

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

September 19, 2005 - 5:32 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT Council Members: Mayor Nicholson, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Herbert Vaughn, and Johnny Williams; City Manager; Assistant City Manager; City Clerk; City Attorney; City/County Planning Director; and Vic MacDonald from the Index-Journal.

ABSENT Barbara Turnburke

CALL TO ORDER The meeting in Council Chambers was called to order by Mayor Nicholson at 5:32 p.m. and he welcomed everyone to the meeting.

City Attorney, Steve Welch, gave the invocation.

STATEMENT AND QUORUM Mayor Nicholson 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."

The Mayor then asked the City Clerk, Steffanie Dorn, if a quorum was present. She said, "Yes, Mr. Mayor, we have a quorum present."

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA Mayor Nicholson asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The Mayor asked, "Is there any discussion or corrections? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

Motion passed unanimously.

RECOGNIZE Under public appearances, Mayor Nicholson said, "We have two individuals that would like to make statements. Please state your name and address for the record, and try to limit your comments to not more than four or five minutes."

Mrs. Katherine Martin.

The Mayor then recognized Mrs. Katherine Martin.

KATHERINE "Thank you, Mayor and Council. I don't want to waste your time. I don't know if the item I am concerned about is on the agenda."
MARTIN

MAYOR NICHOLSON "Well, I know you're talking about the school buses being parked in Springwoods."

KATHERINE "I would like to provide you some additional information."
MARTIN

MAYOR NICHOLSON "Well, we really can't make any more exceptions, because other people will want an exception also. It's basically something we had to do because of complaints."

KATHERINE "See, I want to argue with you a little bit, because it's a different thing now. They don't park on the street, and nobody has complained. They've been parking there for ten years, and maybe you can grandfather it. It's a worthy thing for them to keep driving in this day of high priced gas."
MARTIN

MAYOR NICHOLSON "Yes. I understand they now will have to park the buses at the shop."

KATHERINE "It's a waste of gas. Anyway, I don't want to waste your time, if I'm not gonna make any difference."
MARTIN

MAYOR NICHOLSON "I don't think we'll be able to change. Mr. Brown, am I correct?"

STEVEN BROWN "City Council can reconsider any issue, if you desire to do so."

MAYOR NICHOLSON "But it would be just for that one little area where they park the two buses, right Ms. Martin?"

KATHERINE "That's it. It's different from parking on the street ten years ago, when Gladys Holmes moved in."
MARTIN

You know all about it, because the City helped us so much. The area was put there just for Gladys and Johnnie Mae to park their buses.

I just wanted you to reconsider. This is a different situation. I asked the neighbors about it, and no one has complained. Maybe they shouldn't have ever been in that ordinance."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"I think the school district is looking for property to park their buses. Am I right, Mr. Brown?"

STEVEN BROWN

"That's what I've been told."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"I don't know where, but it probably won't be in the City."

KATHERINE
MARTIN

"Well, you all know now why I'm here and what I want. Until then, that's all I'll say. I just thank you for thinking about it, because it is a good thing they're doing."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"I know they have to leave at 6 o'clock in the morning to get to the buses at the high school, run their route, and go back home. We'll look at it and see what we can do."

KATHERINE
MARTIN

"Thank you so much."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Thank you."

RECOGNIZE

Mayor Nicholson recognized Mr. Doug Collins.

Mr. Doug
Collins.

DOUG COLLINS

"Thank you Mr. Mayor and City Council. My name is Doug Collins. I live at 120 Edinborough Circle, which is inside the City limits of Greenwood. I'm here representing well over 125 individuals that are opposed to the rezoning of OPI for the piece of property that is immediately adjacent to Regency Park.

I'd like to present a petition of every single party that has an interest in this piece of property. The first petition has over 100 signatures from City of Greenwood residents and

citizens that are opposed to this rezoning.

The second petition is from the residents of Greenpointe that are contiguous with this piece of property. The third petition is from Ms. Hazel Simmons who also owns the other contiguous piece of property.

This is the piece of property that you're considering (pointing). Ms. Hazel Simmons is contiguous to the property here (pointing), and she is opposed to this being zoned to OPI. Regency Park is located here (pointing), and you have our petition with over 100 signatures, which represents over 80% of the residents that are opposed to this. You also have a petition from the individuals that reside in Greenpointe (pointing) that are also opposed to the zoning.

The next thing I'd like to give you is a handout where you can see a tally of 88 possible OPI uses for this property in the future. We're concerned that this designation is very broad for this area. Now, as I'm sure you're aware, under the Comprehensive Plan, the area from Mathis Road and Center Street is called to remain residential. We're asking you to please stand with that Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission has always voted consistently with the Comprehensive Plan on this issue. On three separate occasions, when this property was in the County, County Council always voted to keep this property residential, even when there were very serious law suits involved with the prior owner.

We're asking you, please, to not change this property to OPI. I've highlighted some of the uses that this property can be used for under OPI. If you flip through the handouts, you'll see the 88 possible uses, such as an ABC package store, a book store, a pharmacy, a bank, a restaurant, and an ATM teller machine. The list goes on and on. This list begins to read like the businesses we all use along Highway 72 and Montague Avenue. Well, of course those roads are designed to handle these types of businesses because of turn lanes. Center Street is a two lane road, and we already had several accidents there that you're probably aware of. There was a young boy that was killed about three years ago on this curve (pointing). We are concerned that dumping additional traffic on this two lane road is gonna cause continual problems.

We think it's gonna be a disaster to start rezoning property on this side of Center Street to OPI. We ask you to please look at this situation very carefully. Again, there are over 100 signatures of citizens that live in the City who are opposed to this. We ask you, as elected officials, to please consider that fact. In addition, I would like a show of hands of the people here tonight that are opposed to this. You can see that the feelings of the individuals here are very strong, and we would ask you to please look at this.

In closing, I'd like to say to the Mayor and City Council (and I want to emphasize this), it is not our desire that they should close their beauty salon and stop what they're doing. We're not trying to run them out of business. That is not what this is all about. We have actually asked to meet with them, and that request has gone unanswered. We believe there has to be another way for us to coexist as neighbors. We've extended a neighborly hand. Again, we're not trying to run them out of business, but we do have concerns that OPI, as a designation, is way too broad for this residential area. Thank you for your time and consideration."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Alright. Thank you, Mr. Collins.

Those are the only two public appearances we have on the agenda. Now, we will move into the public hearings."

- attach -

CONSIDER

Ordinance No.
05-028 Amending
the City of
Greenwood
Official Zoning
Map (Ordinance
No. 04-020) by
Rezoning
Property
(Approximately
0.36 Acres)
Located at
Sloan Avenue,
Laurens Street
and Epting
Avenue from R4
(Residential
Medium Density)
to GC (General
Commercial).

(1st reading)

KENNY POSTON

Mayor Nicholson announced the first public hearing and asked, "Is there anyone here to speak in favor of the zoning change?"

"Mr. Mayor and Council, I'm Kenny Poston with the McDonald Patrick Law Firm in Greenwood. I represent the Nevit Johnson Trust, in which Yates Johnson is the trustee, and it consists of the three pieces of property involved with these requests. The two pieces labeled GC (pointing) are unoccupied, deteriorating buildings.

We have a proposed development in which that section of Sloan Avenue needs to be closed. The residential lot behind the old Johnson Motors building is a part of this transfer. As we know of today, it will not have anything on it but possibly overflow parking and a pond for runoff during construction. That's all we know of right now. We have not asked to close that part of Laurens Street (pointing), but respectfully request the rezoning and closing of that little section of Sloan Avenue so that we can develop the two properties together."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. So you want to close this from Epting?"

KENNY POSTON "No sir. It's Sloan from Laurens to Main (Streets). Laurens Street will remain exactly as it is."

MAYOR NICHOLSON "Both of them are GC, right? Okay. Thank you, Mr. Poston. Is there anyone else to speak in favor of this zoning change? Is there anyone opposing?"

GENE RANKIN "I'm Gene Rankin of 200 Sloan Avenue, which is on the corner of Laurens and Sloan. I don't want the lot zoned for commercial, because I don't know what's going in there. It would be across the street from my house, and I'd like to leave it as it is. You can close the street, but I don't want anything built in front of my house, unless it's another residence."

MAYOR NICHOLSON "Now, the front of your house is already GC. Are you talking about the one on the side of your house, or in front?"

GENE RANKIN "Right in front of my house."

MAYOR NICHOLSON "The front of your house is already General (Commercial)."

GENE RANKIN "No. That's the part being requested."

MAYOR NICHOLSON "Okay."

STEVEN BROWN "This lot here (pointing) is R4 , and they're requesting it to become GC. This is where Mr. Rankin lives (pointing)."

MAYOR NICHOLSON "What about the other two facing Main Street?"

STEVEN BROWN "They are already GC."

MAYOR NICHOLSON "That's what I was asking."

GENE RANKIN "Well, that one isn't. It's zoned residential."

MAYOR NICHOLSON "Right beside you?"

GENE RANKIN "Across the street at my front door."

MAYOR NICHOLSON "Okay, Mr. Rankin. Thank you, sir. Is there anyone else to speak in opposition to this zoning request? Okay. Seeing and hearing no other, we will close the public hearing.

Would Council consider first reading of Ordinance 05-028? The Joint Planning Commission recommended

approval of this request to rezone and close the street. Do I have a motion to pass the first reading?"

NIKI HUTTO

"Is this vote for both the closing of Sloan and the rezoning?"

STEVEN BROWN

"This is only the rezoning."

NIKI HUTTO

"Could you do a retention pond and overflow parking in R4 without changing, or you couldn't do either one?"

STEVEN BROWN

"I didn't say that you couldn't put a retention pond there, but I think the overflow parking is the critical item."

LINDA EDWARDS

"Who's doing this overflow parking, and for what?"

STEVEN BROWN

"It's for the business that's applying for those two front parcels. The lot would probably be nothing more than employee parking."

BETTY BOLES

"So it would be a parking lot, basically?"

STEVEN BROWN

"That's what we've been told, up to this point."

LINDA EDWARDS

"May I ask a question? What business is going into those other two spots? What is the business?"

KENNY POSTON

"It's been used for parking for quite some time. I don't know what it's being used for right this minute, but I know Johnson Motors was located on the corner."

NIKI HUTTO

"Phil (Lindler), what kind of buffer zoning would have to be done to change an R4 to General Commercial? Would there have to be a green screen between what they do and the gentleman's house across the street?"

PHIL LINDLER

"If the lot was zoned Commercial? It would depend on what type of use they're proposing on that lot. Certainly, if it is General Commercial, the lot would have a higher screen than if was Residential or Neighborhood Commercial. You couldn't just have distance as the buffer, but some kind of screening there. Also, they will be required to have street-scape along the front side of Sloan and Laurens Street."

NIKI HUTTO

"So they would have to do the street-scape planning that the new zoning requires?"

PHIL LINDLER

"Correct."

NIKI HUTTO

"So it could actually look better than what it does now?"

PHIL LINDLER

"There would be more vegetation."

NIKI HUTTO

"There would be more vegetation? That's what I wanted to hear!"

STEVEN BROWN

"Mr. Mayor and Council, may I make a recommendation? I worked with the property owners and the developer on this project for a long period of time. Ms. Turnburke attended one meeting with me. We feel that this would be a very positive improvement to the neighborhood. I am requesting that you pass the rezoning and closing of the road on first reading. I also request that your adoption on first reading be conditional upon the developer providing the City Council with a conceptual plan prior to your second reading. If they do not submit it by the second reading, then I will be the first to request that you postpone second reading."

NIKI HUTTO

"I don't want just a conceptual plan of the building, but I also want landscaping and everything."

STEVEN BROWN

"It will show the landscaping."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. Do I have a motion?"

Motion to approve based on the City Manager's recommendation was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Niki Hutto.

"Is there any further discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

CONSIDER

Request by
Yates Johnson
& Family to
Close and
Abandon
Approximately
200' of Sloan
Avenue (S-91).

Mayor Nicholson announced the next public hearing and said, "This is the one dealing with the closing of Sloan to Main Street. Is there anyone here to speak in favor of this closure?"

KENNY POSTON

"Mr. Mayor, I think I have spoken for the both of them."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Thank you, sir. Is there anyone opposing the closure? Okay. Seeing and hearing none, we will close the public hearing."

NIKI HUTTO

"I have one question. Will Laurens Street still have a way for the people on Sloan to get out?"

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Yes."

STEVEN BROWN

"Mr. Mayor, this is certainly a very dangerous intersection (pointing), especially when people are trying to make a left turn. With this being closed, the people could get on Epting and use it's controlled intersection here (pointing). Alexander Avenue also has a controlled intersection."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. Do I have motion that we adopt Resolution 05-008?"

A motion was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Niki Hutto.

"Is there any further discussion?"

STEVEN BROWN

"Mr. Mayor, I would ask that you add the same stipulation to the resolution that you did to the ordinance."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. All in favor of the motion with the same conditions as in the re-zoning ordinance, raise

your right hand. So moved."

Motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Ordinance No.
05-018 Amending
the City of
Greenwood's
Official Zoning
Map (Ordinance
No. 04-020) by
Rezoning
Properties off
Highway 72 By-
Pass and
Enterprise
Court.

Under unfinished business, Mayor Nicholson announced the first item and recognized the City Manager.

(2^{ne} reading)

STEVEN BROWN

"Mr. Mayor and City Council, the Planning Director, Phil Lindler, and I have met with some owners of the Woodcrest neighborhood. These owners had negotiated a set of covenants with Ben Lawrence, the original owner of the property. The covenants applied to three (3) parcels at the rear of the tract. Originally, they were C-1 under the old ordinance. In fact, all of this property was C-1, and the residents allowed those very strict covenants to protect them.

When you adopted the new land use plan, the Planning Commission recommended that all of the properties, including those fronting the By-Pass, be classified as Neighborhood Commercial (NC). Since all of the existing commercial properties were developed under the old C-1 regulations, the NC classification makes them non-conforming and restricts them greatly. It also prohibits Mr. Lawrence from developing his last piece of property here (pointing).

In our meeting with the Woodcrest residents, it was my understanding that they had no problem with these properties being rezoned to GC. They also realize that Mr. Piontek and Mr. Lawrence intend to request the Planning Commission to rezone these two

properties to GC. They agreed that the covenant provide them with greater protection and desire for the covenants to remain in effect. The rezoning request that you are considering will not void those covenants.

I would ask you to take second reading on this ordinance, which would rezone the properties across the street and in the pink area (pointing). Mr. Piontek and Mr. Lawrence will then have the option of requesting the Planning Commission to rezone the other two (2) lots. You would then have another recommendation on those two properties at another meeting. Everything is already developed, except this parcel right here (pointing)."

NIKI HUTTO

"Those covenants are actually deed restrictions, yes?"

STEVEN BROWN

"Right. Mr. Lawrence has told us that he has no intentions of violating them, but feels that we in some way reversed his agreement under NC. We're trying to assist them in keeping their agreement effective, and they seem comfortable with it.

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. Do I have a motion for second reading?"

Motion to rezone was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

"Is there any further discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No.
05-024 Amending
the City of
Greenwood's
Official Zoning
Map (Ordinance
No. 04-020) by
Rezoning
Property at 709
Center Street
from R10
(Residential
High Density)
to OPI
(Office/Profess
ional/Instituti
onal).

(2nd reading)

STEVEN BROWN

The Mayor announced the next item and said, "This is the property to which Mr. Collins was speaking. Mr. Brown, do you have any further information for City Council?"

"Mr. Mayor and Council, I only have two more comments, and they are in response to the letter that was sent to you by Mr. Collins. One is, he said this property could be used for a sorority or fraternity house. Your zoning ordinance states that a building for either of those uses must be within 1000 feet of the college campus. There is no way that Lander University, Piedmont Technical College, nor any other university could use this as a sorority or fraternity in accordance with your zoning ordinance.

The second thing is, he stated that rezoning this property would violate the Comprehensive Plan. I want to read from the Comprehensive Plan, ... 'The plan is a guide, through text and maps, to opportunities and conditions for new development based on an optimal balance among the social, environmental, and economic needs and cost to the community.' In the section relating to the administration of the Comprehensive Plans it states... 'Once adopted, the Comprehensive Plan

does not remain static. Amendments may be made to change the use designation of a particular property. As time goes on, the County, City, or Town Councils may decide that it is necessary to revise portions of the text to reflect change in circumstances or philosophy.'

So I would propose to you, while the Comprehensive Plan is an important document, please remember the language you adopted. It is a guide, and it may be amended."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay."

JOHNNY WILLIAMS

"Mr. Brown, we have a lot of OPI property inside the City. There is some next to where I live and on Grace Street. The people that live around that property say they love it. It's well restricted, and I really can't see the big complaint these people have, because 2,500 square feet is about the size of an average house. I have always thought this piece of property was commercial because it was a nursery, a beauty parlor, and Town & County, so I make a motion that we rezone it."

Motion to rezone 709 Center Street was made by Johnny Williams. Mayor Nicholson asked for a second to the motion, and one was not received. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Motion for the rezoning to be tabled until the next meeting to study the petitions that were presented by Mr. Collins was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Linda Edwards.

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Is there any further discussion? All in favor of tabling raise your right hand. Opposed?"

The motion to postpone for further study was adopted by a 3-1 vote.

Mayor Nicholson, Linda Edwards, and Betty Boles voted for the action to be tabled to study the petitions. Johnny Williams voted against tabling the Ordinance. Niki Hutto noted her abstention due to a conflict of interest. Mr. Vaughn did not vote.

The motion passed.

CONSIDER

The Mayor announced the item and recognized the City Manager.

Ordinance No.
05-025 Amending
the City of
Greenwood's
Official Zoning
Map (Ordinance
No. 04-020) by
Rezoning
Property at 929
Phoenix Street
from R7
(Residential
High Density)
to OPI
(Office/Profess
ional/Instituti
onal).

(2nd reading)

STEVEN BROWN

"Mr. Mayor, there has been no changes since the first reading."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. Do I have a motion?"

Motion was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Niki Hutto.

"Is there any further discussion? All in favor of raise your right hand. So moved."

Motion passed unanimously.

(attach)

CONSIDER

Mayor Nicholson read the fourth item and recognized the City Manager.

An Ordinance
No. 05-027
Amending the
City of
Greenwood's
Official Zoning
Map (Ordinance
No. 04-020) by
Rezoning
Property at 336
Kirksey Drive
West from R7
(Residential
High Density)
to NC
(Neighborhood
Commercial).

(2nd reading)

STEVEN BROWN

"There are no changes, Mr. Mayor."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. Do I have a motion?"

Motion to approve the ordinance was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

"Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

Motion passed unanimously.

- attach -

CONSIDER

Under new business, Mayor Nicholson read the first item and recognized the City Manager.

Ordinance No.
05-029 Amending
Code of
Ordinances of
the City of
Greenwood,
Chapter 26,
Vehicles for
Hire, Division
6, Fares,
Section 26-129
(C) (1).

(1st reading)

STEVEN BROWN

"Mr. Mayor and City Council, the owner and operator of Southside Cab Company, Mr. Jimmy Duncan, has submitted a letter of request asking you to consider increasing the allowable cab fees inside of the City from \$7 to \$8. The last increase was September 18, 2000."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. Do I have a motion?"

Motion to approve was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Herbert Vaughn.

"Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Mayor Nicholson read the second item and recognized the City Manager.

Ordinance No.
05-030 Annexing
a 10' Strip of
Property Owned
by St. Kitts
Townhouses
Homeowners
Association.

(1st reading)

STEVEN BROWN

"Mr. Mayor and City Council Members, the purpose of this annexation ordinance is to become contiguous to an additional tract of 20.92 acres. The CPW negotiated an agreement with the St. Kitts Townhouse Property Owners Association. They have requested annexation of a 10' strip which will complete the contiguity to the larger tract.

NIKI HUTTO

"So are a couple of those St. Kitts Townhouses in the City now?"

STEVEN BROWN

"No ma'am. That's all common property."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Do I have a motion?"

Motion was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Johnny Williams.

"Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

Motion passed unanimously

- attach -

CONSIDER

Mayor Nicholson read the third item and recognized the City Manager.

Ordinance No.
05-031 Annexing
20.92 Acres off
Northside Drive
Owned by Invesco
LLC.

(1st reading)

STEVEN BROWN

"Mr. Mayor, this is a townhouse complex (pointing. We met with him on a number of occasions, and believe the complex would certainly increase our tax base. It will also put us into an area where there are other undeveloped properties. We would ask that you grant first reading on this annexation ordinance. If you've been out there, you can see that it's been cleared as we speak."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. Do I have a motion?"

Motion was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Johnny Williams.

"Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your right hand? So moved."

Motion passed unanimously.

- attach -

CONSIDER

Mayor Nicholson read the fourth item and recognized the City Manager.

Resolution 05-
009 Designating

the National
Incident
Management
System as the
City of
Greenwood's
Standard for
Incident
Management.

STEVEN BROWN

"Mr. Mayor, I'm going to ask our City Fire Chief, Terry Strange, to come forward. There have been questions by some Council Members regarding the City's state of preparedness for a major disaster. We have a resolution before you tonight that is a part of our preparedness efforts. I thought it would be better if you had more information, so he will provide that to you."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. Terry?"

CHIEF STRANGE

"Mr. Mayor and City Council, the National Incident Management System, or NIMS, are just some of the buzz words that are going around the nation now. It came about through a Homeland Security Direct Presidential Directive #5 in 2004. It was developed as a nationwide approach for all levels of government to be able to work effectively and efficiently together in the case of a disaster or emergency."

Fire Chief Strange presented Council with NIMS information.

"Establishing a strategy for implementing changes day to day. Full compliance of NIMS is going to be about 2007, but we haven't been informed of what that compliance is going to be yet. They will give us some time to establish some strategies of how we're going to comply with it."

NIKI HUTTO

"What's ICS?"

CHIEF STRANGE

"It stands for 'Incident Command System'. It's a command system that needs to be institutionalized. It was used by individual fire and police departments, but as these departments will come together if we were to have a major incident. We could involve Public Works, but they would need a working knowledge of the Incident Command System."

NIKI HUTTO "So this resolution is to publicly establish this system within the City Limits of Greenwood?"

STEVEN BROWN "That is correct."

NIKI HUTTO "For this to be even more effective, shouldn't the County also be implementing this so that we all are on the same page?"

CHIEF STRANGE "Yes ma'am."

HERBERT VAUGHN "The County is doing it."

NIKI HUTTO "Okay. I'm just asking because it would make more sense to me."

CHIEF STRANGE "You're going to see the cities and counties coming online because they're tying federal grant money to this, and if you don't comply, you don't get the money."

STEVEN BROWN "If we've learned nothing else with the latest disasters, it is that no community is capable of handling a disaster alone. So, most agencies are now a part of a mutual aid system. We sent people down to Graniteville and were considered to send some people to the Gulf. NIMS provides us with a system that is common to all responders. If you don't have this standardized system, then you have 10 people trying to supervise the same operation, and it's chaos instead of a systematic approach."

CHIEF STRANGE "Are there any other questions?"

MAYOR NICHOLSON "Thank you, Terry. Okay. Do I have a motion that we pass the resolution designating the National Incident Management System as the City of Greenwood's standard for Incident Management?"

Motion was made by Herbert Vaughn, seconded by Niki Hutto.

"Is there any further discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved." Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Mayor Nicholson read the fifth item and recognized the City Manager.

Resolution No.
05-010
Approving the
Distribution of
2005
Accommodations
Tax Funds.

STEVEN BROWN

"Mr. Mayor and City Council, at your work session you heard a number of Greenwood Community agencies asking for Accommodations Tax allocation funds, which are used to promote tourism in our community. As always, we had more money requested than available. The A-Tax Advisory Committee has submitted their recommendation, and you have a copy of their recommendation. I have also provided you with my recommendation. Any of the numbers in that last column, '\$ Approved by Council', may be changed prior to your vote."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. You can see the recommendation by the Committee and the adjustments that Mr. Brown made."

Mayor Nicholson then read the recommendations to City Council.

"Mr. Brown requested \$22,524 to start a Visitors and Convention Center."

STEVEN BROWN

"The \$22,524 complies with State Law which mandates that 30% of the funds be allocated to an agency that has an ongoing tourism effort. In years past, you've given that to the Chamber. Some of these agencies, in which \$0 has been recommended, could petition the Visitors & Tourism Center for funds."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. Are there any questions or comments?"

LINDA EDWARDS

"Given the type of event the Little River Congress is having and the magnitude of people it will be bringing in, do you think we can boost that allocation at least by \$2000 to make it \$7,000?"

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"From what area?"

JOHNNY WILLIAMS

"You got to take it from somewhere."

LINDA EDWARDS

"What kind of exhibits are the Museum looking

into?"

STEVEN BROWN

"They are trying to change their focus from just having common, ordinary, museum-type relics to a continuing, ever changing, set of exhibits that would draw additional tourists. It's a new effort by the new director. I haven't seen any, but just read what he's proposed. They're on a shoestring budget and are trying to open the Railroad Museum.

While I can't give you any more information, I know that they do a lot of good work. The number of tourists is probably limited.

You may want to look at the triathlon that only draws participants, but not a great number of spectators. You may also want to look at reducing the cycling race. You can probably pull \$1000 out of each one to make it happen but, if the Museum is where you want to draw from, that's certainly your prerogative."

JOHNNY WILLIAMS

"Why don't we take \$500 from the Piedmont Tech Fourth of July Celebration? We have funded it every year since it started."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"I think \$1000 should be withdrawn from the Uptown Cycling Race."

JOHNNY WILLIAMS

"And reduce it to \$7000?"

LINDA EDWARDS

"It will be reduced to \$5000."

NIKI HUTTO

"Well, you can always take \$2000 out of the \$22,524, could we not?"

STEVEN BROWN

"Not according to the law."

NIKI HUTTO

"I think the Museum is important because some festivals or events may happen just once, and we won't get them for another five or six years. I think a part of our purpose with Accommodations Tax dollars is to have things that will bring and /or keep some tourists. So I think we need to consider putting dollars and cents to bricks and mortar in some permanent things that are here. The Museum is really the only progressive agency we're giving money to this year that will stay with us. We're investing in something that can be a tourist draw for years."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Would the Greenwood Visitors and Convention Office be able to help the Chamber with the Festival of

Flowers, as far as advertising?"

STEVEN BROWN

"It is an eligible expenditure."

LINDA EDWARDS

"Could we take \$1000 from the cycling race and the Festival of Flowers? I understand what you're saying, but then you have to look at the participation of some of these permanent agencies. People are not coming out like they used to."

NIKI HUTTO

"I'm all for taking it from the Festival of Flowers and the cycling race. I personally think that's a better idea than taking it from the Museum."

JOHNNY WILLIAMS

"Or take it all from the Festival of Flowers!"

LINDA EDWARDS

"I suggest that we take \$1000 from both the Festival of Flowers and the cycling race, and give that \$2000 to the Little River Congress, which will bring them up to \$7000."

JOHNNY WILLIAMS

"Do you think we'll lose the cycling race by reducing the money? This will be their third or fourth year here."

STEVEN BROWN

"I'm not saying that it won't be a struggle, but we still have \$6000 to make it happen."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"How many people stay over from the cycling event? Most of them come in that morning or afternoon, but don't stay in the accommodations. Most of them load up and are gone after the race. Very few people stay over.

One of the key things to look at is getting people to fill up these hotel rooms so that we can get more money. I know the funds will be looking better next year because we increased the amount of Accommodation Tax. The Little River Congress and the basketball tournament is already set, but they don't know how many people are coming. We want to get every room filled up in the City, and overflow into the county. Now, do you all want to go along with the recommendation? Can I get a motion?" Motion was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Johnny Williams to approve the distribution of Accommodations Tax Allocations as recommended:

Piedmont Tec (4 th of July Celebration	\$ 500.00
Crappie USA (Fishing Tournament)	\$ 1,500.00
Heritage Corridor (Brochure)	-0-
Chamber of Commerce (Festival of Flowers)	\$ 9,000.00
Chamber of Commerce (Maps)	-0-
Chamber of Commerce (Triathlon)	\$ 1,000.00
Chamber of Commerce (Retirement ads)	-0-
Chamber of Commerce (Website development)	-0-
Little River Congress (Convention)	\$ 7,000.00
Museum (Exhibits)	\$10,000.00
Lander University	\$ 4,000.00
(Conference basketball tournament)	
Uptown Greenwood (Festival of Discovery)	\$10,000.00
Uptown Greenwood (Cycling Race)	\$ 5,803.00
Arts Council (Brochures)	-0-
Arts Council	-0-
(Art & Cultural Center facilities)	
Arts Council (theatre renovations)	-0-
Greenwood Visitors & Convention Center	\$22,524.00
City of Greenwood	\$28,754.00
Total:	\$100,081.00

"Is there any further discussion? All in favor raise your right hand? So moved."

Betty Boles abstained from voting because she is affiliated with one of the organizations requesting funds.

The motion passed.

(attach)

CONSIDER

Mayor Nicholson read the sixth item and recognized the City Manager.

Nada Banes
Reappointment

to the City of
Greenwood
Housing
Authority Board
of
Commissioners.

STEVEN BROWN

"Mr. Mayor, Ms. Banes has been a very active member, and wants to continue to serve. I think all you know Ms. Banes, and I would certainly recommend her reappointment."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. Do I have a motion?"

Motion was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

"All in favor raise your right hand? So moved."

Motion passed unanimously.

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CITY COUNCIL
COMMENTS

There were no comments from members of City Council.

CITY MANAGER
COMMENTS

Mayor Nicholson recognized the City Manager.

STEVEN BROWN

"If City Council will vote to have an executive session, I would like to discuss a personnel issue."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. Do I have a motion?"

Motion to adjourn the City Council meeting and enter into Executive Session was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Linda Edwards.

"All in favor raise your right hand. So moved. Thank you all for coming."

Meeting adjourned at 6:37p.m.

Floyd Nicholson, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer