

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

November 19, 2018 - 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT Council Members: (Incoming Mayor) Brandon Smith, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Kenn Wiltshire, Matthew Miller and Ronnie Ables; City Manager Charles Barrineau, Assistant City Manager Julia Wilkie, City Clerk Steffanie Dorn, City Attorney Tripp Padgett, and City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler; Adam Benson from The Index Journal.

ABSENT (Outgoing) Mayor D. Welborn Adams.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Pro Tempore Niki Hutto called the meeting in Council Chambers to order at 5:31 p.m.

STATEMENT AND QUORUM Mayor Pro Tempore Hutto 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."

City Clerk Steffanie Dorn confirmed a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA Mayor Pro Tempore Hutto asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting on Monday, October 15, 2018, and the Special Called City Council Meeting on Monday, November 12, 2018.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor Pro Tempore also asked for a motion to approve the reports from the City Manager for October 31, 2018, and the Commissioners of Public Works (CPW) Consolidated Report for the Period Ending September 30, 2018.

A motion to approve the City Manager and CPW reports were made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Charles Barrineau gave the invocation.

CONSIDER
Ordinance No. 18-019 Amending the City of Greenwood's Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning Three Parcels of Land Located at the Intersection of Karen Way and Stanley Avenue (205 Karen Way and 707 & 708 Stanley Avenue) from R7 (High Density Residential) to R10 (High Density Residential).

(1st reading)

Under Public Hearings, City Manager Barrineau discussed a request from Hugh Moseley to rezone 205 Karen Way and 707 & 708 Stanley Avenue to a higher density designation.

Mr. Hugh Mosely of 513 Lowell Avenue spoke in favor of his request by stating the 4/10 acre lot is big enough to build two duplexes with 12 parking spaces. He insisted that there are no traffic issues on Karen Way and the City can eliminate the street parking issue.

Mr. Mosely confirmed to Mayor Pro Tempore Hutto and Councilors Betty Boles and Kenn Wiltshire that there will be a 15 feet vegetation buffer to separate the 2 duplexes from area residences. He also stated that this development will eliminate requests to cut the grass on this lot.

No one spoke against the proposed rezoning.

DISCUSSION:

City/County Planner Phil Lindler confirmed to Councilor Wiltshire that, if approved, all R7 zoned properties will be rezoned to R10 to be in compliance with the Greenwood Zoning Map and Comprehensive Plan.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to rezone three parcels of land located at the intersection of Karen Way and Stanley Avenue was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Matthew Miller.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
 Ordinance No. 18-020 Amending Ordinance No. 03-010, Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 3, Section 3.3.4.2. Additional Conditional Uses Permitted in GC (General Commercial).

City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler discussed a request from the Board of Zoning Appeals for indoor mini warehouse facility variances, along with language modifications, in the Zoning Ordinance. He confirmed to Councilors Wiltshire and Boles that there are code requirements in place for the storage of flammable liquids, and facilities without space in the rear will not be allowed to have any outdoor storage.

No one spoke for or against the proposed Zoning Ordinance change.

There was no further discussion from Council.

(1st reading)

A motion to approve amending the Zoning Ordinance Chapter 3, Section 3.3.4.2. was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTER
 Oath of Office to: Brandon Smith, Mayor; Linda Edwards, Ward 2; Kenn Wiltshire, Ward 4; Ronnie Ables, Ward 6; Michael G. Monaghan, Commissioner of Public Works (CPW).

Under New Business, Judge Lee Miller collectively administered the Oath of Office to City Council incumbents: Linda Edwards, Ward 2; Kenn Wiltshire, Ward 4; Ronnie Ables, Ward 6; and Michael G. Monaghan, Commissioner of Public Works.

He then administered the Oath of Office to the City of Greenwood's new Mayor, Brandon Smith.

CONSIDER
 Amending the Agenda to Proceed with Agenda #9.

City Manager Barrineau asked Council's permission to move up Item #9 to be considered next on the agenda.

A motion to proceed to agenda item #9 first was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Appointment to
Fill Vacancy on
the City of
Greenwood Board
of Architectural
Review.

City Manager Charles Barrineau asked Council to appoint Courtney Furman, of Furman Architects located in the Uptown area, to the Board of Architectural Review (BAR).

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Barrineau informed Mayor Brandon Smith and Councilor Wiltshire that there should not be any conflicts with any City development projects and Mr. Furman can recuse himself if the BAR must decide on a project he's connected to.

Mr. Courtney Furman stated that he is honored to be asked to serve on the committee.

A motion to appoint Courtney Furman to the Board of Architectural Review was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Selection of
Mayor Pro-
Tempore.

City Manager Barrineau informed Council of the City Code that states they must select a Mayor Pro Tempore after an election. He suggested that the rotation of service for the next Mayor Pro Tempore will be Councilor Matthew Miller, and he has agreed to serve.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to appoint Matthew Miller as Mayor Pro Tempore was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.

Those who voted in favor were Mayor Smith, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Kenn Wiltshire, and Ronnie Ables. Matthew Miller recused himself.

The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

CONSIDER City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council that this bond anticipation note would allow the CPW to purchase up to \$10 million of natural gas, if needed.

Ordinance No. 18-021 to Authorize the City Manager to Issue CPW Revenue Bonds Anticipation Notes in 2019.

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Michael Monaghan confirmed that, although it is necessary, it has never been used.

There was no further discussion from Council.

(1st reading)

A motion to authorize the City Manager to issue CPW Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes in 2019 was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed highlights of the proposed 2019 budget that will include a tax increase of 6.5 mills. He also discussed both proposed Hospitality and Accommodations Tax fund budgets.

Ordinance No. 18-022 to Adopt the Budget for 2019.

DISCUSSION:

(1st reading)

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Boles that nothing has changed since their previous discussion.

Councilor Wiltshire thanked City Clerk Steffanie Dorn for the written explanation of the proposed budget.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve the proposed budget for 2019, was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
 Ordinance No. 18-023 to Adopt Hospitality Budget Line Item (Emerald Triangle) for 2019.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council that this 2019 City Budget line item regarding the disbursement of Hospitality Tax funds to the Greenwood Arts Center, Theatre, and Museum for operations and maintenance funds was pulled out from the 2019 Budget Ordinance so that Councilors Hutto and Miller could vote on the City's budget.

DISCUSSION:

(1st reading)

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Wiltshire that the Greenwood Theatre Executive Director Steven Gilbert is still trying to find grant funds to upgrade the air conditioning system.

Mayor Smith confirmed that he no longer serves on the Arts Center Board.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve the Hospitality Budget line item for 2019 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

Those who voted in favor were Mayor Smith, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Kenn Wiltshire, and Ronnie Ables. Niki Hutto and Matthew Miller did not vote due to a conflict of interest.

The motion passed 5-0.

CONSIDER
 Ordinance No. 18-024 to Levy Tax for the City of Greenwood for 2019.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council that there will be a 6.5 mills tax increase for 2019 that will bring the millage rate to 116.8. He confirmed to Mayor Smith that this increase will be consistent with the 2019 Budget Ordinance.

There was no further discussion from Council.

(1st reading)

A motion to approve to levy tax for the City of Greenwood for 2019 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
 Resolution No.
 18-010
 Authorizing
 Christmas Gifts
 for City
 Employees.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council that, if approved, this resolution will allow City employees to receive Christmas gift cards for 2018 (\$50 to those employed over one year and \$25 for those that are part-time and/or employed less than one year).

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to authorize Christmas gift cards for City employees was made by Ronnie Ables, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
 Acceptance of
 South Carolina
 Rural
 Infrastructure
 Grant for the
 Northgate/Cobb
 Road Storm
 Drainage
 Rehabilitation
 Project.

City Manager Barrineau reminded Council that the City has an easement in the Northgate/Cobb Road area that has a pipe in need of repairs. If the \$235,464 grant from the SC Rural Infrastructure Grant program is accepted by Council, then the City must provide a \$61,802 match.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Kenn Wiltshire that all repairs will be made underground and no roads will be disturbed. He also confirmed to Ronnie Ables that there will be a different firm making similar repairs using the same technique, in concept, to the Wells Subdivision Drainage Project.

City Clerk Dorn confirmed to Mayor Smith that match funds will cover the engineering fee that is not covered in the grant.

There was no further discussion.

A motion to accept the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Grant for the Northgate/Cobb Road Storm Drainage Rehabilitation Project was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Matthew Miller.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
Appointment of
Elaine Morton to
the Greenwood
Housing
Authority Board
of
Commissioners.

City Manager Barrineau asked Council to appoint Elaine Morton to the Greenwood Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Edwards would like to be able to meet her at some point in time.

City Manager Barrineau informed Mayor Smith that she's an employee at Beyond Abuse.

A motion to appoint Elaine Morton to the Greenwood Housing Authority Board of Commissioners was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
Acceptance of
Resignation of
City Manager.

City Manager Barrineau asked Council to accept his resignation for the public record.

A motion to officially accept the resignation of City Manager Barrineau was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
Executive
Session to
Discuss a
Personnel Matter
Regarding
Impending City
Manager Position
Vacancy.

City Manager Barrineau asked Council to enter into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter regarding the impending City Manager position vacancy.

A motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned into executive session at 6:08 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:49 p.m.

CONSIDER Niki Hutto made a motion to appoint Julie Wilkie as City Manager beginning December 8, 2018, with a contract to be finalized at a later date, seconded by Betty Boles.

Action on
 Impending City
 Manager Position
 Vacancy. The motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER There were no comments at this time.
 COMMENTS

CITY COUNCIL There were no comments at this time.
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ADJOURNMENT A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

 Brandon Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

 City Clerk and Treasurer