



MINUTES

FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL, 206 S. MAIN STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, May 24, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Mayor Knox H. White

2. **INVOCATION**
Councilmember Lillian Flemming

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **ROLL CALL**
The following members of City Council were in attendance: Mayor Knox White, John DeWorken, Lillian Flemming, Ken Gibson, Wil Brasington, Russell Stall, and Dorothy Dowe

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
May 10, 2021; Approved as submitted

6. **COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**
Mayor White introduced Congressman William Timmons in attendance.

7. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Todd Frederick, 434 Piedmont Highway, Piedmont, spoke in opposition to the Wings of the City Statues quoting descriptions of Jorge Marin's art from Wikipedia and requested a full Council vote.

Elizabeth Scott, 45 E. Tallulah Drive, spoke in opposition to the Wings of the City Statues stating she does not want her tax money to be used to pay for the statues and asking for their removal.

Evelyn McLeod, 1 Bobber Court, Taylors, spoke in opposition to the Wings of the City Statues stating she would not be taking her children to Falls Park and commenting on the family centered culture of Mexico.

Melissa Kronberger, 620 Halton Road #12203, spoke in opposition to the Wings of the City Statues and read from the Zionist Communist Goals Takeover of America from January 10, 1963.

Barbara Gibbs, 901 Barrett Drive, Simpsonville, spoke in opposition to the Wings of the City Statues stating she does not want her taxpayer dollars to support the statues and sharing the statues are a discredit to her southern heritage and morals.

Edna Walsh, 200 Durness Drive, Simpsonville, spoke in opposition to the Wings of the City Statues referring to her background in education and mental health and stating there is a moral crisis in this country.

Jessica Saravia, 115 Atherton Way, Greer, spoke in opposition to the Wings of the City Statues, referred to the need to respect each other's point of view, and raised concern regarding the groups involved in the application and approval process for the statues.

Councilmember Dowe clarified her comments from the Formal Meeting on May 10 stating while Council did not vote on the exhibit, they supported it. Councilmember Dowe also stated Council's priorities include a policy of diversity and inclusivity. Councilmember Dowe thanked everyone for their comments regarding the statues but asked that those speaking be respectful of all groups.

Heather Frederick, 434 Piedmont Highway, Piedmont, spoke in opposition to the Wings of the City Statues calling them pornographic and occultic in nature and asking for their removal.

Jack Logan, 5051 Old Augusta Road, Greenville, spoke about the Police Department and incidents on Verdae Boulevard between 2015 to 2021, referring to the most recent shooting death on Mother's Day. Mr. Logan stated the Police Department needs to be proactive regarding crime in the City and asked that the Police Chief be monitored.

Bruce Wilson, 14 Freestone Street, Greenville, spoke about the actions of members on the Public Safety Citizen Review Board and the violation of his constitutional rights while appearing before the Board. Mr. Wilson requested the current Board be disbanded.

Councilmember Brasington left the meeting.

8. PRESENTATION

None

9. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Adoption of the FY2021-22 Annual Operating Budget

(Presented by Office of Management and Budget Director Matt Efird)

Office of Management and Budget Director Matt Efird referred to three public workshops conducted with City Council to review and discuss the proposed FY22 budget and thanked staff for their assistance in the process.

Diane Smock, 103 Cleveland Street, representing affordable housing and the Greenville Housing Fund, thanked Councilmembers for making affordable housing a priority in the budget.

10. APPOINTMENTS – Boards and Commissions

- a. Richland Cemetery Advisory Committee
Councilmember Flemming recommended William O'Neal to fill an unexpired term ending September 30, 2021. There being no further nominations, Mr. O'Neal was appointed by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA

There will be no discussion of Consent Agenda items unless a Council member so requests in which event the item in question will be considered separately.

Councilmember Dowe moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to approve second and final reading of agenda items 11a, 11b, and 11c of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)

- a. Ordinance to amend Article II, Burglar Alarms, of Chapter 21, Miscellaneous Provisions, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville to reduce the number of no charge false alarms, add enhanced verification alarm requirement in some circumstances, and matters related thereto
(Presented by Communications Director Fran Moore)
- b. Ordinance to convey surplus city property located on Woodside Avenue and Woodlawn Avenue to Genesis Homes for purposes of affordable housing
(Presented by Community Development Financial Coordinator Rebecca Edwards)
- c. Ordinance to appropriate \$3,638,380 in the Capital Projects Fund to recognize additional resources available for the Unity Park Project
(Presented by Office of Management and Budget Director Matt Efird)

12. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinance – First Reading)

None

13. NEW BUSINESS – (Resolutions – First and Final Reading)

None

REGULAR AGENDA

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)

None

15. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinances – First Reading)

- a. Ordinance to abandon a portion of Eleanor Street (AB-1-2021)
(Presented by Interim Engineering Services Manager/City Engineer Clint Link)

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember DeWorken, to approve first reading.

Interim Engineering Services Manager/City Engineer Clint Link advised that comments have been received from the neighbors regarding stormwater issues, access, type of development proposed for the site, and conformance to the Needmore Master Plan. Mr. Link stated these issues will be addressed as further progress is made on the development plans for the site.

Following discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ordinance to appropriate \$55,683,640 for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Capital Budget for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 to Fiscal Year 2025-26 Capital Improvement Program
(Presented by Office of Management and Budget Director Matt Efirm)

Councilmember Dowe moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to approve first reading.

Councilmember Dowe moved, seconded by Councilmember Gibson, to amend the proposed Capital Improvement Program and Budget by modifying the schedules in Attachment A and B to reflect the proposed five-year affordable housing funding proposal totaling \$10,500,000 in City funding. This action does not change the total proposed FY2022 Capital Budget, but it will increase the total proposed FY2022-2026 CIP funding from \$128,205,897 to \$133,705,897.

With no opposition, the amendment was approved unanimously.

After discussion, the motion as amended carried unanimously.

- c. Ordinance to appropriate \$386,752 in the Miscellaneous Grants Fund to recognize Cares Act reimbursement from Greenville County for COVID-19 Expenditures
(Presented by Office of Management and Budget Director Matt Efirm)

Councilmember Flemming moved, seconded by Councilmember DeWorken, to approve first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

- d. Ordinance to provide for the adoption of a City Operating Budget, its execution and effect, for the Fiscal Period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, declaring certain tax increment financial revenues net of debt service payments surplus, authorizing the termination of tax increment financing districts, and other matters related thereto
(Presented by Office of Management and Budget Director Matt Efirm)

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember Dowe, to approve first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

16. NEW BUSINESS – (Resolution – First and Final Reading)

- a. Resolution to approve a law enforcement assistance, support, and jurisdiction agreement between the City of Greenville Police Department and the City of Myrtle Beach Police Department
(Presented by Police Chief Howie Thompson)

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember Dowe, to approve first and final reading.

Police Chief Howie Thompson stated the agreement will enable both departments to assist one another and will cover the expenses of the other department's officers while assisting. Councilmember Stall asked if this agreement had been utilized in the past. Chief Thompson responded it has been used when Myrtle Beach has had extremely busy weekends and relied on numerous other departments for aid.

Councilmember Gibson requested that as with other mutual aid agreements the Myrtle Beach officers follow the same guidelines as required by Greenville police officers when assisting the city of Greenville.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- b. Resolution approving and authorizing the Housing Authority for the City of Greenville, South Carolina to issue multi-family revenue bonds within the unincorporated areas of Greenville County
(Presented by Greenville Housing Executive Director Shawn Williams)

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember DeWorken, to approve first and final reading. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. Resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Greene, Finney, LLP for auditing services for Fiscal Years 2022 through 2026
(Presented by Office of Management and Budget Director Matt Efird)

Councilmember Gibson moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to approve first and final reading. The motion carried unanimously.

- d. Resolution authorizing a lease/purchase agreement, Series 2021 in the principal amount of not exceeding \$1,125,000 relating to the financing of equipment for municipal purposes; authorizing the execution and delivery of various documents including the lease agreement; and other matters relating thereto
(Presented by Office of Management and Budget Director Matt Efird)

Councilmember Flemming moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to approve first and final reading.

Councilmember Dowe asked where the Quint truck will be located. Fire Chief Steve Kovalcik responded it replaces the Quint located at Station Five, Pleasantburg Drive.

After discussion, the motion passed 5-0 with Mayor White abstaining. *(See attached statement.)*

- e. Resolution to certify 401 Roper Mountain Road as an abandoned building site (Tax Map Number 0545010101501)
(Presented by Real Estate Development Manager Mary Douglas Hirsch)

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember Dowe, to approve first and final reading. The motion carried unanimously.

- f. Resolution to award \$14,000 in funding received from the Greenville Zoo Conservation Fund from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, to six designated local and international conservation programs
(Presented by Zoo Administrator Bill Cooper)

Councilmember Gibson moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to approve first and final reading. The motion carried unanimously.

17. STAFF REPORTS

City Manager John McDonough provided information on the following item:

Police Chief Thompson provided a statement involving an emergency request from the Chester County Sheriff's Office pursuant to South Carolina Code § 5-7-120. Chester County Sheriff Max Dorsey requested assistance in the pursuit and arrest of Tyler Terry, who was wanted for multiple murders and attempted murders in South Carolina and Missouri. Officers from the Greenville Police Department assisting were Mauricio Reyes, Kurt Sittman, Ryan Miller, and Nathaniel Hardy. Chief Thompson stated Mr. Terry was arrested today with no shots fired. *(See attached statement)*

18. **ADJOURN.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.



KNOX H. WHITE, MAYOR



CAMILLA G. PITMAN, MMC, Certified PLS
CITY CLERK



MEMORANDUM

TO: Greenville City Council
FROM: Chief of Police, JH Thompson
DATE: May 24, 2021
RE: Request for Emergency Assistance from Chester County Sheriff's Office Pursuant to S.C. Code § 5-7-120

I am providing this memorandum to create a complete record of a request Greenville Police Department received from Chester County Sheriff Max Dorsey at approximately 10:20 p.m. on Sunday, May 23, 2021 as required by S.C. Code Ann. § 5-7-120. Sheriff Dorsey requested emergency assistance of available Greenville Police Department personnel in locating and arresting Tyler Terry who was located in Chester County, South Carolina. Terry was wanted for multiple murders and attempted murders in South Carolina and Missouri and was confirmed to have been armed. Approximately 300 total law enforcement personnel from multiple local, state and federal agencies responded to assist in the location and arrest effort. Terry was arrested mid-morning on today's date. Four members of the Greenville Police Department's Crime Response Team who were on duty last night responded to assist the Chester Sheriff's Office. The officers providing assistance were Mauricio Reyes, Kurt Sittman, Ryan Miller and Nathaniel Hardy.



STATEMENT OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor, or Presiding Officer of Greenville City Council

FROM: Mayor Knox White

Pursuant to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville, Section 2-266, "I make this statement concerning the matter described below, action or decision upon which will directly affect an economic interest as contemplated by the Ethics, Government Accountability and Campaign Reform Act of 1991:"

A. The matter requiring action or decision is as follows:

FORMAL AGENDA

Agenda Item No. 16d

Resolution authorizing a lease/purchase agreement, Series 2021 in the principal amount of not exceeding \$1,125,000 relating to the financing of equipment for municipal purposes; authorizing the execution and delivery of various documents including the lease agreement; and other matters relating thereto

B. The nature of my potential conflict is as follows:

- I have an economic interest which will be affected by the action.
- A member of my immediate family has an economic interest which will be directly affected.
- An individual with whom I am associated has an economic interest which will be affected.
- A business (either for profit or not for profit) with whom I am associated has an economic interest which may be affected directly or indirectly.
- A member of my immediate family, or by marriage relationships, is recommended for appointment to a municipal Board or Commission creating a conflict.

C. As a result of my potential conflict:

- I hereby withdraw/abstain/recuse from any votes, deliberations or other actions on this matter and request that my disqualification and the grounds therefore be noted in the minutes.
- I hereby left the meeting during the vote, deliberation or other action on this matter and request that my absence and the grounds therefore be noted in the minutes.

Date: May 24, 2021

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Knox White

Accepted: _____

Mayor

The City Clerk attests the above action has been noted and is reflected in the Minutes.

City Clerk