

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

February 25, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Council Members: Mayor Brandon Smith, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Kenn Wiltshire, Matthew Miller and Ronnie Ables; City Manager Julia M. Wilkie, Assistant to the City Manager Ryan Thomas, City Clerk Steffanie Dorn, City Attorney Tripp Padgett, and City/County Planner Chris Hudson; Adam Benson from The Index Journal.

Note: There were also several Department Heads present at the meeting but did not participate.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brandon Smith called the meeting in Room LC300 of the Lander University Carnell Learning Center to order at 5:30 p.m. and Mr. Jim Dominick gave the invocation.

STATEMENT AND
QUORUM

Mayor Smith 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.

After Mayor Smith thanked everyone at Lander University for inviting the City Council to meet on their campus, he asked Council Members to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF
CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Smith asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Matthew Miller, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

RECOGNIZE

Lucas McMillan,
Ph.D., Dean,
College of
Behavioral &
Social Sciences,
Lander
University.

Under the only Public Appearance, Mayor Smith recognized Dr. Lucas McMillan who greeted everyone in attendance. He stated that Lander University is proud to partner with the City of Greenwood to increase the quality of life for its students, faculty, staff, and all citizens. Dr. McMillan also recognized City Manager Julia Wilkie and Councilor Matthew Miller as Lander University Alumni who are actively engaged in community affairs.

City Manager Wilkie introduced herself, and City staff, to Lander students in attendance and gave a brief preview of agenda items to be discussed.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No.
19-003 Amending
Section 30-
207(b) of the
City of
Greenwood Code
of Ordinances.

(1st reading)

Under New Business, City Manager Wilkie discussed proposed amendments to Section 30-207(b) of the City of Greenwood Code of Ordinances that was requested by Police Chief Gerald Brooks in response to officers spending a lot of time helping people retrieve their personal belongings from towed vehicles.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Wilkie informed Councilor Betty Boles that she hasn't received calls from any wrecker services. City Clerk Steffanie Dorn noted that there will be a public hearing at the second reading.

City Manager Wilkie confirmed to Mayor Smith and Councilor Kenn Wiltshire that adding this section will put the City ordinance in line with the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office and the SC Highway Patrol, except for the added "...with or without payment..." in the clause.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to amend Section 30-207(b) of the City of Greenwood Code of Ordinances was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 19-004 Amending Ordinance No. 03-010, Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 6, Supplemental Regulations, Section 6.1.3.3., Construction and Maintenance.

(1st reading)

City Manager Wilkie recognized City/County Planner Chris Hudson who gave an overview of the proposed amendment to Section 6.1.3.3. of the Zoning Ordinance. He noted that some smaller businesses would sometimes cheaply build, or inherit, parking lots that need upgrading and there are gaps in the ordinance where they were not required to make repairs. This proposed language addresses those concerns in every scale of development.

DISCUSSION:

City/County Planner Hudson informed Councilor Miller and Mayor Smith that staff cannot enforce existing businesses to upgrade their parking lots, except when a change in business occurs, but it would be best to have this ordinance in place to encourage them to upgrade. He noted that some design issues come from smaller-scaled, used cars dealerships where they were requested to pave their inventory area for easier and safer ingress, egress, and walking around. As far as overflow parking, pervious and impervious surfaces would require a stable parking surface that allows runoff according to stormwater regulations.

City/County Planner Hudson also informed Councilor Wiltshire that lot size, design, and proximity to the doorway of a business must adhere to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, however some individuals may still want to walk around the parking area. He noted to Mayor Smith and Councilor Linda Edwards that the proposed ordinance will amend the language to require connectivity to the rest of the lot in the construction and maintenance section that mirrors ADA requirements. Existing parking lots, with handicap spaces in disrepair, are grandfathered until a change in use will require repairs and maintenance enforcement that will avoid any loopholes.

City/County Planner Hudson also confirmed to Councilor Ronnie Ables that this ordinance doesn't change the design but addresses maintenance and repairs of parking lots.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 19-004 amending the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 6, Section 6.1.3.3. was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

