

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

April 15, 2019 - 5:39 p.m.

**MINUTES**

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PRESENT Council Members: Mayor Brandon Smith, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, 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 Planning Director Phil Lindler.

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CALL TO ORDER After the quarterly introduction of new employees, Mayor Brandon Smith called the meeting in Council Chambers to order at 5:39 p.m. and gave the invocation.

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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.

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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 Betty Boles, seconded by Matthew Miller.  
  
The motion passed unanimously.

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RECOGNIZE Under Proclamations, Mayor Smith read and signed the Kids to Parks Day Proclamation.  
  
May 18, 2019, as Kids to Parks Day.

RECOGNIZE City Manager Julia Wilkie recognized Ms. Zsaquez Flucker who informed Council about the GLEAMNS Community Services Program that helps families and communities to overcome obstacles of poverty. This year, the Community Action Network is celebrating its 55<sup>th</sup> year and May 17<sup>th</sup> is recognized as Community Action Day with activities being held at the Old Brewer School gym and cafeteria.

Zsaquez Flucker, GLEAMNS Assistant Community Services Program Director/ROMA Coordinator, Regarding Community Action Month.

Mayor Smith presented a proclamation declaring the month of May as Community Action Month and took a picture with Ms. Flucker.

RECOGNIZE Under the only Public Appearance, Julie Wilkie confirmed to Council that Mr. Cole was absent.

Kenneth R. Cole Regarding 120 Klugh Street Rezoning.

CONSIDER Under Public Hearings, City Manager Wilkie recognized City/County Director Phil Lindler who informed Council of the request from the owner who wants to sell the property with the flexibility to have it used in an office capacity.

Ordinance No. 19-007 Amending the City of Greenwood's Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning One Parcel of Land, Approximately 0.39 Acres, Located at 409 West Durst Avenue from GC (General Commercial) to OP (Office Professional).

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 19-007 rezoning 409 West Durst Avenue from General Commercial to Office Professional was made by Ronnie Ables, seconded by Betty Boles.

Those who voted in favor were Mayor Smith, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Matthew Miller, and Ronnie Ables. Niki Hutto abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

(1<sup>st</sup> reading)

The motion passed 5-0.

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).

(2<sup>nd</sup> reading)

Under Unfinished Business, City Manager Wilkie reviewed the proposed amendment to the Zoning Map by rezoning 320 Lawson Street from Medium Density Residential to Institutional Professional.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 19-005 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).

(2<sup>nd</sup> reading)

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

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 19-006 rezoning 428 Grace Street from Neighborhood Commercial to Medium Density Residential was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER  
Ordinance No.  
19-008 Amending  
the City of  
Greenwood Flood  
Damage  
Prevention  
Ordinance.

Under New Business, City Manager Wilkie reminded Council that they must adopt the Flood Plain Management Ordinance to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. Because a part of the City is reflected on a recent FEMA map, as shown by the City/County Engineer, the City is required to make changes to the language, although there were no changes in its flood status.

There was no discussion from Council.

(1<sup>st</sup> reading)

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 19-008 amending the City of Greenwood Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER  
Ordinance No.  
19-009 Amending  
Ordinance 17-017  
Establishing  
Guidelines for  
Imposing a  
Temporary  
Suspension of  
Certain  
Municipal Code  
Provisions on  
the Main Street  
Uptown Square  
during the  
Annual Three Day  
South Carolina  
Festival of  
Discovery.

City Manager Wilkie reviewed Ordinance 17-017 that allowed the consumption and possession of alcohol on the Main Street Uptown Square during the Festival of Discovery. She asked for Council's permission to allow the consumption and possession of alcohol be extended to the Uptown Market during concerts so that people can walk to the lower end of Maxwell Avenue, which will be closed to traffic from Monument Street to Edgefield Street.

**DISCUSSION:**

Councilor Ronnie Ables stated that he cannot support the presence of alcohol at the Uptown Market during the same time as the operation of the splash pad. City Manager Wilkie confirmed that festival activities and music doesn't officially kick off until 6 p.m. and the splashpad will be open during regular hours from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

City Manager Wilkie confirmed to Councilor Matthew Miller that there haven't been any issues related to alcohol consumption in the past few years.

(1<sup>st</sup> reading)

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance 19-009 amending Ordinance 17-017 adding the allowance of the possession and consumption of alcohol at the Uptown Market during the annual three day SC Festival of Discovery was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Matthew Miller.

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

The motion passed 5-1.

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CONSIDER

Authorizing the City Manager to Sign an Agreement with Greenwood County Related to the Creation of a Joint Litter Coordinator Position.

City Manager Wilkie discussed the creation of the Joint Litter Coordinator position with Greenwood County funding the salary and benefits at \$50,000. The City will support operations costs, not to exceed \$20,000, from Hospitality Tax funds. Assistant to the City Manager Ryan Thomas will be able to research Palmetto Pride grants to recoup funds once this position is in place.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement with Greenwood County related to the creation of a Joint Litter Coordinator position was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Acceptance of Bids and Award Contract for Northgate/Cobb Road Storm Drain Rehabilitation.

City Manager Wilkie reminded Council of the Northgate/Cobb Road Storm Drain Rehabilitation grant from the Rural Infrastructure Authority to repair a damaged stormwater drainage pipe. She informed them that the lowest bid submitted was from Utility Asset Management at \$148,080, and the City's match of \$44,685 for engineering costs will be coming from Sunday Alcohol Sales tax funds.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to accept the lowest bid of \$148,080 and award the Northgate/Cobb Road storm drain rehabilitation project to Utility Asset Management was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER                    City Manager Wilkie requested Council to enter into Executive Session to discuss and receive legal advice from the City Attorney regarding the potential receipt of property. She anticipates Council to take action afterwards.

Executive Session to Discuss and Receive Legal Advice Regarding the Potential Receipt of Property.                    A motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 6:08 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:50 p.m.

CONSIDER                    Councilor Niki Hutto made a motion to approve the City accepting the deed to the property (tax map #6846-572-789) at no cost to the City, seconded by Matthew Miller.

Action on Potential Receipt of Property.                    Those who voted in favor were Mayor Smith, Niki Hutto, Betty Boles, Matthew Miller, and Ronnie Ables. Linda Edwards voted against.

The motion passed 5-1.

CITY                    MANAGER  
COMMENTS                    City Manager Wilkie informed Council the list of roads that will be submitted to the Greenwood County Transportation Committee (CTC) for repairs are all located in Ward 4. She then distributed to each Council Member a list of City roads in their Ward, graded from best to worst by Public Works Director Billy Allen. Because the CTC will not vote on the list until June, there is time for it to be adjusted if any Council Member wants Mr. Allen to determine if any road(s) in their Ward needs immediate attention.

**DISCUSSION:**

Public Works Director Allen assured Councilor Betty Boles that it will be more efficient to concentrate in one area instead of spreading repair crews to several areas of the City. He confirmed to Mayor Smith and Councilor Hutto that the CTC will pay for deep patching, sidewalk, and storm drainage repairs.

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City Manager Wilkie went over upcoming dates.

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CITY COUNCIL There were no further comments at this time.  
COMMENTS

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ADJOURNMENT A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Matthew Miller, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Brandon Smith, Mayor

City Clerk and Treasurer