COMMENTS

CITY MANAGER Mayor Adams recognized the City Manager.
COMMENTS

STEVEN BROWN "I would like to make a comment since this is my last meeting. You know sometimes I get emotional about these things, and I don't want to be emotional tonight, but I want to be kind of forthright with you. I personally want to tell you that I appreciate everything that you have done for me. Not only you, but all the Councils of the past. I came here at 34 years of age in 1981, found a home, and never left. I have been treated so well. My relationship with City Council has been the ultimate. I can never think of a time that I could not be pleased with the way I have been treated by you and I am so much appreciative of that.

I want you to know that it's been my honor to be your City Manager. It's been more than a job and I'm leaving a job that I love dearly. I don't dislike coming to work. I love coming to work. I love this type of work. I love these people. I love the challenge that I'm faced with everyday. I'm not upset about anything. Nobody has done me wrong. I'm not leaving for any reason except that I have reached an age that I feel it is in my best interest to retire and turn the reigns over to someone else.

I want you to know that I have given you my best and I think that is all you can expect out of me. I've always said I'm not the most intelligent and I don't have a long list of degrees, but I don't think anyone will ever outwork me. I have tried hard to give you all that I have.

I know that most people will expect me to say this but I leave the City Council and the next City Manager with a well run operation. We were committed to staying within our budget and made it happen. We were committed to excellence in customer service and it happens every day. We were committed to recruiting and retaining quality staff and you have the best, second to none, in this state. They're dedicated to the task and they go above

and beyond the call of duty each and every day. I trust that you will always remember that it is not the City Manager that gets the job done.

It's the quality people who go out each day with a determination to do their job well. I leave tonight with great admiration for those people.

Lastly, this must sound a little hokey to you but it's really about who Steve is. If I have ever acted or spoken in a manner that you believe to be improper or unchristian, I ask you to forgive me. You deserve the best and I had tried to do that. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart."

- applause and standing ovation -

JOHNNY WILLIAMS "I would like to say, Mr. Brown, that you will be missed."

BETTY BOLES "I'd like to say to you, Mr. Brown, you will be missed. When you were speaking, the first time I considered running for City Council came to my mind. I came to you for advice as to what is expected because I had a passion for running for this position. This wasn't just to be holding a title but I was passionate about the job I was partaking. The words and wisdom that you gave really encouraged me to make up my mind and run for City Council. I really appreciated that because you gave me the encouragement to do it. I felt like I can do it and, I had the heart to do it, but the encouraging words that you gave made me feel that I could. I really appreciated that."

STEVEN BROWN "Thank you."

LINDA EDWARDS "Mr. Brown, you said you've been here for 24 years?"

STEVEN BROWN "It's 28½."

LINDA EDWARDS "Okay, 12 of those are mine!"

JOHNNY WILLIAMS "Twenty-six of them are mine!"

LINDA EDWARDS "I always thought that you, Floyd, and I would all leave out the door together. Floyd was gone first, you're retiring second, and who knows who's third, but I've enjoyed my time. When I first came to fill an unexpired term, I didn't have any idea about City government at all, so you have been a real asset to me. You have been a friend on and off the job.

Now, just because you're retiring, don't get an unlisted number! We'll still need you in some capacity and I'm quite sure Charlie will be calling you, but we'll miss you."

STEVEN BROWN

"Thank you, Ms. Edwards."

BARBARA
TURNBURKE

"Mr. Brown, I just want to thank you for all you've done. I've called you on many occasions and said, 'I want to ask you a stupid question.' He would say, 'There are no stupid questions.' Especially when I first started, he would patiently take his time to get me up to speed so that I would know what I was doing. Honestly speaking, I had no clue of what I had gotten myself into when I ran for this office until I got here. I appreciate all that you did to help me and you will be missed."

STEVEN BROWN

"Thank you, very much."

NIKI HUTTO

"As all the other Council Members have said, I'd just like to reiterate that what an asset you've been to the City of Greenwood and me. Knowing you has been a pleasure and I hope to continue knowing you and your lovely family. I enjoyed meeting your wife and your children. I can see how good a dad and husband you are as well. You are a great family man as well as a great professional.

We will sincerely miss you and wish you the best in your new life of retirement. We hope that you may consider running for public office and meeting with us on the other side as well. So I hope to see you continue in public service during your retirement and we will sincerely miss you. I thank you so much."

STEVEN BROWN

"Thank you."

MAYOR ADAMS

"I think in any organization you always look at the top person. I think the entire City is a reflection of you and your attention to detail and dedication. Those are the two things that I think you really excel at. That's why I think this job is fun for me because you put such a good team and organization in place. As you leave it in great shape, we really appreciate your dedication."

STEVEN BROWN

"Thank you."

CONSIDER Mayor Adams asked for a motion to enter into executive session.

Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter.

Motion was made by Betty Boles seconded by Niki Hutto.

"All in favor signify by a show of hands. Alright." The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 6:23 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:52 p.m.

CONSIDER Mayor Adams asked for a motion.

Appointing Adam Bacot of Bacot & Padgett, LLC as City Prosecutor.

Motion to appoint Adam Bacot was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Johnny Williams.

"All in favor signify by a show of hands. Are there any opposed? 4-2, the motion carries."

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

The motion passed.

A comment was made to receive a report in December from Chief Brooks and Lee Miller on the activities of the new prosecutor.

Mayor Adams called the meeting in adjournment at 6:53 p.m.

D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

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City Clerk and Treasurer