

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

September 15, 2008 - 5:35 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Council Members: Mayor Nicholson, Niki Hutto, Betty Boles, Herbert Vaughn, Johnny Williams, and Barbara Turnburke; City Manager; Assistant City Manager; City Clerk; City Attorney; Phil Lindler; Chris Trainor of the Index Journal and Lesley Lane of Greenwood Today.

Linda Edwards entered into the meeting at 6 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting in Council Chambers was called to order by Mayor Nicholson at 5:30 p.m. and he welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Councilwoman Betty Boles gave the invocation.

STATEMENT AND
QUORUM

Mayor Nicholson 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."

APPROVAL OF
CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nicholson asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Barbara Turnburke.

The Mayor asked, "Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 08-026 Amending the City of Greenwood's Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning Property (2.04 Acres) Located at 929 Phoenix Street from OPI (Office Professional Institutional) to IP (Institutional Professional).

(2nd reading)

Under Public Hearings, Mayor Nicholson read the item and said, "The format that we employ in the public hearings is, if there are individuals who would like to speak, we ask individuals come to the podium, state your name and address for the record and try to limit your comments to no more than three or four minutes."

The Mayor then read the first item and asked, "Is this the United Way building, Mr. Brown?"

STEVEN BROWN

"Yes, sir."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. Is there anyone here to speak in favor of this zoning change?"

DEBORAH PARKS

"Good evening, Mayor and Council. My name is Deborah Parks and I live at 170 Callison Drive. I am the Executive Director of the United Center for Community Care. We are in favor of the rezoning change simply for the mission that we have for the United Center which is to help the hungry, homeless and those who are disenfranchised. We have a large facility and hope that we will be able to carry out the mission for the building. Thank you."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Thank you. Is there anyone else to speak in favor of the zoning change?"

DENISE MANLEY

"Good evening, Mayor and Council. I'm Denise Manley of 103 Carnoustie Court in Greenwood. I am the CEO and President of the United Way in Greenwood and Abbeville Counties."

I am just here to represent the United Way and say that we're in favor of rezoning with this collaborative effort between the United Way and the United Center. We feel we can greatly serve those in this community and help those that are in need. Thank you."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Thank you. Is there anyone to speak opposing the zoning change? Seeing and hearing no other, I will close the public hearing.

Now, I will take action from Council. This is the second reading. Do I have a motion?"

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

"Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. Opposed? 5-0. Let the record show that Barbara Turnburke abstained from voting because of a conflict of interest."

Those who voted in favor were: Mayor Nicholson, Niki Hutto, Betty Boles, Herbert Vaughn, and Johnny Williams. Barbara Turnburke abstained from voting.

The motion passed.

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CONSIDER

Ordinance No.
08-035 to Amend
Flood Damage
Prevention
Ordinance No.
92-012, Adopted
May 18, 1992 -
National Flood
Damage
Prevention
Ordinance No.
92-012, Adopted
May 18, 1992 -
National Flood
Insurance
Program.

Mayor Nicholson read the second item and asked, Mr. Brown, do you have any comments before we open the public hearing?"

(2nd reading)

STEVEN BROWN

"Mr. Mayor, certain properties within the City of Greenwood are designated as being in the flood plains by the Federal Government. If these properties are to qualify for insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program, the City is required to have an ordinance in place governing improvements to these properties. You have existing Ordinance 92-012. The Department of Natural Resources in the State of South Carolina administers the National Flood Insurance Program and has requested revisions to your ordinance. That's exactly what this ordinance before you tonight does."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. This is something just mandated by the State that we have to do periodically. Is there anyone here to speak in favor of this ordinance change? Is there anyone opposing? Seeing and hearing none, I will close the public hearing.

Do I have a motion from Council?"

Motion was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Johnny Williams.

"Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Mayor Nicholson read the third item and asked, "Is there anyone to speak in favor of the zoning change?"

Ordinance No.
08-036 Amending
the City of
Greenwood's
Official Zoning
Map (Ordinance
No. 04-020) by
Rezoning
Property (0.96
Acres) Located
at the Corner
of Mathis Road
and Center
Street from R10
(High Density
Residential) to
NC
(Neighborhood
Commercial).

(1st reading)

PAT WEBB

"Thank you, Mr. Mayor, ladies and gentlemen of the Council. My name is Pat Webb and I live at 310 Driftwood in Greenwood, South Carolina. I've put before you a brochure that I would like to walk you through. We realize this has been a sensitive piece of property for several years but we have come up with a proposal and a request that softens the setback lines, the esthetics of this property, and everything about it."

Mr. Webb described the brochure to City Council.

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"We certainly have respect for the Comprehensive Plan, but feel it is a little bit out of order from this particular property. If you look at Page 9, we can build one building that's further off the property line with the setbacks from 15 to 25 feet.

We feel the flow of traffic will be a lot less from a commercial building instead of 10 residential buildings with traffic going in and out 24 hours a day. So we feel the engineering design of Neighborhood Commercial fits this a lot more conducive than High Density Residential.

Again, we ask you to look at this seriously because tomorrow we can start building duplexes that come 15 feet off the lines. We feel the duplexes will actually contribute to a lot more traffic than a commercial building. On Page 9, we're asking for the zoning line to not go all the way back but straight across and parallel with the existing property line on the rear. We're not asking to go into the street that enters Regency Park Apartments. We do have a curb cut and a deeded curb cut where we could go into Regency Park Apartments but don't want to. We want to stay out where it belongs on Center Street.

We ask that you seriously look at this plan. It's been engineered and designed not by me but by engineers who are a lot smarter than I am. Are there any questions you would like to ask me about the layout, proposal, design or anything that we can do while you're looking at the brochure?"

NIKI HUTTO

"What is the purpose of Page 10?"

PATT WEBB

"Page 10 is basically showing what type of building that can be built. It's a 6,000 square feet commercial building that we're proposing to build, not five duplexes."

BETTY BOLES

"So your intentions are just to build duplexes only?"

PAT WEBB

"Well, under the existing zoning we can build five duplex buildings (shown on Page 2) which will be 10 units at approximately 1600 to 1700 square feet. They can start building those tomorrow. I'll go back to what I first said. I know it's a sensitive piece of property in certain respect. I certainly respect the concerns of the neighborhood and our neighbors. In looking at it closely, I think you can see that the design is more conducive to one commercial building than it would be to have five duplex apartments."

BETTY BOLES

"So the duplex in the drawings would exit onto Center Street only? Is that the only entrance and exit?"

PAT WEBB

"Well, yes, the way it's laid now. It's the same with the commercial building. They have offered the entrance going into Regency Park."

NIKI HUTTO "Was it not rezoned OP?"

PAT WEBB "No. OP was just on that one parcel."

NIKI HUTTO "Just that one section? Okay."

MAYOR NICHOLSON "Alright. Are there any other questions for Mr. Webb? Okay. Thank you, Mr. Webb."

PAT WEBB "Thank you, Mayor."

MAYOR NICHOLSON "Is there anyone else to speak in favor of the zoning change? Is there anyone opposing?"

DOUG COLLINS "Good evening, Mr. Mayor and Members of the City Council. My name is Doug Collins and I reside at 236 Brookfield Drive in Greenwood, South Carolina.

Well, here we are once again. We seem to find ourselves talking about this piece of property or the one next to it, over the past few years. If you recall, the history of the first piece of property, OP, was originally in the County before it was annexed into the City. It had gone before the County by a prior owner for rezoning several times but the County turned it down and the property was sold. It was our understanding that after it was sold the property became a hardship situation for the person who purchased it. Perhaps they understood from the real estate broker involved in the transaction that they would be able to operate their business out of that location. At the same time, it was presented to all of us in the community as a hardship situation for them to be able to operate their business.

We have no complaints with regards to the day spa operating out of that location. This may be a situation where as the saying goes, 'The Camel now has his nose under the tent.' They now own the piece of property on the other side of the street and are requesting to zone it Neighborhood Commercial. We at Regency Park are opposed to this because it is not in keeping with the character of the neighborhood. As you know, we continue every year at Regency Park to invest a tremendous amount of money back into that apartment community. I think we have demonstrated to the community and the City that we are very dedicated and interested in wanting to maintain the highest quality, transitional property available for the City of Greenwood and the businesses that operate here. We are interested in maintaining the character of Regency Park. We think putting a commercial development at the entrance of Regency Park is going to change that.

A couple of other points I'd like to make, if I may, please. The property is in very close proximity to Lakeview Elementary School. We think it would be an inappropriate use to zone commercial property this close to Lakeview Elementary School. It will increase the traffic congestion at Center and Mathis Street intersection. I'm sure most of us in the room have tried to enter Wal-Mart from that side location. As we all know, it's very difficult. A lot of times, especially when school lets out or in the mornings, you'll sit there through two or three traffic light changes. The traffic already backs up well past the entrance to Regency Park.

Our residents are already having a very difficult time in the mornings getting in and out of Regency Park because of how congested that location is. There is very poor access in and out of the property.

(pointing to screen) This is going to get very close in proximity to the intersection that I'm referring to. As I've indicated, the traffic already backs up well past the entrance to Regency Park. In the mornings, we have to wait for people that are willing to allow a break in traffic for the residents of Regency Park to get out. To make a left turn, it's difficult to negotiate and navigate early in the mornings.

We do feel that the buffers between the residential and the back of the proposed commercial property are inadequate. I know Mr. Webb has addressed a 25 feet buffer. If you go out and visually look at the property, what's actually being mowed on the property is not actually as wide as what is actually being cut there now. My point is, the folks in the back actually own more of that property than what's being cut and maintained. Mr. Webb has already addressed it's not conducive with the long range Comprehensive Plan that's been blessed by the Planning Department, Commission, and the City Council as well.

The one last point I would like to make is the inability of trucks to make adequate deliveries with what they've drawn. I can just imagine, if I was driving a delivery truck, the ability to make deliveries to a commercial establishment. This is a very difficult design and I'm not here to pick apart somebody's design. It's a very challenging piece of property. We can all do engineering studies but at the end of the day that piece of property just doesn't work. It's not conducive to a commercial layout because of the long skinny configuration of the property. Even the best engineering minds may have a very challenging time coming up with a plan that actually works for this location.

I thank you for your consideration. We would ask you to please vote against this proposal. Thank you."

MAYOR NICHOLSON "Thank you, Mr. Collins."

MARK HEIMBURGER "My name is Mark Heimbürger and I live at 1225 Mathis Road. I'm the Homeowners Association President of Green Pointe, the property behind what they're talking about. We're totally against anything other than residential there. They both have already talked about the traffic issue on Center Street, but there is a traffic issue on Mathis Road also. In the morning time, the traffic is already backing up to that road between Crider's Muffler and Brusters. On Saturdays, the traffic is beyond that. For us trying to pull out of our driveway with the current layout, it's already difficult. We're sitting through a light or two just to make it out. Otherwise we have to drive around town just to get back near Wal-Mart, or something like that, and not sit in traffic.

We have a real concern about the setback and lights. It's my understanding that this type of commercial can stay open until 11 o'clock. We're residential and all but three of the units in Green Pointe are owner occupied. These are our homes not investment properties. Our master bedrooms are in the back facing the commercial properties. The lights will be on at 11 o'clock at night when we're trying to sleep.

I understand what his plans are but, if it's rezoned, there can be a convenience store or a gas station there eventually if this doesn't float or another investor takes over. It's just a lot of different possibilities that could happen which our homeowners association is completely against. So those are our concerns. Thank you, very much."

MAYOR NICHOLSON "Thank you."

ANN FARQUHAR "Good evening. My name is Anne Farquhar and I live at Green Pointe. I'm the treasurer and longest resident ever since they were built over 20 years ago. Of course, when it was first built there were woods all around. We were very isolated so this is quite a change for us. I can't understand how it would be in the interest of a neighborhood to put a commercial piece of property right down in the middle of a residential community.

The commercial properties that surround us are all across the street. Granted we do have a lot of commercial properties there but our little neck of the woods is residential, not commercial. Therefore, I don't see how

this would help our area.

Even though setbacks and all that might be nice, it's still supposed to be residential. It seems like with the zoning, they've done all those things to be consistent. It seems that this property will not be consistent whatsoever.

The traffic is a concern. Those of us who live there usually don't go right. We go left to get out of there because of the traffic. I hope that y'all will deny this and leave it as residential. Thank you."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Thank you. Is there anyone else to speak opposing the zoning change? Seeing and hearing no other, I will close the public hearing.

Now, action from Council. I can say that the Planning Board denied this request. Do I have a motion from Council?"

Motion to deny the request was made by Johnny Williams seconded by Herbert Vaughn.

"Is there any discussion?"

NIKI HUTTO

"Has any consideration been given to OP as a transitional zone that would offer an office professional business like a doctor or dentist office? It wouldn't be as high density with late hours, blaring lights, and the traffic would only be to that professional practice in the area. Was that even considered as an option?"

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Mr. Brown, I don't think any request has been before Council concerning that or to Phil for the Planning Board?"

STEVEN BROWN

"No, sir."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. Is there any other discussion? All in favor of denying the request raise your right hand. So moved."

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Edwards entered into the meeting at 6 p.m.

CONSIDER

Mayor Nicholson read the fourth item and recognized Planning Director, Phil Lindler.

Ordinance No.
08-037 Amending
the City of
Greenwood's
Official Zoning
Map (Ordinance
No. 04-020) by
Rezoning
Properties
(1.51 Acres)
Located at 1157
& 1159 Spring
Street and 256
& 258 Wells
Avenue from OPI
(Office
Professional
Institutional)
to NC
(Neighborhood
Commercial).

(1st reading)

PHIL LINDLER

"Thank you, Mr. Mayor and Members of Council. This is a request to rezone four individual pieces of property that are currently zoned OPI, Office Professional Institutional, at the corner of Wells and Spring. This is the location right across the street from the rear portion of Self Regional Healthcare where you have the Sunshine House. There is also a coffee shop on the corner and two residential looking structures that contain commercial businesses. These individual properties are brought to you under the rezoning request or modifications to the OPI zoning district. A recommendation would be to approve these to Neighborhood Commercial."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. Is there anyone here to speak in favor of this zoning change? Is there anyone opposing? Seeing and hearing none, I will close the public hearing.

Do I have a recommendation from Council?"

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

"Is there any discussion? All in favor of the zoning change raise your right hand. So moved."

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Mayor Nicholson read the fifth item and recognized Phil Lindler.

Ordinance No.
08-038 Amending
the City of
Greenwood's
Official Zoning
Map (Ordinance
No. 04-020) by
Rezoning
Properties
(1.13 acres)
Located at
1220, 1224 &
1226 Spring
Street and an
Unaddressed
Parcel from OPI
(Office
Professional
Institutional)
to OP (Office
Professional)

(1st reading)

PHIL LINDLER

"Thank you again, Mr. Mayor. This is a rezoning request very similar to the last one. Here again, there are four individual properties located across from Self Regional Healthcare on Spring Street. This is the location of the Carolina/Georgia Blood donation center, as well as the parking area, and additional doctor offices related to Self Regional. We're recommending Office Professional."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. Is there anyone to speak in favor of this zoning change? Is there anyone opposing? Seeing and hearing none, I will close the public hearing."

What action do I have from Council? Do I have a motion?"
Motion was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Linda Edwards.

"Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your right
hand. So moved."

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Mayor Nicholson read the sixth item and recognized the
City Manager.

Ordinance No.
08-039 Amending
Ordinance 03-
010, Zoning
Ordinance,
Chapter 3,
Article 2,
Section
3.2.1.2. to
Allow Outdoor
concerts and
Stage Shows as
a Conditional
Uses in All
Residential
Zoning
Districts.

(1st reading)

STEVEN BROWN

"Mr. Mayor, it is my understanding in talking to Phil
that this is a request concerning Cambridge Park. There
has been some interest in having concerts there and, now,
it is zoned residential. The request has been submitted
to the Planning Commission for this to be amended to
allow concerts and shows in residential areas,
conditional upon being on either City or County property.

While I can see a need or at least an interest, this does
concern me somewhat. The new Brewer Complex is now
County property.

Over the years, we have had situations where some of the neighbors have been very upset about activities, concerts, shows, or whatever that can generate a lot of noise, traffic and anything that will obstruct them from getting in and out of their homes. Phil may address this but my concern is how easily that definition can be stretched into some things that we may not want in residential neighborhoods."

MAYOR NICHOLSON "Is it possible that we can table this and have Phil discuss it at the work session?"

STEVEN BROWN "The only thing I would ask you to do is maybe ask Phil if there is something else that he can add to what I've already said. He may have some other information."

MAYOR NICHOLSON "Would you rather hear it now or discuss it at a work session? I think this is something that we need to spend a little time on."

Motion to table was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Barbara Turnburke.

"All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Mayor Nicholson read the seventh item and recognized Phil Lindler.

Ordinance No.
08-040 Amending
the City of
Greenwood's
Official Zoning
Map (Ordinance
No. 04-020) by
Rezoning
Properties
(6.57 Acres)
Located at 306,
310, 312, 314,
316 & 318 West
Alexander
Avenue from OPI
(Office
Professional
Institutional)
to OP (Office
Professional)
and 402, 408 &
418 West
Alexander
Avenue from OPI
to IP
(Institutional
Professional).

(1st reading)

PHIL LINDLER

"Thank you again, Mr. Mayor. This is a request down from your previous rezoning request on West Alexander Avenue. These are all properties located on the northwestern side of Alexander. It includes properties such as the Hospice House, a florist and some doctor offices through that section as well. The Planning Commission would recommend modification of the zoning to IP, Institutional Professional, to meet the needs of the institutions there."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. Thank you, Phil. Is there anyone to speak in favor of this zoning change? Is there anyone opposing? Seeing and hearing none, I will close the public hearing.

Do I have a motion from Council?"

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

"Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

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

Ordinance No. 08-031 Amending the City of Greenwood's Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning Properties (3.13 Acres) Located at 120 & 122 Plowden Avenue, 1076, 118, 1122, 1124 & 1126 Phoenix Street, and 111 & 115 East Alexander Avenue from OPI (Office Professional Institutional) to IP (Institutional Professional).

Motion was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The Mayor asked, "Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

The motion passed unanimously.

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(2nd reading)

CONSIDER

Ordinance No.
08-032 Amending
the City of
Greenwood's
Official Zoning
Map (Ordinance
No. 04-020) by
Rezoning
Properties
(2.62 Acres)
Located at 119,
125, 133 & 139
West Creswell
Avenue, 1111 &
1119 Edgefield
Street and 112,
118 & 120
Woodrow Avenue
from OPI
(Office
Professional
Institutional)
to IP
(Institutional
Professional).

(2nd reading)

Mayor Nicholson read the second item and asked for a motion.

Motion was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Herbert Vaughn.

The Mayor asked, "Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Mayor Nicholson read the third item and asked for a motion.

Ordinance No.
08-033 Amending
the City of
Greenwood's
Official Zoning
Map (Ordinance
No. 04-020) by
Rezoning
Properties
(3.06 Acres)
Located at 1172
Edgefield
Street, 210
Wells Avenue
and an
Unaddressed
Parcel Located
on the Corner
of Anderson
Street and
Wells Avenue
from OPI
(Office
Professional
Institutional)
to OP (Office
Professional).

Motion was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The Mayor asked, "Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

The motion passed unanimously.

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(2nd reading)

CONSIDER

Ordinance No.
08-034 Amending
the City of
Greenwood's
Official Zoning
Map (Ordinance
No. 04-020) by
Rezoning
Properties
(0.44 Acres)
Located at 123
& 115 Wells
Avenue from OPI
(Office
Professional
Institutional)
to OP (Office
Professional)

(2nd reading)

Mayor Nicholson read the fourth item and asked for a motion.

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

The Mayor asked, "Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Ordinance No.
08-041 Amending
Ordinance 07-
042, To Levy
Tax for the
City of
Greenwood for
2008.

(1st reading)

Under New Business, Mayor Nicholson read the first item and recognized the City Manager.

STEVEN BROWN

"Mr. Mayor and Council, the South Carolina Code of Laws requires that, in the year in which the County of Greenwood completes a reassessment of property, you as Council must look at the millage that you have set in your 2008 budget. There is a formula in the State Law which must be used to prevent a local government from realizing a windfall because of the reassessment. At your work session, Steffanie showed you exactly how those calculations are to be completed.

What we have before you tonight is a recommendation that for 2008 your millage would be reduced from 106 to 93.85 mills. While there have been a lot of articles in the paper about our sharing revenue with the CPW, I think the public, press, and City Council needs to realize that, by lowering this to 93.85, we're also reducing the income projected in our budget by \$150,000. So we believe that this will bring us into complete compliance with the State Law and there should be no challenges to the millage rate you will set by adopting this ordinance."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. This is something that is required by State Law. Do I have a motion?"

Motion was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Linda Edwards.

STEVEN BROWN

"I want to point out one thing. The motor vehicle millage is set a year in arrears so, for this present year, it will be 106 mills. In 2009, it will revert back to the 93 mills. It's always a year in arrears so 93.85 mills is for real property and 106 mills is for your motor vehicle. This will be used to mail out tax notices pretty soon."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

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CONSIDER

Mayor Nicholson read the last item and recognized the City Manager.

Resolution
Approving the
Distribution of
2008
Accommodations
Tax Funds.

STEVEN BROWN

"Mr. Mayor, I have provided you with a corrected resolution. It's different from the one that I sent out on Friday. The State requires us to take the exact revenue, subtract the first \$25,000 that the City can retain, and 5% of the remaining funds retained. Thirty percent must go to a tourism agency and 65% can be distributed for tourism related expenditures.

The State requires that interest gained must be added to the 65% fund and that changed my numbers. In my new recommendation, I reduced the amount the City can keep, what the Greenwood Regional Tourism will get, and added the approximate \$900 to the Museum.

So I'm recommending:

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| Arts Council | \$3,000 |
| Chamber of Commerce, Half Iron Man | \$4,000 |
| City of Greenwood | \$29,183 |
| Dr. Benjamin Mays Home | \$6,500 |
| Greenwood Community Theater | \$5,000 |
| Greenwood Regional Visitor/Tourism | \$25,096 |
| The Interdenominational Ministers Wives Meeting | \$3,500 |
| The Museum | \$4,569 |
| Piedmont Tech | \$500 |
| Festival of Discovery | \$15,000 |
| The Festival of Flowers | \$15,000 |
| Uptown Cycling Race | \$0 |
| Total Distribution | <u>\$111,348</u> |

I know that none of these folks are probably happy. Everybody thinks they should be fully funded and most of the agencies worked real hard to provide on very good programs. We all know that there is great merit in what they do, but there are limited funds. My recommendation is a starting place for your consideration. I think you have to look at the programs, the number of tourists that the programs attract, and use some fairness in providing funds to all agencies. I'll be glad to answer any questions that you may have."

NIKI HUTTO

"I was just looking at the numbers and the only place that I would like to offer a suggestion is possibly a shift with the Festival of Discovery and the South Carolina Festival of Flowers. The fact that the Festival of Discovery is a weekend event, as compared to the Festival of Flowers which is a month long event, and the new tourism slogan which is, 'Everything That's Blooming in Greenwood', I'm just looking at the possibility of a \$10,000 contribution to the Festival of Discovery and a \$20,000 contribution to the South Carolina Festival of Flowers in fairness of the length of time it will

attract. I don't agree with the Committee's recommendation that \$30,000 should've gone to the Festival of Flowers, but it's just merely a suggestion on my part that I would like to throw out to the rest of Council."

BETTY BOLES

"You're suggesting reducing the Festival of Discovery allocation and giving it to the Festival of Flowers?"

JOHNNY WILLIAMS

"I think the Festival of Discovery has proven to all of us that it does bring a lot of tourism to town every year for the three day event. The money comes from the hotels and festival goers can fill them in three days, so I would like to keep the Festival of Discovery money right where it is."

Motion to adopt the City Manager's recommendation was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Herbert Vaughn.

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Is there any further discussion? From what Ms. Hutto was saying, both of them are very viable. They have grown and brought a lot of recognition to our community. I think the both of them are extremely valuable. It is good to equally distribute the funds between the two because they both still have to work for sponsorships and other resources. That's just my thought.

Is there any other discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. Opposed? 6-1 the motion passed."

Those who voted in favor where Mayor Nicholson, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Herbert Vaughn, Johnny Williams and Barbara Turnburke. Niki Hutto voted against.

The motion passed.

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CITY COUNCIL
COMMENTS

Mayor Nicholson stated, "I want to commend Matthew Edwards on the new museum. At the open house, I saw where you have done a tremendous job in revitalizing it. I know it's not completely finished now, but I just wanted to commend you, your board, and staff for a job well done so far. Is there anyone else?"

LINDA EDWARDS "Can you breakdown the Half Iron Man? I kind of forgot what that is."

MAYOR NICHOLSON "It's when people compete in biking, swimming, and running. It's a big weekend event at the State Park."

STEVEN BROWN "This year they had 653 participants."

LINDA EDWARDS "Okay. I just needed a refresher course."

MAYOR NICHOLSON "The way this it's going, it'll be a Full Iron Man instead of Half.

Mike Monaghan, we appreciate everything that CPW has done. A lot of people don't understand the services we have to provide when you think about the annexations of all the new schools. Thank you for everything and the good working relationship."

CITY MANAGER There were no comments at this time.
COMMENTS

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Floyd Nicholson, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer