PRESENT
Council Members: Mayor Brandon Smith, Linda Edwards, Matthew Miller and Ronnie Ables; City Manager Julia M. Wilkie, City Clerk Steffanie Dorn, City Attorney Tripp Padgett, and City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler; Adam Benson from The Index Journal.

Councilor Niki Hutto entered the meeting at 5:35 p.m.; Assistant to the City Manager Ryan Thomas entered the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

ABSENT
Councilors Betty Boles and Kenn Wiltshire.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Brandon Smith called the meeting in Council Chambers to order at 5:31 p.m. and Mr. Jonathan Bass 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.

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 Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.
RECOGNIZE
Travis Greene
Representing Fighting Injustice Together.

Under the only Public Appearance, City Manager Wilkie informed Council that Mr. Greene was not in attendance.

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

(2nd reading)

Under Public Hearings, City Manager Wilkie reviewed proposed amendments to Section 30-207(b) of the City of Greenwood Code of Ordinances that will allow people to retrieve their personal belongings from towed vehicles.

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 19-003 amending Section 30-207(b) of the City of Greenwood Code of Ordinances was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Matthew Miller.

The motion passed 4-0.

Councilor Niki Hutto entered the meeting at 5:35 and did not vote.

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

(2nd reading)

City Manager Wilkie reviewed proposed amendments to Section 6.1.3.3. of the Zoning Ordinance regarding parking lot maintenance and repairs.

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

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 Matthew Miller, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.
CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 19-005 Amending the City of Greenwood’s Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning One Parcel of Land, Approximately 0.31 Acres, Located at 320 Lawson Street from R4 (Medium Density Residential) to IP (Institutional Professional).

(1st reading)

City Manager Wilkie discussed the proposed amendment to the zoning map by rezoning 320 Lawson Street from Medium Density Residential to Institutional Professional.

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Smith recognized City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler who discussed the request from the owner to rezone her property that is adjacent to the Lander University Main Campus. He informed Mayor Smith that the property was privately owned when the Comprehensive Plan was updated, and listed various uses allowed in Institutional Professional for Councilor Niki Hutto.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve rezoning 320 Lawson Street from Medium Density Residential to Institutional Professional was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Matthew Miller.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 19-006 Amending the City of Greenwood’s Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning One Parcel of Land, Approximately 0.37 Acres, Located at 428 Grace Street from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) to R4 (Medium Density Residential).

(1st reading)

City Manager Wilkie discussed the proposed amendment to the Zoning Map by rezoning 428 Grace Street from Neighborhood Commercial to Medium Density Residential.

Mr. Mark Amick, who lives at 102 Leisure Lane in Ninety Six, SC, and the owner of 428 Grace Street, spoke in favor of the rezoning request. He informed Council that he moved his business to Ninety Six, SC, and noted that a sale contract is contingent to this property being rezoned to residential. Mr. Amick doesn’t believe that it would be spot zoning if it was reverted back to residential.

No one spoke against the request.

City/County Planner Phil Lindler informed Council that this property was used as an engineering office for several years and noted that Neighborhood Commercial has been zoned for all four corners of that intersection on Grace Street. Although the Planning Commission approved the proposed zoning change, the Planning Department denied the request because it can still be used as residential with a Neighborhood Commercial zoning designation and rezoning that property would not be compatible to the Comprehensive Plan.
DISCUSSION:

Councilor Niki Hutto stated that there is more of a need for residential than commercial in that area because of its proximity to Lander University and she can see all four corners reverting back to residential because it’s a unique, walkable Greenwood neighborhood.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve rezoning 428 Grace Street from Neighborhood Commercial to Medium Density Residential was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Matthew Miller.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Under New Business, City Manager Wilkie reminded Council of the City’s requirement to pass a resolution declaring April as Fair Housing Month to be eligible for Community Development Block Grants.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 19-002 declaring April 2019 as Fair Housing Month was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Matthew Miller.

The motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Wilkie introduced Ms. Anne Gunby (Ward 6) who was nominated by Councilor Betty Boles to replace Clementine Bryant on the Board of Architectural Review (BAR). Councilor Hutto noted, and Mayor Smith agreed, that Ms. Gunby will be an excellent choice to serve.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to appoint Anne Gunby to the BAR was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Edwards asked if BAR members can attend a Council meeting because she noticed a lot of new names on the board.
City Manager Wilkie will contact Capital Project Sales Tax Coordinator Josh Skinner, who still presides over BAR Meetings, to set up a future meeting.

CONSIDER

Approval of Audit Committee Recommendation for 2019-2022 Audit Firm.

City Manager Wilkie recognized City Clerk Steffanie Dorn who briefly reviewed the bid proposal process the Audit Committee used to select an accounting firm that will audit the City for the 2019-2022 term. After her assistant, along with fellow committee member Charles Shulze met, they recommended Council to approve Manley Garvin, LLC, to perform an audit for one year, with the option of three years if the City doesn’t have any problems with them. She informed Council that Manley Garvin, LLC, wasn’t the lowest bid, but the committee selected them because the lowest bid is currently auditing the Commissioners of Public Works causing a conflict of interest.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve the Audit Committee selection of Manley Garvin, LLC as the next firm to audit the City was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Request by Carmilla Cannady to Waive Lien at 345 Joe Louis Boulevard.

City Manager Wilkie reminded Council of Ms. Cannady’s request to remove the lien off of 345 Joe Louis Boulevard and asked Council to have a final vote so that she can forward their decision to Ms. Cannady in a formal letter.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Wilkie confirmed the following to Council:

Mayor Smith – She hasn’t heard any more from her since her hardship letter submission.

Councilor Hutto – The City is not presently pursuing payments, but the City Manager suggested she pay in lower monthly installments.

Councilor Edwards – City Manager Wilkie was confused as to who owns and pay taxes on the property. City Clerk Dorn confirmed that Ms. Cannady’s property tax is currently delinquent.
Councillor Ronnie Ables stated, and Councillor Hutto agreed, that everyone else will want to have their property liens waived also.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to deny Carmilla Cannady’s request to waive the property lien at 345 Joe Louis Boulevard was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Matthew Miller.

The motion passed unanimously.

Councillor Edwards asked City Manager Wilkie send the letter by certified mail. Councillor Miller asked that she reiterate to Ms. Cannady that she can still make small monthly payments.

City Manager Wilkie informed Council that, at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow, a joint proclamation from City and County Councils will be given to Clemson University Football Player Gage Cervenka, son of City Firefighter Scott Cervenka, at the Greenwood County library.

City Manager Wilkie also spoke with Councillor Kenn Wiltshire who stated that he is still representing Ward 4 until his March 31st resignation goes into effect.

There were no further comments at this time.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Matthew Miller, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Brandon Smith, Mayor

City Clerk and Treasurer