



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes

Regular Council Meeting

February 15, 2022

6:02 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

None

Staff Present

Joe Kernell, *County Administrator*

Mark Tollison, *County Attorney*

John Hansley, *Deputy County Administrator*

Regina McCaskill, *Clerk to Council*

Jessica Stone, *Deputy Clerk to Council*

Pam Gilliam, *Administrative Assistant*

Hesha Gamble, *Engineering*

Tee Coker, *Planning Director*

Others Present

None

Call to Order

Chairman Willis Meadows

Invocation – *introduced by Councilor Barnes*

Pastor David Noffsinger
Tabernacle Baptist College, Greenville

Pledge of Allegiance

Item (4) Approval of Minutes

Action: Councilor Seman moved to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2022, Regular County Council meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

Item (5) Appearances – Current Agenda Items

There were no speakers.

Item (6) Public Hearings

a. Anderson / Greenville Joint County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment / Equinox Mill LLC

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

f. Kiyatec Inc. (formerly Project Leaf) / Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement and Special Source Credit 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 Kiyatec 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; the execution and delivery of a special source credit agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Comcorner, LLC with respect to the provision of certain special source credits; and other matters related thereto.

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

g. Greenville - Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park (2010 Park) Agreement Amendment / Kiyatec Inc. (formerly Project Leaf)

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

Item (7) Consent Agenda

- a. **Waterline Application / Finley Way (PWI)**
- b. **Waterline Application / Holly Springs Road (PWI)**
- c. **Foundations of American Law and Government Display (PWI)**

Action: Councilor Seman moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items.

Councilor Ballard recognized Reverend Massey, from Holly Springs Baptist Church, who was in attendance. Reverend Massey was the beneficiary of the waterline application for Holly Springs Road; he was very appreciative of Council's vote to approve the request.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (8) Resolutions

- a. **Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict Annexation / Request for Public Hearing – West Georgia and Sullivan Roads**

Action: Councilor Seman moved for adoption a resolution to hold a public hearing to consider enlarging the Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict to include the real properties located at the intersection of West Georgia Road and Sullivan Road, Simpsonville, South Carolina.

Motion carried unanimously.

- b. **Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict Annexation / Request for Public Hearing – Jenkins Bridge Road Property**

Action: Councilor Seman moved for adoption a resolution to hold a public hearing to consider enlarging the Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict to include the real properties located at the intersection of Jenkins Bridge Road and Highway 418, Fountain Inn, South Carolina.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (9) Ordinances – Third Reading

- a. **Greenville – Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park (2010 Park) Agreement Amendment / BRI Augusta Arbor QOBZ LP**

Action: Councilor Seman 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.

Item (10) Ordinances – Second Reading

- a. **Zoning Ordinances**

- i. **CZ-2022-002:** Property of Sally R. Haas, located on St. Albans School Road, requesting rezoning from R-S 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.

Vice-Chairman Tripp stated the property was located in his district; he had received feedback from his constituents, both for and against the request. Mr. Tripp stated his major concern was the water that appeared to “pond up” on one piece of site. He had been assured by the engineer that given the “flatness” of the land and the intended design of the buildings, the neighbors would actually benefit in regards to the water issue. Mr. Tripp stated he was uncertain as to why the Planning Commission had denied the request; the property was surrounded by both R-12 and R-15 zoning. He requested his colleagues vote in favor of the request.

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

- ii. **CZ-2022-003:** Property of Kamlesh Patel of V-go Holdings, LLC, located on W. Georgia Road and Sullivan Road, requesting rezoning from R-S and FRD 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 ordinance to include the following conditions:

- 1. *Submit revised Statement of Intent and Preliminary Land Development and Landscape Plan, addressing comments from the letter dated January 13, 2022.*
- 2. *Submit Final Development Plan for review and approval prior to 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.

- iii. **CZ-2022-004:** Property of Little Loaders, LLC, located at 2310 Anderson Road, requesting rezoning from I-1 to S-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-2022-005:** Property of Burnett W. Todd, located at 8511 White Horse Road, requesting rezoning from R-S to C-2. 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.

- v. **CZ-2022-006:** Property of Burnett W. Todd, located at 8511 White Horse Road, requesting rezoning from R-S 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.

Motion was denied unanimously.

- vi. **CZ-2022-007:** Withdrawn

- vii. **CZ-2022-008:** Property of Chowfair Co., Inc., located on B Street, 3rd Avenue, and 4th Avenue, requesting rezoning from R-7.5 to R-6. 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-2022-009:** Withdrawn

- ix. **CZ-2021-111:** Withdrawn

- x. **CZ-2022-012:** Withdrawn

- xi. **CZ-2022-014:** Property of Dyrone Derek Moss, located on Griffin Mill Road, requesting rezoning from R-S to R-15. The Planning Commission recommended approval and the Committee recommended denial.

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

Councilor Fant stated the property was located in the Moonville area. The area had built up quickly; Council Members were continuously getting emails from citizens complaining about the growth. Both he and Councilor Ballard had consistently voted to slow growth in that area during that past five (5) years. Mr. Fant recommended denial of the request in order to represent the wishes of the citizens.

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved to hold the item. He stated the property was located in his district and he would like the opportunity to speak with the owner to discuss the request. Mr. Tripp stated he and Mr. Fant had discussed holding the item the previous day; he requested Mr. Fant honor the motion to hold.

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

Vice-Chairman Tripp stated it was understood that Council Members would support a colleague's recommendations regarding zoning ordinances located in that member's district.

Councilor Fant stated he had consistently been opposed to development in that particular area. He stated that Councilor Tripp had given up his right to district deferment.

Councilor Dill stated it would not be a wise decision to "kill" the item; he asked his colleagues to give him reasons to do so.

Councilor Fant stated the area was overgrown with development. The majority of the area’s citizens were opposed to additional rapid growth. The roads were “state roads” and the infrastructure was inadequate. The recommendation to deny was simply representing the wishes of the citizens of the area.

Councilor Seman stated the County’s well-trained and qualified staff had recommended approval of the request. The Planning Commission also recommended approval. During the Zoning Public Hearing, there were no speakers in opposition to the request. There was only one (1) citizen letter sent opposing the request. Ms. Seman stated she was confused in regards to the recommendation to deny, given the fact that qualified individuals had recommended approval. She asked about any conversations that occurred at the Committee level. If Council was not in agreement, it should either be held or returned to the Committee.

Action: Councilor Fant called for the question.

After further discussion, the motion to call for the question was denied by a roll call vote of six (Barnes, Meadows, Shaw, Tzouvelekas, Norris and Fant) in favor and six (Dill, Harrison, Seman, Ballard, Kirven and Tripp) in opposition.

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

xii. CZ-2021-106: Withdrawn

xiii. CZ-2021-115: Property of Patricia Ann Williams and Morris Arthur Williams, located at 6342 White Horse Road, requesting rezoning from R-12 to C-3. The Planning Commission recommended approval and the Committee recommended denial.

Chairman Meadows stated the property was located in his district; he requested his colleagues vote in opposition of the request. It was unknown what the owner planned to do with the property.

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

Motion was denied unanimously.

xiv. CZ-2021-119: Withdrawn

b. Zoning Text Amendment / Initiation of Zoning by Petition (CZ-2022-010)

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill presented for second reading an ordinance to amend the Greenville County Zoning Ordinance related to initiation of new zoning by petition in unzoned areas of the County. The Planning Commission recommended approval and the Committee recommended approval as amended.

Action: Councilor Dill moved to amend the ordinance to reflect the changes outlined in the redlined version of the ordinance that was included in the agenda packet.

Section 1. Amend Section 3:2.3 Subsection B of the County Zoning Ordinance to replace the Subsection B with the following:

Section 3:2.3 Subsection B. “Initiation of Zoning by Petition” of the County Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

B. Initiation of Zoning by Petition.

1. For purposes of this subsection, property owners of a minimum of $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 square mile or ~~320~~ 640 acres of contiguous property in an unzoned area of the County may petition for first-time zoning consideration.

Councilor Ballard stated he received an email from one of his constituents, Mr. Moore, who was part of the redistricting of 7,700 acres that occurred in District 26 several years ago. In the email, Mr. Moore outlined the problems that occurred during the two (2) years it took to complete the redistricting process. The residents of District 26 were pleased that the proposed ordinance cut the requirement from 1 square mile to ½ square mile. Mr. Ballard stated Council also received a letter from Andrea Cooper. Ms. Cooper stressed the importance of keeping the second requirement at 320 acres instead of changing it to 640 acres. For many years, citizens were told they needed to be zoned if they wanted better management of their land. Landowners had requested a more streamlined way to be zoned. Staff had developed the proposed ordinance. Both he and Mr. Dill felt it was a very good proposal; their respective districts contained the most unzoned areas. Mr. Ballard requested denial of the proposed amendment.

Chairman Meadows asked Mr. Tollison if the ordinance was on the floor as it was passed in the Planning and Development Committee or as it was amended in Committee. Mr. Meadows stated it appeared as if Council was amending it twice. He felt it should be amended back to 320 acres.

Mr. Tollison stated the Committee could offer an amendment but approval would have to be done during a regular Council meeting.

Councilor Harrison stated that currently, if a citizen wanted to zone their property located in an unzoned part of the County, they had to own 640 acres of contiguous property and 60% of the surrounding residents had to agree with the zoning. Greenville County's professional planners developed an alternative in order to help those individuals wanting to zone their property as well as streamline the process. The original proposal was to drop the acreage requirement from 640 acres to 320 acres but increase the agreement percentage to 100%. During Committee, Councilor Barnes presented an amendment to the acreage requirement but not to the agreement percentage. If Council approved the amendment, it would actually make it more difficult for a landowner to zone their property and was in the "opposite direction" as intended by the professional planning staff. It would be a detriment to landowners if Council moved forward with the amended version. The proposed ordinance had nothing to do with the Agriculture District or Article 22. Approving the amendment would be a "slap in the face" to staff. He urged his colleagues to approve staff's original version.

Councilor Dill thanked Mr. Harrison for his comments. Mr. Dill stated the work "zoning" was hated in his district; many residents felt it was "government intrusion." For the first time in his political career, he had seen landowners who wanted to zone their property; staff's proposal was an attempt to make it easier to do so. He would like to see an unanimous vote in favor of the original proposal; Council needed to give the people the ability to zone their property.

Mr. Tollison stated there was a scrivener's error in the proposed amendment. The requirements of 1 square mile or 640 acres of contiguous property were only noted in the first sentence of Section 1 of the proposed amendment; they should have also been noted at the end of Section 1.

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

Councilor Fant asked why would Council need to vote on the original proposal as the Committee never voted to approve it.

Mr. Tollison stated since the proposed amendment had failed, Council was required to vote on the original proposal from staff.

Councilor Harrison stated he could not understand why some of his colleagues wanted to keep the acreage at 640 and increase the agreement percentage to 100%. It made it substantially more difficult for landowners to zone their property. From a real estate and planning perspective, the County needed more areas zoned. Some issues Greenville County was experiencing with subdivisions, growth and roads would be helped if landowners were able to zone their land. Mr. Harrison suggested Council represent the citizens' wishes.

Councilor Kirven stated if the proposed ordinance was approved, it would not create a permanent condition. A property could be sold and possibly rezoned; it would go through the same process currently in place for rezoning requests. It was important to remember that the ordinance would give people the ability to zone their property and use it how they wanted.

Councilor Dill stated if Council denied landowners the ability to zone their property, it was nothing but “communism”; people should have the right to zone their own property if they wanted to do so.

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Item (11) Ordinances – First Reading

a. Zoning Ordinances

Councilor Dill presented for first reading Zoning Ordinance **CZ-2022-016 through CZ-2022-018**.

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

Item (12) Committee Reports

There were no reports.

Item (13) Administrator’s Report

Mr. Kernell stated during the previous week, the Planning Staff conducted a two-day Planning and Design Workshop for the Augusta Road Corridor. The workshop was hosted at the Greenville Convention Center; it involved nearly 100 residents and stakeholders who provided ideas for the future of the project area, a one-mile section of Augusta Road near the I-85 interchange.

Key concepts developed during the workshop included an Augusta Road streetscape, I-85 beautification, a future Brushy Creek greenway, school campus, supportive housing village and mobility hub as well as opportunities for multi-family housing, job training and economic development. Next steps included refining design concepts and conducting follow-up conversations with stakeholders. The Augusta Road Corridor Workshop materials and presentation were available for review on the Greenville County website (www.greenvillecounty.org).

Mr. Kernell stated a couple of Council Members were able to attend the workshop. The Planning Staff did an excellent job putting the workshop together. He thanked Tee Coker and staff for making all their hard work.

Item (14) Requests and Motions

- Councilor Dill recognized the students from Blue Ridge High School who were in attendance. They were currently enrolled in Ms. Woods’ Government class.

Mr. Dill stated he planned to bring modifications to Zoning Ordinance CZ-2022-022; it had proven to be troublesome.

- Councilor Barnes recognized the staff of Greer Relief and Resources Agency who were in attendance. He asked Carolyn Roberts, Executive Director, to speak on behalf of the organization. He thanked them for all they did for the citizens of Greer and the surrounding area.

Ms. Roberts stated Greer Relief and Resources Agency existed to transform neighbors in need to neighbors who thrive, by providing services to eliminate poverty and help neighbors overcome barriers for success.

- Councilor Harrison read the following quote by Colin Powell, the former Secretary of State:

"Leadership is solving problems. The day soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help or concluded you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership."

Mr. Harrison asked his colleagues to reflect on the quote; he hoped they remembered its significance in subsequent meetings.

- Councilor Norris requested a meeting with Mr. Kernell and staff from Parks and Recreation staff in regards to New Washington Heights.

- Councilor Seman stated after reading some of the news articles regarding the previous day's Finance Committee meeting, she wanted Mr. Kernell to clarify some of the information contained in those articles.

Ms. Seman inquired about the County's bonding capacity; one of the articles cited a Council Member as stating that Greenville County did not have \$38 million in bonding capacity.

Mr. Kernell stated Greenville County had a number of funds with different sources of revenue; those funds determined the County's bonding capacity. Greenville County's budget determined the amount it could borrow; it was inaccurate to state that the County did not have a certain bonding capacity. The bonding capacity of the County's General Fund was much greater than some of its funds with lesser amounts; the General Fund contained the "lion's share" of the County's revenue. It would be difficult to state the County's bonding capacity at any given moment as it varied, depending on a number of different factors such as interest rates. Currently, hospitality tax was a "hot topic" and the County had special source revenue bonding capacity related to it. General Obligation Bonds were based on the General Fund; those bonds had the full faith and credit of Greenville County Government behind them. Special Source Revenue bonds, a different type of debt instrument, were based on tax and other revenue sources to support the debt. Coverage ratios were also needed to cover outstanding debt.

Mr. Kernell stated Greenville County had a AAA credit rating and was one of approximately 23-24 counties nationwide with such. That credit rating helped the County operate at a lower cost than many other places. Some cities and counties had difficulties with debt financing; Mr. Kernell added there was nothing wrong with debt financing, if a governmental entity had the wherewithal to pay for it. Currently, Greenville County was in the unique position of being able to borrow money in the 2% range for 20 years; most other entities were unable to do so. Many times, Greenville County was able to issue more proceeds than what was actually owed. In other words, the County may request to borrow \$50 million, the bank would offer \$56 million but only require a payback of \$50 million at 2% for 20 years.

Councilor Seman stated another item of concern was the fact that it had been stated that the County had \$500 million in capital projects "in the pipeline."

Mr. Kernell stated the County did not have \$500 million in capital projects in the pipeline. There were "tens of millions" in capital projects, such as the Convention Center and road improvements that could add up to a significant amount of money.

Chairman Meadows stated he was misquoted in the articles. He had actually stated that since Thanksgiving of 2021, the County had received requests for capital projects exceeding \$500 million. He did not think Greenville County had \$500 million to "hand out" for capital projects; his intent was to relay that the County had to determine which projects were priority.

- Councilor Fant commended Tee Coker and his staff for a job well done with the Augusta Road Corridor charrette that was held the previous week. Jody Bryson of SCTAC and Leslie Farmer of Lockheed Martin were in attendance.

On January 28, Lockheed Martin delivered the first retro-fitted F-16 to Edwards Air Force Base in California. Lockheed Martin was originally selected as the first F-16 sustainment depot program in December of 2020. The first jet arrived in Greenville for work in the spring of 2021.

- Councilor Ballard stated when he first decided to run for County Council, Councilman Fred Payne told him that Council Members not only represented the people in their District, but, the County as a whole, given the fact that Greenville County Council did not have at-large seats. In his eight (8) years on Council, he had served both the people of his District and the citizens of Greenville County, to the best of his ability. He was a "public servant" and was elected to serve the citizens of Greenville County.

During the Finance Committee meeting held on Monday, February 14, three (3) Council Members "killed" an important economic project. Twice in the past few months the same thing had happened. That vote prevented the other seven (7) Council Members from being able to vote on the issue; all Council Members should have the opportunity to vote on issues with county-wide implications. The action also prevented 304,500 citizens of Greenville County from even being represented in the

decision; that action was wrong. Mr. Ballard stated all of his colleagues who had consistently voted against the will of the people and made calculated votes to prevent a majority of Council from being able to participate, could pat themselves on the back and feel good about how powerful they are. He hoped they could sleep at night.

Item (15) Adjournment

Action: Councilor Kirven moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina G. McCaskill
Clerk to Council