



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes

Regular Council Meeting

April 19, 2022

6:03 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*

Nicole Wood, *Assistant County Administrator*

Meredith Papapieris, *Director of Grants and Special Projects*

Others Present

Sheriff Hobart Lewis, *Greenville County Sheriff's Office*

Beverly James, *Director, Greenville County Library System*

Sid Cates, *Greenville County Library System Board of Trustees*

Steve Cole, *Director, Greater Greenville Sanitation*

Call to Order

Chairman Willis Meadows

Invocation

Councilor Xanthene Norris

Pledge of Allegiance

Item (4) **Approval of Minutes**

Action: Councilor Seman moved to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2022, Regular County Council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (5) **Proclamations**

a. Child Abuse Prevention Month

Councilor Seman presented a proclamation proclaiming April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Greenville County. She encouraged all South Carolinians to dedicate themselves to protecting the quality of life for every child.

b. Urban League of the Upstate / 50th Anniversary

Councilor Fant presented a proclamation honoring The Urban League of the Upstate on its 50th Anniversary; celebrating a vision where all people could adequately support themselves and their families, live in neighborhoods that were vibrant and thriving, and were valued members of the community.

Item (6) **Appearances – Current Agenda Items**

- **Ed Paxton** – appeared regarding Item 15.b. Greenville Area Development Corporation Assistance Resolution

Item (7) **Public Hearings**

a. Enlarge the Boundaries of the Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict to Overlap the Boundaries of the Parker Sewer and Fire Subdistrict and Taylors Fire and Sewer District

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public in regards to enlarging the boundaries of the Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict to overlap the boundaries of the Parker Sewer and Fire Subdistrict and Taylors Fire and Sewer District.

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

b. Repeal the Establishment of a Fire Service Area within the Parker Sewer and Fire Subdistrict

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public in regards to repealing the provisions of Ordinance No. 5249, as amended by Ordinance No. 5284, pertaining to the establishment of a fire service area within the Parker Sewer And Fire Subdistrict; and other matters related thereto.

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

c. Repeal the Establishment of a Fire Service Area Within the Taylors Fire and Sewer District

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public in regards to repealing the provisions of Ordinance No. 5249, as amended by Ordinance No. 5284, pertaining to the establishment of a fire service area within the Taylors Sewer And Fire Subdistrict; and other matters related thereto.

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

d. Project Stagecoach 3 / 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 at this time as Project Stagecoach 3 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.

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

Item (8) Resolutions

a. Abandoned Textile Mill Site Certification – 701 Poinsett Highway, Greenville

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption a resolution to provide certification pursuant to the South Carolina Textile Communities Revitalization Act (S.C. Code Section 12-65-10 et seq.) for that certain property located at 701 Poinsett Highway and being contiguous to the former Piedmont Shirt Factory In Greenville, South Carolina.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Abandoned Textile Mill Site Certification – 304 Arcadia Drive, Greenville

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption a resolution to provide a certification pursuant to the South Carolina Textile Communities Revitalization Act (S.C. Code Section 12-65-10 et seq.) for that certain property located at 304 Arcadia Drive In Greenville, South Carolina.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (9) Ordinances – Third Reading

a. Carastar Mill Group, Inc. (formerly Project Rebuild) / 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 Carastar Mill Group, 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.

Item (10) Ordinances – Second Reading

a. Zoning Ordinances

i. CZ-2022-019: Property of True-Cut Division of Precision Machine Repair, Inc., located at 231 S. Florida Avenue, requesting rezoning from R-10 to S-1. The Planning Commission and the Committee recommended denial.

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

Motion was denied unanimously.

- ii. **CZ-2022-020:** Property of Juan Carlos Salinas and Lilian Yadira Aguiriano, located at 1111 S. Highway 14, Greer, requesting rezoning from R-15 to C-1. The Planning Commission and the Committee recommended denial.

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

Motion was denied unanimously.

- iii. **CZ-2022-022:** Property of Philip A. Tripp, Marjorie Jeanne Tripp, Holder Family Limited Partnership, Bennie Moon Griffin Blakely and Martha Gail Griffin Richardson, located on Old Augusta Road Ext., Moon Acres Road, J. Walter Moon Blvd., Interstate 85 Exit Ramp, Piedmont, requesting rezoning from S-1 to R-M20. The Planning Commission and the Committee recommended denial.

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

Motion was denied unanimously.

- iv. **CZ-2022-024:** Property of Wayne Blake, located at 104 Huff Drive, Greenville, requesting rezoning from R-15 to R-12. 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.

Motion was denied with Vice-Chairman Tripp and Councilor Dill voting in favor.

- v. **CZ-2022-025:** Property of James Frederick Pachter and Lucy Davis-Pachter, located at 4909 State Park Road, Travelers Rest, requesting rezoning from R-S to AG. The Planning Commission and the Committee recommended approval.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- vi. **CZ-2022-026:** Property of Pelham Davis Properties, LLC, located at 212 Pelham Davis Circle, Greenville, requesting rezoning from I-1 to S-1. The Planning Commission and the Committee recommended approval.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- vii. **CZ-2022-028:** Property of Regina Gail Jones, located at 109 Hallcox Street, Greenville, requesting rezoning from R-20 to R-6. The Planning Commission and the Committee recommended approval.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- viii. **CZ-2022-030:** Property of Linda R. Miller, Iris R. Hooper and Adon Olam Messianic Congregation, located on Emily Lane and Pine Drive, Piedmont, requesting rezoning from Unzoned to R-M20. The Planning Commission and the Committee recommended approval.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- b. **An Ordinance to Repeal and Amend Provisions of Ordinance No. 5248 as Amended and Ordinance No. 5249 as Amended - Regarding the Sewer Sub-District Consolidation**

Action: Councilor Seman moved for approval at second reading an ordinance (1) enlarging the boundaries of Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict to overlap the boundaries of the Parker Sewer and Fire Subdistrict and the Taylors Fire and Sewer District; (2) repealing the creation of the Parker Fire Service Area; (2) repealing certain provisions of Ordinance No. 5248, as amended by Ordinance 5283, pertaining to the consolidation of Parker Sewer and Fire Subdistrict and Taylors Fire and Sewer District into Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict; (3) repealing the provisions of Ordinance No. 5249, as amended by Ordinance No. 5284, pertaining to the establishment of fire service areas within the areas of Parker Sewer and Fire Subdistrict and Taylors Fire and Sewer District; and (4) other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

- c. **Project Stagecoach 3 / 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 at this time as Project Stagecoach 3, 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.

Item (11) Ordinances – First Reading

- a. **Zoning Ordinances**

Councilor Dill presented for first reading Zoning Dockets **CZ-2022-31, CZ-2022-33 through CZ-2022-38, CZ-2022-40 and CZ-2022-41.**

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

- b. **FY2023 Greenville County Library System Budget**

Vice-Chairman Tripp presented for first reading an ordinance to approve the appropriation of funds for the Greenville County Library System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023; and to authorize the annual ad valorem property tax millage levy for library purposes.

Chairman Meadows stated the item would remain on the floor for a public hearing.

Item (12) Board and Commission / Ballot Results

a. Greater Greenville Sanitation District (1 vacancy)

Chairman Meadows stated Brian Garrison was elected to fill one vacancy on the Greater Greenville Sanitation District Board.

Item (13) Committee Reports

a. Committee of the Whole

i. Board and Commission / Appointments

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Tripp moved to appoint by acclamation the following:

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission	Ernest Hamilton Herman Roberts Veeral Oza Theresa Thompson
Parks, Recreation and Tourism Advisory Committee	Thomas Bates, Jr. Frank Mansbach
South Carolina Technology and Aviation Center Board	Henry McCullough
Zoning Board of Appeals	Brittany Farrar
Arena District Board	Clifton Dyer Barry Formanack Dante Russo
Greenville Area Development Corporation	Justin Bagwell William Moon Charles Piszczor
Boiling Springs Fire District	William Flack
Buxton Special Tax District	Amy Stone
Linkside Special Tax District	David Armstrong Norman Barrett

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (14) Administrator's Report

There was no report.

Item (15) Requests and Motions

a. Open Special Application Period for the Canebrake Fire District

Action: As noticed on the County Council agenda, Councilor Ballard moved to open a special two-week application period for the Canebrake Fire District in order to fill an unexpired term due to a recent resignation.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Greenville Area Development Corporation Assistance Resolution

Action: As noticed on the County Council agenda, Councilor Harrison presented a resolution requesting that the Greenville Area Development Corporation provide assistance to County Council with respect to certain development projects seeking FILOT status and other incentives; he requested the resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Chairman Meadows referred the item to the Finance Committee.

- Councilor Seman stated Dr. Stacey Mills was recently appointed the new Executive Director for Racial Equity and Economic Mobility (REEM). She had served on that commission, along with Mr. Kirven, for a couple of years; she looked forward to Dr. Mills' implementing some of the potential solutions the commission had recommended to deal with the community's challenges. Ms. Seman suggested inviting Dr. Mills to speak at a Committee of the Whole meeting in order to discuss ways Greenville County could be supportive of his efforts.

Ms. Seman stated she recently attended a United Ministries Luncheon and the keynote speaker was Brian Stephenson. The luncheon was very moving. It reminded her that there were a lot of good things happening in Greenville County; however, there was still work to do.

- Councilor Fant stated Argo AI announced plans to establish a self-driving vehicle technology test facility at the ITIC test track located at SCTAC. The Pittsburgh-based company conducted a nationwide search for the perfect combination of test track amenities before selecting ITIC as its new strategic partner. He asked his colleagues to congratulate SCTAC and its entire team for a job well done. Mr. Fant stated Argo AI would be a great asset to the community.
- Councilor Ballard stated during the previous week, ReWa provided its quarterly wet weather program update; the program was coming along very nicely. MetroConnects and GADC also met to discuss revitalization of the new sewer system. It had been a long process and the end was in sight.
- Councilor Kirven stated he was very disappointed that Councilor Harrison's proposed GADC assistance resolution was referred to the Finance Committee, as opposed to the Committee of the Whole. Counties executed economic incentives based on the powers of authority as granted by state law; those powers were used judiciously. GADC operated under a strict set of parameters approved by County Council. Mr. Kirven stated full Council should have the opportunity to weigh in on the item. Funneling it through the Finance Committee could bring about major changes to the policy, possibly affecting the County's finances extensively.
- Councilor Dill stated later in the evening he planned to attend a meeting at Christian Release Time. The Christian Release Time Education program actually started at his church; and, he was one of the individuals responsible for establishing the program in South Carolina. He looked forward to the meeting.

Item (16) Adjournment

Action: Councilor Dill moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina G. McCaskill
Clerk to Council