



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
November 16, 2021
6:04 p.m.

County Square - Council Chambers

Council Members

Mr. Willis Meadows, *Chairman, District 19*
Mr. Dan Tripp, *Vice-Chairman, District 28*
Mrs. Xanthene Norris, *Chairman Pro Tem, District 23*
Mr. Joe Dill, *District 17*
Mr. Mike Barnes, *District 18*
Mr. Stephen Shaw, *District 20*
Mr. Chris Harrison, *District 21*
Mr. Stan Tzouvelekas, *District 22*
Mrs. Liz Seman, *District 24*
Mr. Ennis Fant, Sr., *District 25*
Mr. Lynn Ballard, *District 26*
Mr. Butch Kirven, *District 27*

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted online and on the bulletin board at County Square and made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Council Members Absent

Councilor Shaw – *Due to technical difficulties, Councilor Shaw joined the meeting at 6:23 p.m. via Zoom*

Staff Present

Joe Kernell, *County Administrator*
Mark Tollison, *County Attorney*
Kim Wunder, *Assistant County Attorney*
John Hansley, *Deputy County Administrator*
Regina McCaskill, *Clerk to Council*
Jessica Stone, *Deputy Clerk to Council*
Pam Gilliam, *Administrative Assistant*
Paula Gucker, *Assistant County Administrator, Public Works*
Nicole Wood, *Assistant County Administrator*
Meredith Papapieris, *Director of Grants and Special Projects*

Others Present

Sheriff Hobart Lewis, *Greenville County Sheriff's Office*
Steve Cole, *Executive Director, Greater Greenville Sanitation District*

Call to Order

Chairman Willis Meadows

Invocation

Vice-Chairman Tripp

Pledge of Allegiance

Item (4) **Approval of Minutes**

Action: Councilor Seman moved to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2021, Regular Council Meeting.
Motion carried unanimously by Council Members in attendance.

Action: Councilor Seman moved to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2021, Special Called Council Meeting.
Motion carried unanimously by Council Members in attendance.

Item (5) **Appearances – Current Agenda Items**

There were no speakers.

Item (6) **Public Hearings**

a. Greater Greenville Sanitation District Annexation / 15 Butler Springs Road

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding a resolution to enlarge the boundaries of the Greater Greenville Sanitation District to include 15 Butler Springs Road.

- **Ed Paxton** – appeared in opposition to the proposed.

There being no other speakers, Councilor Seman declared the public hearing closed.

b. Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict Annexation / 917 and 919 Fairview Road

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding a resolution to enlarge the boundaries of the Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict to include the real properties located at 917 Fairview Road and 919 Fairview Road; and to provide for public notice thereof.

There being no speakers, Councilor Seman declared the public hearing closed.

c. Project Ram / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and a company or companies known to the county at this time as Project Ram with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, including the provision of certain special source credits; and other matters related thereto.

There being no speakers, Vice-Chairman Tripp declared the public hearing closed.

d. Project Green Light / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and a company known to the county at this time as Project Green Light with respect to certain economic development property in the county, whereby such property would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, including the provision of certain special source revenue credits; and other matters related thereto.

There being no speakers, Vice-Chairman Tripp declared the public hearing closed.

e. Greenville – Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment (2010 Park) / Project Green Light

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park (2010 Park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park.

There being no speakers, Vice-Chairman Tripp declared the public hearing closed.

f. Greenville – Laurens Multi County Industrial Business Park Amendment (Connexial Center Industrial Park) / Addition of Properties

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a multi-county park agreement, governing a multi-county business and industrial park known as Connexial Center Industrial Park, by and between Greenville County, South Carolina, and Laurens County, South Carolina, to designate the boundaries of the park; and other related matters.

There being no speakers, Vice-Chairman Tripp declared the public hearing closed.

Item (7) Resolutions

a. Greater Greenville Sanitation District Annexation / 15 Butler Springs Road

Action: Councilor Seman moved for adoption a resolution to enlarge the boundaries of the Greater Greenville Sanitation District to include 15 Butler Springs Road.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members in attendance.

b. Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict Annexation / 917 and 919 Fairview Road

Action: Councilor Seman moved for adoption a resolution to enlarge the boundaries of the Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict to include the real properties located at 917 Fairview Road and 919 Fairview Road, and to provide for public notice thereof.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members in attendance.

c. Recommending Reappointment of Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict Commissioners

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption a resolution recommending the reappointment of certain commissioners to the Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict Commission.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members in attendance.

d. Sewer Consolidation Settlement Resolution – Consent Orders

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption a resolution authorizing the execution of consent orders in settlement of two lawsuits brought by the Taylors Fire and Sewer District and Parker Sewer and Fire Subdistrict against Greenville County and Greenville County Council.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members in attendance.

e. SWORD International Inc. (formerly Project Gatling) / Inducement Resolution

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption a resolution authorizing the inducement, execution and delivery, by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Sword International, Inc., of a fee in lieu of tax agreement with respect to a project in the county whereby the project would be subject to payment of certain fees in lieu of taxes and providing for related matters.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members in attendance.

f. Diversified Properties 2, LLC (formerly Project Storybook) / Inducement Resolution

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption a resolution authorizing the inducement, execution and delivery, by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Diversified Properties 2, LLC, of a fee in lieu of tax and special source credit agreement whereby, under certain conditions, Greenville County would, with respect to a project in the county, permit that project to be subject to payment of certain fees in lieu of taxes, and whereby Diversified Properties 2, LLC would be provided certain credits against fee payments in reimbursement of investment in related qualified infrastructure; and providing for related matters.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members in attendance.

Item (8) Ordinances – Third Reading

a. Zoning Text Amendment to Create the New Zoning District for the AG, Agricultural Preservation District (CZ-2021-91)

Action: Councilor Dill moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to amend the Greenville County Zoning Ordinance to provide definitions and standards establishing the agricultural preservation district (AG).

Councilor Dill requested the support of his colleagues for the proposed. The ordinance would set aside a tool for the citizens to use, if needed. Mr. Dill stated a number of people in both the southern and northern parts of the County had been involved in the development of the item.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members in attendance.

b. Greenville - Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Amendment (2010 Park) / Addition of Properties

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to amend the 2010 joint county industrial and business park agreement with Anderson County so as to enlarge the park.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members in attendance.

c. SWORD International Inc. (formerly Project Gatling) / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement *

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and SWORD International Inc., with respect to certain economic development property in the county, whereby such property would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members in attendance.

d. Dodge Mechanical Power Transmission Company Inc. (formerly Project Jellyfish) / Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement and Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax and special source credit agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina Dodge Mechanical Power Transmission Company Inc., with respect to certain economic development property in the county, whereby such property would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, including the provision of certain special source credits; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members in attendance.

e. Diversified Properties 2, LLC (formerly Project Storybook) / Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement and Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Diversified Properties 2, LLC, with respect to certain economic development property in the county, whereby such property would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, including the provision of certain special source credits; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members in attendance.

f. Greenville – Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment (2010 Park) / Diversified Properties 2, LLC (formerly Project Storybook)

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park (2010 Park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members in attendance.

Item (9) Ordinance – Second Reading

a. Zoning Ordinances

i. CZ-2021-90: Property of Erik C. Weir of Weir Living Trust, located at 130 Highway 651, requesting rezoning from R-S to NC. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended denial.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Councilor Ballard stated the item was recommended for denial due to concerns regarding noise and misleading directions on Google. The owner invested a considerable amount of money in the purchase of a sound-dampening system; the noise issue had been resolved. The issue regarding misleading directions from Google was resolved. The owner had made a good faith effort to make the necessary changes to rectify both concerns. Mr. Ballard recommended approval of the request.

Motion was denied by a roll call vote of five (Dill, Harrison, Seman, Ballard and Kirven) in favor, six (Barnes, Meadows, Tzouvelekas, Norris, Fant and Tripp) in opposition and one absent (Shaw).

Councilor Shaw joined the meeting remotely at 6:23 p.m.

ii. CZ-2021-92: Property of Marie McLucas of Berea Bowl, LLC, located on White Horse Road, requesting rezoning from R-M20 and C-2 to C-3. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

- iii. **CZ-2021-93:** Property of L Square Company, LLC, located at 499 Old Pelzer Road, requesting rezoning from R-12 to I-1. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

- iv. **CZ-2021-95:** Property of Draper Creative, LLC, located on Bryant Street and Draper Street, requesting rezoning from FRD and R-7.5 to FRD-MC. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval with conditions.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Action: Councilor Dill moved to amend the request to require the applicant to submit a site plan for review and approval before the issuance of any land development or building permits.

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Action: Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

- v. **CZ-2021-96:** Property of ECS Development, LLC, located at 201 and 205 Reid School Road, requesting rezoning from R-S to FRD. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended denial.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Motion was denied unanimously.

- vi. **CZ-2021-97:** Property of Linden Hall Development, LLC, located at 3093 S. Highway 14, requesting rezoning from C-3 to C-2. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

- vii. **CZ-2021-98:** Property of Gloria Gonsalves, Trustee to Addie Evans Gonsalves Family and Fudge Brown Evans & etal, located on Sullivan Road and Blue Springs Way, requesting rezoning from R-S to R-12. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

viii. CZ-2021-99: Property of Water Dagger, LLC, located on Hampton Avenue Extension, Kelly Avenue, and Cedar Lane Court, requesting rezoning from R-7.5, R-M20, and C-2 to FRD. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval with conditions.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Action: Councilor Dill moved to amend the request to require the applicant to include the following conditions.

1. To require the applicant to submit a site plan for review and approval before the issuance of any land development or building permits.
2. To require the applicant to revise handicap spaces to meet the current adopted version of ANSI 117.1 as require by Building Codes.

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Action: Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

ix. CZ-2021-101: Property of Don Hawthorne of Huff & Hawthorne LP and Carol P. Hawthorne, located on West Georgia Road and Fork Shoals Road, requesting rezoning from R-S to R-12. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended denial.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Councilor Fant stated the area of the request was so large that staff divided it into 3 (three) separate requests (CZ-2021-101, CZ-2021-102 and CZ-2021-103). The way the original request was presented was in violation of the Comprehensive Plan and the South Greenville Land Use Plan. The developers were trying to come up with something more palatable for the area. The floodplain could not be disturbed as a pond that was dug in the late 50's or early 60's. Mr. Fant stated the project as currently presented was just too large. He asked his colleagues to support staff, the Planning Commission and the Committee by denying the request.

Councilor Harrison asked if denying the request would hinder the owner/developer.

Councilor Fant stated subsequent requests would be more restrictive; therefore, denial of the request would not hinder the timelines of future requests.

Councilor Ballard asked if he was requesting denial of all three requests.

Vice-Chairman Tripp stated the land in question was surrounded by subdivisions. While the requests were not "out of character" with the area, he would support Mr. Fant's request to deny.

Motion was denied.

x. CZ-2021-102: Property of Don Hawthorne of Huff & Hawthorne LP and Carol P. Hawthorne, located on West Georgia Road and Fork Shoals Road, requesting rezoning from R-S to C-3. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended denial.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Motion was denied.

- xi. **CZ-2021-103:** Property of Tracey S. Coleman and Donald H. Hawthorne, located on West Georgia Road, requesting rezoning from R-R1 to R-15. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended denial.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Councilor Dill stated the roads and the traffic in that area were a “torment.” If the request was approved at a later date, he hoped the developer would address the roads and traffic problems.

Vice-Chairman Tripp stated the developer had “worked overtime” to deal with the roads. He had a plan that would cost close to \$1 million for improvements. He hoped the traffic issues, as well as the floodplain issue, could be worked out.

Councilor Ballard stated the roads in question were actually “state roads.” Greenville County had very little ability to address those issues. The developer had been working with SCDOT.

Motion was denied.

b. Project Ram / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and a company or companies known to the county at this time as Project Ram with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, including the provision of certain special source credits; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Greenville – Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment (2010 Park) / Project Green Light

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park (2010 Park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park.

Motion carried unanimously.

d. Project Green Light / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and a company known to the county at this time as Project Green Light with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes; including the provision of certain special source revenue credits; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

e. Greenville – Laurens Multi County Industrial Business Park Amendment (Connexial Center Industrial Park) / Addition of Properties

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a multi-county park agreement, governing a multi-county business and industrial park known as Connexial Center Industrial Park, by and between Greenville County, South Carolina, and Laurens County, South Carolina, to designate the boundaries of the park; and other related matters.

Motion carried unanimously.

f. Project Sticky / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and a company or companies known to the county at this time as Project Sticky with respect to certain economic development property in the county, whereby such property would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

g. Fox Hill Industrial Park / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement and Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for approval at second reading ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of fee in lieu of tax agreements by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Fox Hill Greenville LLC and between Greenville County and 189 Milacron LLC with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, including the provision of certain special source credits; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (10) Ordinance – First Reading

a. Zoning Ordinances

On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill presented for first reading Zoning Dockets **CZ-2021-104** though **CZ-2021-117**, and **CZ-2021-119**.

Chairman Meadows referred the items to the Planning and Development Committee.

Item (11) Committee Reports

a. Committee of the Whole

i. Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee Appointments

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Tripp moved to appoint Penny Cooper and Joyce McCarrell to fill two at-large vacancies on the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (12) Administrator’s Report

Mr. Kernell provided an update on the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP I). All of the funds had been exhausted. In less than 8 months, more than \$14,200,000 had been allocated for rent and utilities, assisting 2856 Greenville County residents. Greenville County was one of approximately 80 localities (counties, cities, states and tribal governments) nationwide that had expended all their available funding.

Mr. Kernell stated the ERAP II Program continued in partnership with United Housing Connections, Home Alliance, GCRA, Greenville Housing Fund and other local agencies. More than 700 applications were submitted between October 15 and November 11. He stated \$278,000 had been distributed in utility and rental assistance. More than 100 calls requesting assistance were received on a daily basis. To date, the Outreach Team had held 13 application sessions in District 23 and District 25, receiving an average of 30 applications per session. Mr. Kernell stated additional applications sessions would be held in District 18, 19, 20 and 26 over the next several months.

Mr. Kernell recognized Nicole Wood and Meredith Papapieris for all their hard work in regards to the ERAP I and ERAP II programs. The ERAP II Program would wrap up in the near future.

Councilor Dill stated he recently heard a newscast regarding federal funds being allocated to South Carolina for roads. He asked Mr. Kernell if he was aware of the proposed funding. It sounded as if a large amount of money was involved.

Mr. Kernell stated he was not aware of the funding; he would share information with Council as it became available.

Councilor Seman asked Mr. Kernell about the City of Greenville moving some of its services to the Halton Road building. She inquired if the move would affect operations at the Law Enforcement Center.

Mr. Kernell stated Greenville County owned the building jointly with the City of Greenville; the County owned the majority of the building. Any portion of the building that was vacated by city employees would be used for county employees.

Councilor Seman inquired about moving county offices located in the West End to the Law Enforcement Center.

Mr. Kernell stated employees of the Sheriff's Office were scattered throughout the County, due to lack of space. The County leased space throughout the area; it would make more sense if they could be consolidated in one location.

Councilor Fant asked if Greenville County would have to compensate the City of Greenville.

Mr. Kernell stated there would be some compensation involved; however, it would not be a large amount of money. The compensation would be based on the city's original contribution, which occurred many years ago. The agreement had not been reviewed in quite some time.

Councilor Dill asked if the City of Greenville would have to restore the vacated area to its original condition. Greenville County would have to spend some money on the vacated offices.

Mr. Kernell stated he would have to review the agreement to determine if there was a "wear and tear" clause. The County had maintained the building in fairly good manner. There had been so many employees "packed in there." It would free up quite a bit of space if the city opted to leave.

Item (13) Requests and Motions

a. Open Special Application Period / Lake Cunningham Fire Service Area

Action: Per notice provided in the Council agenda packet, Councilor Barnes moved to open a special two-week application period for the Lake Cunningham Fire District, in order to fill an unexpired seat due to a resignation.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Councilor Fant stated James McKissick had been appointed to the SCTAC board; he was appointed by the City of Greenville. Mr. Fant looked forward to working with him.

Mr. Fant stated the past few meetings had been so contentious; he applauded Council for its true spirit of cooperation the last couple of days. Council had some great challenges ahead. The \$8 million lost due to the Supreme Court's ruling regarding the road fees had to be replaced. He wanted his colleagues to work together to look to the future and not just the next election. Too often, Council spent too much time preparing for the next election instead of preparing for the next generation.

There were “holes in the budget” that needed to be fixed in regards to the Supreme Court; Council needed to have some serious discussions regarding the roads.

- Councilor Ballard stated he had participated in the Emergency Response Team’s training session that took place on November 5, at the DMV Building. Several other Council Members also participated. The exercise clearly demonstrated how the interoperable radio system had improved the ability of first responders to perform their jobs. He recognized Laura Clinton, who designed the exercise, as well all the participants.

Mr. Ballard stated he and Councilor Seman attended the Inaugural Ignite Luncheon at the Greenville Homeless Alliance on Monday, November 15. There was a speaker from Austin, TX, that talked about the homeless situation in that city and some of the programs that had been implemented to deal with the issue. Mr. Ballard stated homelessness was a problem across the country.

Mr. Ballard thanked his colleagues for supporting the ordinance establishing the agricultural preservation district (AG).

- Councilor Kirven stated he noticed the County had received more than 120 rezoning requests for the year, the most since 2007. He looked forward to passage of the Unified Development Ordinance to streamline the process and cut down on the number of rezoning requests.

He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

- Vice-Chairman Tripp applauded Council for passing the ordinance supporting the AG District.

Mr. Tripp stated he treated his children to lunch on Woodruff earlier in the day. They dined at 11:30 a.m. and Woodruff Road was packed. He recalled the Finance Committee meeting on Monday; it was a great meeting. The committee talked through the Woodruff Road By-pass; they asked a lot of good questions. He encouraged his colleagues to continue supporting the project. Mr. Tripp stated the committee also had a good discussion regarding Mr. Tzouvelekas proposed ordinance regarding the roads.

- Councilor Dill thanked each of his colleagues for their support of the AG District ordinance.

Mr. Dill stated he wanted Council to be serious about the roads. Many people had contacted him about refunds for the road maintenance and complained that they were not seeing any improvements being made on the roads. He felt they were not looking at county roads; they were getting paved. Mr. Dill suggested the roads needed to be paved on a “worst case first” basis. A lot of roads in Greenville County needed to be paved.

- Councilor Barnes stated Council had “voted great” during the meeting, as well as during the Zoning Public Hearing held the previous night. He thanked all those audience members who were in support of the AG District ordinance.

- Councilor Shaw thanked Council for approving the AG District ordinance.

Councilor Shaw congratulated Joyce McCarrell on her appointment to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee. Ms. McCarrell and her sister were the start of the renaissance of Travelers Rest. Their restaurant really anchored the city; it took a great deal of courage to make that decision.

- Councilor Harrison stated it was great that Council had approved the AG District ordinance.

Mr. Harrison stated he also participated in the Emergency Response Team training session. It was fantastic and very impressive.

Mr. Harrison echoed Mr. Fant's comments regarding the \$8 million lost revenue. Greenville County should be a leader in the state. Other counties had taken steps to improve their roads. The County should not get "left behind" and needed to be "bold" when dealing with its road issues.

- Councilor Tzouvelekas stated he appreciated everyone being positive and working together. He thanked Mr. Tripp for his leadership during the Finance Committee meeting. They had discussed putting \$30 million into the County's road budget over the 2-3 years. The Committee also discussed the possibility of doing away with the Greenville County tax portion of the property tax and replace it with a 3¢ hike in the sales tax. He realized the idea would have numerous hurdles but he did not want to give up on the idea. If his colleagues felt it was not possible, he challenged them to come up with a bolder idea.
- Councilor Norris stated she enjoyed the Veterans Day ceremony that was held on November 11; it helped her remember her husband, who was a veteran. She thanked Mr. Kirven for making the arrangements.
- Councilor Seman stated she enjoyed the Inaugural Ignite Luncheon at the Greenville Homeless Alliance. Greenville County received quite a bit of recognition for its role in helping the homeless. She was glad the County was "playing the appropriate role" in dealing with the issue.

Ms. Seman thanked all those audience members in attendance. She stressed the importance of engaging in local government.

Ms. Seman stated Simple Civics was a new podcast released by the Greenville Partnership for Philanthropy. Bob Mihalic, Greenville County Governmental Affairs Officer, was the first guest speaker.

Item (14) Adjournment

Action: Councilor Dill moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina G. McCaskill
Clerk to Council