

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

September 20, 2004 - 5:32 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

PRESENT

Mayor Floyd Nicholson; Council Members: Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Herbert Vaughn, Johnny Williams, and Barbara Turnburke; City Manager; Assistant City Manager; City Clerk; City Attorney Representative, Jason Sturkie; Phil Lindler; and Wallace McBride from the Index-Journal.

Council Member Niki Hutto arrived at 5:33 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting in the Council Chambers was called to order by Mayor Nicholson at 5:32 p.m. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave the invocation.

STATEMENT AND
QUORUM

The Mayor gave 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."

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

REQUEST

By Thomas Settles to Rezone Property Located at 407 Maxwell Avenue from R-5 (Multi-Family Residential) to LIW (Light Industrial).

Mayor Nicholson said, "First on the agenda tonight, we have seven public hearings. The format we employ in the public hearing is, if there are individuals who would like to speak, we ask that you come to the podium, state your name and address for the record, and try to limit your comments to not more than four or five minutes."

Mayor Nicholson read the first item and said, "This property is located here (pointing), you have a picture on the sign across from the hospital warehouse on Maxwell Avenue. Is there anyone here to speak in favor of this zoning request change? Anyone opposing? Okay, seeing and hearing none, we

will close the public hearing."

ORDINANCE

Establishing a
Policy and
Procedures
Governing the
Installation of
Speed Humps
within the City
of Greenwood.

Mayor Nicholson read the second item and said, "If you look at the overhead, it will tell you a little about speed humps. Humps are a little different from the bumps. Is there anyone here to speak in favor of this ordinance?"

STEVEN BROWN

"Mr. Mayor and City Council, this was brought to you by the staff. We have received a number of requests for considerations of installing some type of speed control devices in neighborhoods. About a year ago when this was presented to you, you asked us to provide you a recommended set of procedures for addressing these issues. You requested that it be drafted as an ordinance. It included certain criteria that must be met prior to consideration of speed humps, and it also has certain situations where speed humps will not be installed. There is a procedure by which neighborhoods may petition City Council for speed humps to be installed in their neighborhoods, and it sets procedures by which the City staff will follow. It also gives City Council the final decision on whether they will be installed in neighborhoods. We recommend that you consider this ordinance in a positive manner."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay, thank you, Mr. Brown. Is there anyone else to speak in favor of the speed humps? Is there anyone opposing? Seeing and hearing none, we will close the public hearing in reference to speed humps within the City of Greenwood."

ORDINANCE

Annexing 39.926
Acres Owned by
Greenwood
Development
Corporation,
Located off Old
Greenwood Road
and U S
25/Montague
Avenue
Extension.

Mayor Nicholson read the third item and said, "If you look at the overhead, you can see this property is located on Montague across from the new CVS store, and backs up to Centre Court property. Is there anyone here to speak in favor of this annexation? Is there anyone opposing?"

ED MCCALLUM

"I will speak to oppose it. I'm a resident of Centre Court, Ed McCallum, and I would prefer for my property, or neighborhood, not to become adjacent, or contiguous, to any part of City property."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Is there anyone else? Alright, seeing and hearing no other comments, we will close the public hearing on this annexation."

ORDINANCE

Annexing 1.969
Acres Owned by
Central Trust
Company,
Located off
Calhoun Road.

Mayor Nicholson read the fourth item and said, "This is another parcel which is on Calhoun owned by Central Trust in the same area that the other property is located. Is there anyone to speak in favor of this annexation? Is there anyone opposing?"

ED MCCALLUM

"If the Council would just note my prior opposition to this ordinance."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Is there anyone else? Seeing and hearing no other, we will close the public hearing."

ORDINANCE

Amending the
Business
License
Ordinance No.
03-019 Levying
a Business
License Tax on
Retail
Telecommuni-
cations Services.

Mayor Nicholson read the fifth item and asked, "Is there anyone to speak in favor of this amendment to the Business License Ordinance? Mr. Brown, do you have any comments?"

STEVEN BROWN

"No sir. It complies with State Law."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Yes, it's really just to comply with the State Law in reference to the charging of retail telecommunications services in the City. Is there anyone to speak against this? Seeing and hearing none, we will close the public hearing."

ORDINANCE

Authorizing
Lander
University to
Close Brookside
Court North and
South.

Mayor Nicholson read the sixth item and said, "If you look here (pointing at overhead), this is the location of Brookside Court, North and South. Is there anyone to speak in favor of closing this part? They're building the new dorm, am I correct?"

THOMAS SUTTLES

"Mr. Mayor and Council, yes, this is an area that part of it will be green space. The dorm will actually be located up towards Barksdale (Street). We're trying to trade off detention area for parking that will encompass the dorm, and take up this asphalt in this area (pointing) to trade off that detention."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. Thank you, sir."

STEVEN BROWN

"Please understand that the cul-de-sac will remain City property. I describe them as 'wings', but the 50 foot radius cul-de-sac will remain as a City street and right-of-way. The only part that we're deeding back to them would be the two side

portions."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Is there anyone else to speak on the closure of Brookside Court, North and South?"

MIKE MONAGHAN

"Hi. My name is Mike Monaghan, and I live at 300 Lodge Drive. Good evening, Mr. Mayor and City Council. I'm not really against the eventual road closing, but I'm on the Alconon Board which provides a space for the AA Group that meets at the end of Brice Street. Because of all the congestion, this area right here (pointing) is fully used for parking in the evening if they would allow that parking to continue until the Brice Street Building has been sold to Lander University. The Alconon Board is in the midst of constructing a new building within the next six to nine months, but I do have a problem if they close that off and there's no parking for the 50 to 60 cars on that street. So if Lander can reassure us that the parking would be open and continued, we wouldn't oppose this. But right now, I would oppose it until we can get out of that location and into our new building."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"I know you're supposed to be out in about nine months. Is that going to create a problem as far as parking while they're in the Brice Street building?"

THOMAS SUTTLES

"The construction, we expect, will begin as early as November. We weren't aware that they were using that area for parking. We knew they were using that area up the street, but we probably could delay the demolition of that asphalt at the end of the project. I don't think it will be a problem. We would have to put that in the contract."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"I know that the Alconon Building is used throughout the day and the evening. With the construction, a lot of parking has been taken away."

THOMAS SUTTLES

"We would have to delay the demolition of that area. I can talk to the engineer who would surely do this."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. Thank you, sir. Is there anyone else to speak in reference to the closing of Brookside Court, North and South?"

NIKI HUTTO

"I'm confused. If the circle of the cul-de-sac is

not going to be deeded, isn't that going to remain a public street?"

STEVEN BROWN

"It will."

NIKI HUTTO

"So why would parking not be allowed on that street?"

STEVEN BROWN

"Any parking can be allowed as long as it does not obstruct the ingress and egress of emergency vehicles, but they cannot consume the whole street."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Is there any other questions? Okay."

ORDINANCE

Annexing Phase
III of Karlie
H i l l
Subdivision.

Mayor Nicholson read the last item and said, "You know we had Phases I and II of Karlie Hill, and we now have the end of the third phase. Is there anyone to speak in favor of the annexing property for Phase III of Karlie Hill Subdivision located off Laurel (Avenue)? Anyone opposing? Seeing and hearing none, we will close the last item on the agenda for our public hearings. Now, we will move into the business part of our meeting."

There being no further business, the public hearing was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Floyd Nicholson, Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk and Treasurer