

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

January 27, 2020 - 5:34 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 After new employee introductions, Mayor Brandon Smith called the meeting in Council Chambers to order at 5:34 p.m.

Reverend Annette Edwards 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 Johnathan Bass.

The motion passed unanimously.

RECOGNIZE Under Public Appearances, City Manager Julia Wilkie recognized Cynthia Fuller who spoke of safety concerns for her mother and children of Canyon Drive. She distributed written testimonies from herself, and several Residents on Canyon Drive, to Council.

Chief Brooks confirmed to Councilor Betty Boles that Ms. Fuller called the Police Department several times regarding speeding on Canyon Drive. Officers operated a speed trailer twice on two different locations and he wasn't aware of any citations given out during that time but, because the road is basically a loop, properly running radar is difficult. There was no indication of excessive speeding to warrant speed humps.

After Councilor Niki Hutto noted that there is only one way in and out of Canyon Drive, Ms. Fuller confirmed that some speeders are residents that live in the area.

CONSIDER Before Council considered new business items, City Manager Wilkie asked them to amend the agenda to delete New Business Item #6.

Amending City Council Meeting Agenda to Delete New Business Item #6. A motion to delete New Business Item #6 was made by Johnathan Bass, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

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).

(1st reading)

Under New Business, City Manager Wilkie reminded Council that they voted to postpone taking any action pending the owner's intent to sell his property to Mr. Kyle Campbell of Preservation South. She reported that, not only was the sale completed, but renovations have already begun on the property, and suggested denial of this proposed rezoning request.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Wilkie confirmed to Councilor Ronnie Ables that Mr. Campbell's intent is to only convert the old Greenwood Mill community center into four apartments. City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler confirmed that the Planning Department will be informed, but not involved, of any future development plans on the remaining property.

A motion to deny proposed Ordinance No. 20-002 was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Smith asked for a motion to recess the meeting for a medical emergency.

A motion to recess the meeting was made by Johnathan Bass, seconded by Matthew Miller.

Those who voted in favor were Mayor Smith, Johnathan Bass, Matthew Miller, Ronnie Ables. Niki Hutto was temporarily absent and did not vote. Betty Boles and Linda Edwards were excused from the rest of the meeting and did not vote.

The motion passed 4-0.

The meeting recessed at 5:55 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:08 p.m.

Mayor Smith asked everyone to keep Councilor Linda Edwards in their prayers.

CONSIDER

Acceptance of
Roads in Milford
Pines (Phase 1)
and Associated
Storm Sewer.

City Manager Wilkie informed Council of the developer's request for the City to accept streets, associated storm sewer, and 50 ft rights-of-way in Phase 1 of Milford Pines. She confirmed that the City/County Engineer and City Public Works Director inspected these roads and storm sewer to City specifications, but sidewalks will not be accepted, even though they would be in the City's right-of-way. City Manager Wilkie noted that the developer is also aware of the two year maintenance bond.

A motion to accept roads in Milford Pines (Phase 1) and associated storm sewer was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Matthew Miller.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Wilkie confirmed to Mayor Smith the developer wished to leave sidewalk maintenance to individual homeowners or a homeowner association. Council accepting Phase 1 of Milford Pines roads & associated sewer and the City Manager signing an infrastructure reimbursement agreement are two different processes that were placed on the same agenda.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Resolution No.
20-001 to
Authorize the
City Manager to
Sign an
Infrastructure
Reimbursement
Agreement with
Milford Pines
Development,
LLC, for Milford
Pines
Subdivision
(Phase 1).

City Manager Wilkie noted to Council that the developer of Milford Pines also wants to participate in the infrastructure reimbursement agreement. As a part of the reimbursement process, the City/County Engineer evaluates provided documentation related to the value of the infrastructure that was installed and receipts of paid contractors to establish a value, which is an estimated \$259,736.10. That amount will be reimbursed within 10 years, or until the full amount is reimbursed, at a rate of 75% of new taxes generated from the development. She explained to Mayor Smith that this is an incentive to encourage development within the City Limits and such agreement cannot be made until the developer knows the worth of its fully installed streets and storm sewer.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 20-001 was made by Johnathan Bass, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
Resolution No. 20-002 to Support a Referendum Allowing Greenwood County Registered Voters to Consider Approving a One Percent Local Sales Tax.

City Manager Wilkie reminded Council that, among lengthy discussions regarding the importance of the one percent Local Option Sales Tax (L.O.S.T.), she will also submit the proposed resolution to other Greenwood County municipalities.

Mayor Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 20-002, seconded by Matthew Miller.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Wilkie confirmed to Councilor Hutto that she plans to present this resolution to County Council at their March 3rd meeting and ask them to place the L.O.S.T. on a referendum to be voted upon in November. Mayor Smith noted that County Council Chairman Steven Brown wanted to hear from other Mayors as well.

There was no further discussion from Council.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Eagle Sign and Design for the Design, Fabrication and Installation of Signage in the City's Historic Overlay Areas.

City Manager Wilkie gave Council some history of the Board of Architectural Review intent of installing proposed signage as a unique way to identify historic overlay areas. She displayed samples from Eagle Sign & Design who had the lowest bid of \$28,854 and noted that the company will remove exiting signage and replace them with 84 new signs. Also, funding will be covered by CTC, Accommodations, and Hospitality Tax funds.

DISCUSSION:

Capital Project Sales Tax Coordinator Josh Skinner confirmed to Councilor Hutto that Sunnyside is a Nationally protected, historic, property but is not in a historic overlay district.

A motion to enter into a contract with Eagle Sign and Design for the design, fabrication, and installation of signage in historic overlay areas of the City was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Johnathan Bass.

There was no further discussion from Council.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Appointment(s)
to the City of
Greenwood Board
of Architectural
Review.

City Manager Wilkie informed Council that Rebecca Harrison of Ward 3 and Katie Funderburk of Ward 5 are willing to serve on the Board of Architectural Review (BAR), replacing two former members.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to appoint Katie Funderburk and Rebecca Harrison to the BAR was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Johnathan Bass.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER
COMMENTS

There were no further comments as this time.

CITY COUNCIL
COMMENTS

There were no further comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Johnathan Bass, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Brandon Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer