

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

March 16, 2020 - 5:31 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT Council Members: Mayor Brandon Smith, Niki Hutto, 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, Municipal Administrative Judge Shameka Brown, City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler, and City Attorney Tripp Padgett.

ABSENT Councilwoman Linda Edwards.

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

Municipal Court Administrative Judge Shameka Brown gave the invocation.

STATEMENT AND 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.

City Manager Julia Wilkie asked Council to amend the agenda by adding New Business item #4 for a local state of emergency proclamation.

A motion to amend the agenda to add New Business item #4 was made by Johnathan Bass, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 20-004 Amending the City of Greenwood's Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning Approximately 0.3 Acres of Land Located at 328 Grace Street from NC-GV (Neighborhood Commercial/Greenwood Village Overlay) to R4-GV (Medium Density Residential/Greenwood Village Overlay).

(1st reading)

Mayor Smith recused himself from the meeting due to a conflict of interest on this agenda item and Mayor Pro Tempore Matthew Miller presided.

City Manager Wilkie informed Council of the owner's request to rezone his property from neighborhood commercial to medium density residential in the Greenwood Village Overlay.

City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler confirmed to Councilors Betty Boles and Niki Hutto that no one spoke in opposition at the Planning Commission meeting regarding the owner's plan to add a residential construction on his adjoining property.

No one spoke for or against the propose rezoning.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 20-004 was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Johnathan Bass.

Those who voted in favor were Mayor Pro Tempore Miller, Niki Hutto, Betty Boles, Johnathan Bass, and Ronnie Ables. Mayor Smith recused himself and did not vote.

The motion passed 5-0.

RECOGNIZE

Jenny Boulware, Main Street South Carolina, for a Presentation of National Main Street Accreditation to Uptown Greenwood Development Corporation.

Under the only Public Appearance, City Manager Wilkie informed Council that, due to the Municipal Association of South Carolina travel restrictions, Ms. Boulware will present the National Main Street accreditation to Council at a later date.

CONSIDER
 Reappointing
 Municipal Court
 Ministerial
 Recorders Terry
 Greenfield and
 Lisa Phillips
 with Title
 Change to
 Municipal Court
 Associate Judge.

Under New Business, City Manager Wilkie informed Council that the City currently has two weekend judges, Ministerial Recorders Terry Greenfield and Lisa Phillips. She reminded them that they were both appointed on April 15, 2016, and asked Council to appoint them as Associate Judges for a 4 year term to give the City a backup if Judges Brown and/or Miller were to be on an extended absence.

City Municipal Court Administrative Judge Shameka Brown confirmed to Mayor Smith that she, along with Terry Greenfield and Lisa Phillips, are Associate Judges, Lee Miller is the Chief Judge, and Haley Pulley is the Ministerial Recorder.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to reappoint Terry Greenfield and Lisa Phillips and change their titles to Municipal Court Associate Judges was made by Matthew Miller, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

Judge Brown then administered the Municipal Court Oath of Office to Terry Greenfield and Lisa Phillips.

CONSIDER
 Resolution No.
 20-005
 Establishing a
 Promise to
 Maintain Select
 City of
 Greenwood Parks
 without
 Financial
 Support from
 Greenwood
 County.

City Manager Wilkie informed Council that, due to Capital Project Sales Tax regulations, Greenwood County is requiring all its Municipalities to sign resolutions stating they will be maintaining their own parks. She noted that this Resolution only applies to Magnolia Park and Phase 1 of Grace Street Park.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Wilkie confirmed to Councilor Johnathan Bass that the City already has a signed agreement with the Greenwood Parks and Trails Commission stating that they're responsible for the maintenance those parks.

A motion to accept Resolution No. 20-005 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Matthew Miller.

There was no discussion from Council.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
Resolution No.
20-006
Recognizing
April as Fair
Housing Month.

City Manager Wilkie reminded Council that every year they must sign a Fair Housing Resolution as a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) requirement from the State Department of Commerce.

A motion to accept Resolution No. 20-006 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

There was no discussion from Council.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
Proclamation for
State of
Emergency for
the City of
Greenwood.

After Council reviewed the proposed State of Emergency Proclamation, Mayor Smith asked for a motion to approve.

A motion to approve the City of Greenwood State of Emergency Proclamation was made by Johnathan Bass, seconded by Niki Hutto.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Wilkie informed Council that, although this has never happened before, a state of emergency for the City of Greenwood should be declared out of an abundance of caution. She noted that the Governor of South Carolina has already declared a state of emergency to close schools and, if approved by Council, staff will issue a press release to restrict access to our buildings, plus have administrative leave in place for staff. This will also serve as a tool to allow the City Manager to respond quickly as this situation continues to evolve.

City Manager Wilkie confirmed to Mayor Smith that several departments will be affected, such as requiring all payments being transacted online. Municipal Court will suspend trials for the next two weeks but will continue to set bonds and accept payments. She speculates that the City may run on a skeletal staff, if the virus escalates, but the situation will be evaluated every two weeks.

All City buildings must post notices of the press release notifying the public of building restrictions and contact numbers. Council will also be informed of the ongoing situation for public inquiries.

City Manager Wilkie also confirmed to Councilor Ronnie Ables and Betty Boles that everyone in Public Works will be working as usual and continue to be on a regular schedule. Staff has been limited to two employees per truck and most sanitation and yard pickup is already a one-person operation.

City Manager Wilkie informed Councilor Hutto that this proposed ordinance allows the City Manager to make provisions that will affect the private sector in the City but most directives will be coming from the State level.

There was no further discussion from Council.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER Executive Session Discussion Regarding Development Security Personnel Devices.	for the of or	City Manager Wilkie asked Council to enter into an executive session to discuss the development of security personnel or devices. A motion to enter into an executive session was made by Matthew Miller, seconded by Johnathan Bass. The motion passed unanimously.
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The meeting recessed at 6:08 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:08 p.m.

CITY COMMENTS	MANAGER	City Manager Wilkie reminded Council that their next work session is scheduled for April 6 th and business meeting on April 20 th . Council preferred to be informed of any meeting cancellations by March 30 th . Steffanie Dorn informed <u>Councilor Hutto</u> the City is not equipped to live stream the work session.
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City Manager Wilkie also updated Council on the following:

- The City was approved for the Westside Community CDBG.
- The Greenwood County Tax Commission (CTC) road repair bids for 2019 are due April 1st. The 2020 list will be presented to Council soon.
- Greenwood County Council had voted to allow the Local Options Sales Tax referendum to be on the November 2020 election ballot.
- Carolina Pride will be expanding their operations in Greenwood and providing more jobs.

CITY COMMENTS	COUNCIL	There were no further comments at this time.
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ADJOURNMENT	A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Johnathan Bass, seconded by Niki Hutto.
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The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Brandon Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer