

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

December 16, 2019 - 5:33 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT Council Members: Mayor Brandon Smith, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Johnathan Bass, Matthew Miller, and Ronnie Ables; City Manager Julia M. Wilkie, Assistant to the City Manager Ryan Thomas, City Clerk Steffanie Dorn, City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler, Capital Projects Sales Tax Coordinator Josh Skinner, and City Attorney Tripp Padgett.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Brandon Smith called the meeting in Council Chambers to order at 5:33 p.m.

Councilor Johnathan 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 Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 20-001 Amending the City of Greenwood Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning Approximately 16.78 Acres of Land, Located at 104 Claussen Drive, from R3 (Medium Density Residential) to R4 (Medium Density Residential).

(1st reading)

Under Public Hearings, City Manager Julia Wilkie informed Council that the applicant asked to have this proposed rezoning ordinance removed, or tabled, from the agenda to have more conversations with the community before he decides to proceed with the rezoning.

A motion to table proposed Ordinance No. 20-001 was made by Matthew Miller, seconded by Johnathan Bass.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Wilkie confirmed to Councilors Betty Boles and Linda Edwards that, if this proposed ordinance is tabled, it will be at Council's discretion to place it back on the agenda; if removed, the rezoning request must go through the Planning Commission again.

Councilor Bass noted that, from the many calls and emails he received, it may be better to get more information and allow the developer to discuss the subdivision's impact with the surrounding community.

Councilor Niki Hutto suggested it would be better to dismiss this zoning request so that it can go back through the planning department process for more disclosure. City Manager Wilkie agreed that, if the developer decides not to go back through the Planning Commission, there will not be anything tabled to be brought back to Council.

Those who voted in favor of tabling the proposed rezoning was Matthew Miller and Johnathan Bass. Those who voted against were Mayor Smith, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, and Ronnie Ables.

The motion failed 2 - 5.

A motion to remove the proposed rezoning ordinance from the agenda was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Wilkie informed neighboring community residents that were present to contact her, or City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler, if they need any more information.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 19-021 to Authorize the City Manager to Issue CPW Revenue Bonds Anticipation Notes in 2020.

(2nd reading)

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

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 19-021 authorizing the City Manager to issue CPW Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes in 2020 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 19-022 to Levy Tax for the City of Greenwood for 2020.

(2nd reading)

City Manager Wilkie reminded Council that, as they discussed, there was no property tax increase and millage shall remain at 116.8 for 2020.

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 19-022 to levy tax for the City of Greenwood for 2020 was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 19-023 to Adopt the Budget for 2020.

(2nd reading)

City Manager Wilkie informed Council of a personnel change in the Building Inspection Department that resulted in an increase of \$13,282 since first reading and reminded them that Greenwood County pays 75% of the Building Official's salary.

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 19-023 to adopt the budget for 2020 was made by Johnathan Bass, seconded by Matthew Miller.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No.
19-024 to Adopt
Hospitality
Budget Line Item
(Emerald
Triangle) for
2020.

City Manager Wilkie reminded Council that this line item regarding the disbursement of Hospitality Tax funds for operations and maintenance of the Emerald Triangle was pulled from the 2020 Budget Ordinance so that Councilors Hutto and Miller could vote on the City's budget.

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no further discussion from Council.

(2nd reading)

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 19-024 to adopt the Hospitality Budget line item for 2020 was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Linda Edwards.

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

The motion passed 5-0.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 19-025 Amending the Business License Ordinance, Chapter 10, Article II, Business Licenses, Divisions 1 through 6 and Appendices A, B, and C (Rate and Class Schedules).

City Manager Wilkie reminded Council of updated language and classification system rates to the proposed Business License Ordinance. There were no additional changes since the first reading.

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 19-025 was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

(2nd reading)

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 20-002 Amending the City of Greenwood Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning Approximately 3.52 Acres of Land, Located at 314 Jackson Avenue, from R10 (High Density Residential) to R4 (Medium Density Residential).

City Manager Wilkie informed Council that the current owner had paid his back taxes and reclaimed the property. Having learned of the current owner's intention to sell it to Mr. Kyle Campbell, she recommended Council to postpone voting on this rezoning request, pending additional information on the sale of the property.

A motion to postpone consideration of proposed Ordinance No. 20-002 until further notice was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Johnathan Bass.

The motion passed unanimously.

(1st reading)

RECOGNIZE City Manager Julia Wilkie recognized Bruce Wilson of FIT & BLM-GWD who discussed the arrest and trial of "The Greenwood 6" and demanded that Police Officers McAllister & Dixon be fired. He addressed the City's policy of its zero tolerance of fraud and suggested Lt. Dixon be fired because of false testimony under oath. After reviewing Captain McAllister's file, he suggested that the "Notice of Termination" should be taken seriously and asked Council that this information does not go unnoticed.

RECOGNIZE City Manager Wilkie informed Council that Cynthia Fuller was absent. Councilor Boles spoke with Ms. Fuller who just wanted Council to know her concerns regarding speeding on Canyon Drive. She offered to meet with the City Manager and Police Chief Brooks for alternatives since Ms. Fuller's request for speed humps didn't meet guidelines.

RECOGNIZE City Manager Julia Wilkie recognized Greenwood County Capital Project Sales Tax Coordinator Josh Skinner who introduced members of the BAR that were present: Calhoun Mays, III, Dr. Daniel Harrison, Courtney Furman, and Anne Gunby. He informed Council that the BAR was going into its third year as a certified local government and asked them to let him know of any requests to survey properties that can be listed on the South Carolina Historic Registry and the National Register of Historic Places for grant opportunities.

CONSIDER City Manager Wilkie informed Council that, as discussed in their work session, Ms. Bobbie Jean Rodgers will be appointed to the BAR at the January meeting, but Mr. Kenny Poston had to decline his nomination.

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

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to appoint Bobbie Jean Rodgers to fill a vacancy on the BAR was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Wilkie noted to Council that Mr. Skinner informed her that there will be a third BAR member whose membership will be rolling off the committee roster and nominees should either have historical experience or be an Uptown business owner. She confirmed to Councilor Miller that she will give more information for discussion at the next work session.

CONSIDER Mayor Smith asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session.

Executive Session to Discuss the Performance Review and Compensation of City Manager.

A motion was made by Matthew Miller, seconded by Johnathan Bass.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 6:07 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:56 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Brandon Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer