



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
October 18, 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

Terrance Galloway, Information Systems
Marcus Angel, Information Systems
Hesha Gamble, Assistant County Administrator
Tee Coker, Assistant County Administrator
Rashida Jeffers-Campbell, Planning Director

Others Present

Sheriff Hobart Lewis
Rick Bradley
Benton Blount

Call to Order

Chairman Willis Meadows

Invocation

Councilor Lynn Ballard

Pledge of Allegiance

Item (4) **Approval of Minutes**

a. October 4, 2022 – Regular County Council Meeting

Action: Councilor Seman moved to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2022, Regular County Council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- **Jack Logan** – appeared regarding Item 12.ii. Affordable Housing Policy
- **Stephen Shelato** – appeared regarding Item 12.i. Board and Commission Appointments
- **Audrey Pasin** – appeared regarding Item 7.b. Parks and Recreation Development Fund Grant – Freetown Community Center Basketball Courts
- **Ruth Patton** – appeared regarding Item 12.ii. Affordable Housing Policy
- **Tabatha Crawford** – appeared regarding Item 12.ii. Affordable Housing Policy
- **Julia Olson** – appeared regarding Item 14.a. Impact Fees for All New Residential Development in the Stallings Road / Reid School Road / Edwards Mills Road / State Park Road Corridor
- **Christina Belge** – appeared regarding Item 12.ii. Affordable Housing Policy
- **Richard Matthews** – appeared regarding Item 11.f. Keep and Bear Arms Jurisdiction Ordinance Update
- **James Hoard** – appeared regarding Item Keep and Bear Arms Jurisdiction Ordinance Update

Item (6) **Public Hearings**

a. Proposed Relinquishment / Anderson Mill Road

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding the proposed maintenance relinquishment of approximately 4230 SF of Anderson Mill Road right of way in order for the surplus property to be used for personal property by the adjacent property owner.

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

Item (7) **Consent Agenda**

- a. Proposed Relinquishment / Anderson Mill Road (PWI)**
- b. Parks and Recreation Development Fund Grant – Freetown Community Center Basketball Courts (Finance)**
- c. DHEC Grant – Medical Examiner Toxicology Testing (Finance)**
- d. Community Project – City of Mauldin / Wreaths Across America Ceremony (Finance)**

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved approval of the Consent Agenda items.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (8)

Resolutions

a. Historic Property Designation / Piedmont YWCA

Action: Councilor Dill moved for adoption a resolution approving local historic designation for the Piedmont YWCA located at 7 Piedmont Avenue in Piedmont.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Berea Public Service District General Obligation Bond / Request for Public Hearing

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption a resolution calling for a public hearing to be held upon the question of the issuance of not exceeding \$3,000,000 of general obligation bonds of Berea Public Service District, South Carolina and to provide for the publication of the notice of such hearing.

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Abandoned Textile Mill Certification / Sans Souci Cotton Warehouse

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 the property formerly known as the Sans Souci Cotton Warehouse on Old Bleachery Road, Greenville, South Carolina.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (9)

Ordinances – Third Reading

a. Zoning Ordinances

i. CZ-2022-067: Property of Elaine Means Haugabook and Erin Means Mellen, located on Old Bramlett Road, Greenville, requesting rezoning from S-1 to FRD as amended.

Action: Councilor Dill moved adoption of the ordinance at third reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

ii. CZ-2022-069: Property of International Properties, LLC, located at 251 Cesame Street, Piedmont, requesting rezoning from R-S to I-2.

Action: Councilor Dill moved adoption of the ordinance at third reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

iii. CZ-2022-071: Property of Jay Ambe 1, LLC, located at 8811 Augusta Road, Pelzer, requesting rezoning from C-3 to C-2.

Action: Councilor Dill moved adoption of the ordinance at third reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

- iv. **CZ-2022-072:** Property of Abel Duran, located on Old Greenville Road, Piedmont, requesting rezoning from S-1 to R-20.

Action: Councilor Dill moved adoption of the ordinance at third reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

- v. **CZ-2022-073:** Property of Venture Home Buyers, LLC, located at 305 Minus Street and 117 Middleton Street, Greenville, requesting rezoning from R-7.5 to R-6.

Action: Councilor Dill moved adoption of the ordinance at third reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

- vi. **CZ-2022-075:** Property of Piedmont Village Partners, LLC, located on Ridge Row Street, Mill Street and Main Street, Piedmont, requesting rezoning from Unzoned to R-M8.

Action: Councilor Dill moved adoption of the ordinance at third reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Greenville County Historic and Natural Resources Trust (HNRT) / Shiloh Ridge (formerly Project Legacy)

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance authorizing the Greenville County Historic and Natural Resources Trust (HNRT) to provide funding for the Shiloh Ridge at Paris Mountain Project.

Councilor Shaw stated the park was located in his district; he was very excited about the project and totally supported it. The project consisted of at least 100 acres and was the “gem” of Greenville County. Mr. Shaw stated it would be like the “Central Park” of the County. A number of residents on Altamont Road had voiced concerns about the increase in traffic, given the fact that the proposal included an additional entrance on Altamont Road. Greenville County was not a party to the project; however, it was a major donor. He suggested the County not participate unless the parties agreed to keep the existing entrance to the park and not put an additional entrance on Altamont Road. The number of visitors to the park was expected to increase. Mr. Shaw stated there had been no discussions with Greenlink to provide “park and ride” services.

Action: Councilor Shaw moved to hold the item until the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Vice-Chairman Tripp stated the park was certainly a “gem” in Greenville County and he fully supported the project. Closing on the property was scheduled for November 15, which left a narrow amount of time to work things out. He would be in favor of holding the item as long as Council voted on it during the November 1 meeting.

Councilor Shaw stated he was certain two weeks was more than enough time to give all interested parties the opportunity to solve the traffic issues.

Councilor Fant stated he fully supported the project. The item was at third reading and there had been no previous motion to allow for amendments at third reading. He had discussed the issue with Councilor Shaw, Vice-Chairman Tripp and Councilor Kirven; they were in agreement with the motion to hold, keeping in mind the anticipated closing date of November 15.

Mr. Tollison stated a motion to allow for amendments at third reading was needed in order to amend the item at the next Council meeting, if necessary. A motion to allow for amendments at third reading was required prior to a motion to hold. He advised Mr. Shaw to withdraw the motion to hold.

Councilor Shaw withdrew the motion to hold.

Action: Councilor Shaw moved to allow for amendments at third reading.

Councilor Kirven stated he was in favor of the motion to hold; however, he was a bit leery of the motion to allow for amendments at third reading. Council had no idea what those amendments were; they may be unacceptable to Parks, Recreation and Tourism or the State of South Carolina. They may be unenforceable by the County, thus, jeopardizing the entire project.

Councilor Harrison asked if the State Park System had indicated changes were necessary, and, if the proposed two week delay was to allow time to make those changes.

Councilor Shaw stated it was unknown if changes were needed; that was the reason for the motion to hold. He had not spoken to anyone at the State Park System. Mr. Shaw stated he had not seen a written commitment. He did not want to “mess up” any contracts and he agreed with the wisdom of Councilor Kirven.

Friendly Amendment Councilor Seman offered a friendly amendment to make a motion to hold for two weeks; then at that time, if an amendment was needed that suited the body, Council Rules could be suspended to deal with the issue.

Action: Councilor Shaw moved to hold the item until the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Councilor Ballard stated according to Council Rules, prior to consideration of an amendment at third reading, the proposed amendment must be included in the Council agenda packet.

Motion to hold carried unanimously.

c. Erchonia Corporation LLC (formerly Project Shank) / 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 Erchonia Corporation LLC (formerly Project Shank) with respect to certain economic 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.

d. **Paxton Access Inc. (formerly Project Security) / 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 Paxton Access Inc. (formerly Project Security) with respect to certain economic 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) **Ordinances – Second Reading**

a. **Zoning Ordinances**

i. **CZ-2022-076:** Property of SF Capital Investments, LLC, located at 101 and 105 Fedex Way, Greenville, requesting rezoning from R-M20 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.

ii. **CZ-2022-078:** Property of Robert Jones, Jr., located at 20 Draper Street, Greenville, requesting rezoning from O-D to NC. 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 include that the applicant must submit a 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-2022-080:** Property of R & K Equity, LLC, located at 210 Earle Drive, Greenville, requesting rezoning from R-M20 to S-1. 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.

iv. **CZ-2022-081:** Withdrawn

- v. **CZ-2022-082:** Property of S & H Enterprise LLC, located on St. Mark Road, Taylors, R-20 to R-M10. 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.

vi. **CZ-2022-083,** Withdrawn

vii. **CZ-2022-084,** Withdrawn

- b. **Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment / To Amend Section 3:2.11 to Include Stay of Enforcement Action (CZ-2022-077)**

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to amend the Greenville County Zoning Ordinance to add additional language to Article 3 Section 3:2.11 Stay of Proceedings. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (11) **Ordinances – First Reading**

- a. **Zoning Ordinances**

Councilor Dill presented for first reading Zoning Dockets **CZ-2022-087, CZ-2022-088, CZ-2022-090, CZ-2022-092, and CZ-2022-94** through **CZ-2022-097**.

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

- b. **Berea Public Service District / General Obligation Bond**

Vice-Chairman Tripp presented for first reading an ordinance finding that BerEA Public Service District, South Carolina may issue not exceeding \$3,000,000 of general obligation bonds; to authorize BerEA Public Service Commission to issue such bonds and to provide for the publication of notice of the said finding and authorization.

Chairman Meadows stated the item would remain on the floor until the public hearing at second reading.

- c. **Greenville - Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park (2010 Park) Agreement Amendment / Project Iceberg / Lifeboat**

Vice-Chairman Tripp presented for first reading an ordinance approving an amendment for the enlargement of the joint county industrial and business park by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Anderson County, South Carolina (2010 Park); and matters relating thereto.

Chairman Meadows stated the item would remain on the floor until the public hearing at second reading.

d. **Willcoll Land, LLC (formerly Project Mila) / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement Amendment**

Vice-Chairman Tripp presented for first reading an ordinance authorizing the amendment of that fee agreement between Willcoll Land, LLC dated April 6, 2021, as previously partially assigned, by adding additional land and economic development area to the fee agreement.

Chairman Meadows stated the item would remain on the floor until the public hearing at second reading.

e. **Greenville - Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park (2010 Park) Agreement Amendment / Willcoll Land, LLC (formerly Project Mila)**

Vice-Chairman Tripp presented for first 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.

Chairman Meadows stated the item would remain on the floor until the public hearing at second reading.

f. **Keep and Bear Arms Jurisdiction Ordinance Update**

Councilor Shaw presented for first reading an ordinance updating Greenville County's declaration as a right to keep and bear arms jurisdiction for Second Amendment Rights; and to repeal Ordinance No. 5335.

Chairman Meadows referred the item to the Public Safety Committee.

Item (12)

Committee Reports

a. **Committee of the Whole**

i. **Board and Commission Appointments**

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

- *B. J. Koonce to fill one vacancy on the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee*
- *Stephen Jones and Bill Stewart to fill two vacancies on the Construction Board of Appeals*
- *Jason Forister and Teresa Slack to fill two vacancies on the Historic Preservation Commission*
- *James Akers, Jr. to fill one vacancy on the Board of Zoning Appeals*
- *Marcia Moston to fill one vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees*
- *James Campbell, Natalie Crews and Scott Kilgore to fill three vacancies on the Museum Commission*
- *Roy Earnest to fill one vacancy on the Greater Greenville Sanitation District Board*
- *Mary Hirsch, Jamie Pimentel and Robert Powell to fill three vacancies on the Chanticleer Community Commission*

- *Michael Ballenger* to fill one vacancy on the *Devenger Pointe Special Tax District*
- *Charles Holland and Jeffrey Lipper* to fill two vacancies on the *Donaldson Center Fire Service Area Board*
- *Randy Boyette and Sandra Fraser* to fill two vacancies on the *Old Mill Estates Special Tax District*
- *Anne Holden* to fill one vacancy on the *Terra Pines Estates Special Tax District*

Motion carried unanimously.

ii. **Affordable Housing Policy**

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Tripp moved to approve the Affordable Housing Policy as amended in the October 4th Committee of the Whole meeting.

Councilor Fant stated Greenville County Schools requested more definitive language regarding millage, as well as an addition to the eleven (11) eligibility criteria approved by Council.

Action: Councilor Fant moved to amend the item to include the following:

12. *The revenue generated from the multi county park would be distributed to the affected taxing entities in proportion to the millage rates of those entities.*

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Action: Councilor Tzouvelekas move to amend the item to add a requirement for the County Administrator to provide a yearly update to Council regarding the inventory of affordable housing in Greenville County.

Councilor Ballard inquired if the proposed report was to include affordable housing units that had benefitted from the Affordable Housing Policy or all affordable housing in Greenville County.

Councilor Tzouvelekas stated he would like to know what the County was doing with the policy. The intent of the motion was to help determine if the policy was successful.

Councilor Fant stated he understood the motion was to require an annual assessment of the effectiveness of the policy. The item was intended to be a policy, not an ordinance, in order to be a very fluid document. It would be amended, as needed, in an effort to fine tune the policy and be as effective as possible. Mr. Fant suggested Council Members discuss the success of the policy with Mr. Kernell. He stated the item in question would be “tweaked” and was simply a starting point. Councilor Fant stated he was not certain the proposed amendment was necessary, as the policy would be continuously changed, as needed.

Councilor Tzouvelekas stated he appreciated Mr. Fant’s comments; however, he felt the policy needed a reporting requirement.

Councilor Harrison stated tracking was built-in to the policy. Annual checks would be completed to ensure the AMI figures were correct for the residents. It would be difficult to assign a definitive time to a report; the start or end of a fiscal year could be immediately before or after a project. Mr. Harrison stated it would be better to ask for updates as needed rather than assigning a reporting timeframe. Updates could be requested from the County Administrator at every Council meeting, if needed.

Vice-Chairman Tripp stated he applauded Mr. Tzouvelekas' motive behind the motion as it would hold government accountable. Mr. Tripp inquired about the reporting requirements or tracking mechanisms that were already included in the policy.

Mr. Kernell stated the information Mr. Tzouvelekas was requesting would be provided automatically. According to the policy, an annual report was required for any project approved by Council. Mr. Kernell stated those reports would be forwarded to Council.

Vice-Chairman Tripp asked if it would be necessary to hire additional staff to manage the projects.

Mr. Kernell stated it would depend on the number of requests the County received from developers. He stated staff was not anticipating a large number of approved projects; however, additional staff may be required if there were numerous requests.

Councilor Dill asked how would the policy monetarily affect the taxpayers of Greenville County.

Councilor Kirven stated the policy did not "drop a blanket" on Greenville County in terms of all affordable housing. It was designed to be similar to GADC. Applicants would present a project to County staff. If the project fit within the criteria and parameters of the policy, staff would work with the applicant to bring the project to County Council for approval. The policy could be adjusted, as needed; that was the "beauty" in having a policy as opposed to an ordinance.

Councilor Tzouvelekas stated it was his understanding that the City of Greenville required 25% of all new homes built to be affordable housing.

Mr. Kernell stated the City of Greenville could not make that a requirement due to zoning. They do request that developers consider a minimum of 20%; however, that number could change.

Chairman Meadows stated it was a request that the developers dared not abide by; it was taken as a requirement. He had spoken with developers who had indicated they could not afford to make 20% of their builds affordable housing. The City of Greenville referred developers to Council to "get some help." Mr. Meadows stated six (6) developers had already applied. Chairman Meadows stated it was important for the taxpayers of Greenville County to know how much each project was going to cost. The majority of Council Members had no idea how much it would cost. He cited a study that was completed a few years ago that indicated there was no capacity within the County's budget for new expenditures to address the issue of affordable housing, without negatively affecting other needs and services. The County's revenue sources were not suited to undertake the social services which were normally funded through HUD or other state/federal programs. When the study was done, there was not enough money to fund affordable housing; Mr. Meadows stated nothing had changed. The study did

allude to Act 432, which required Prisma Health to give \$1 million yearly to Greenville County for affordable housing, if the hospital showed a profit. He assumed that had actually occurred and the County should have approximately \$4 million to use for affordable housing. GCRA had done a good job in the area of affordable housing. It's focus was home ownership, not renting. Proceeds from the sale of homes were used to replenish the funds. That process was much better than the proposed policy, which would take money from poor and middle class citizens and give it to the well-off. The policy would not help those citizens who really needed help; it was a "boondoggle."

Councilor Harrison stated most of the information Mr. Meadows had relayed was "factually incorrect." He offered to discuss the issue in detail with any of his colleagues. The policy would be good for Greenville County, as well as a model for other cities across the country.

Chairman Meadows stated he had requested "the facts" from Mr. Harrison, Mr. Fant, Mr. Kernell and Mr. Tollison. He had not received any information thus far. If he was wrong, he was willing to admit it.

Councilor Seman stated one of the privileges of being on Council was the opportunity to vote on issues. She appreciated Mr. Meadows' perspective and it was each Council Members purview to vote "no" on the policy. The motion on the floor was to add a reporting requirement from the Administrator; the discussion appeared to have delved away from the original motion.

Action: Councilor Seman called for the question.

Without objection, the motion to call for the question carried.

Motion on the floor was to amend the item to add a requirement for the County Administrator to provide a yearly update to Council regarding the inventory of affordable housing in Greenville County.

Motion carried with a roll call vote of seven (Dill, Barnes, Meadows, Harrison, Tzouvelekas, Norris and Tripp) in favor and five (Shaw, Seman Fant, Ballard and Kirven) in opposition.

Action: Councilor Tzouvelekas moved to amend the item to add a requirement to renew the policy every five (5) years, after the initial reassessment.

Chairman Meadows stated the agreement was for 20 years, which appeared to lock-in the rates outlined in the policy for that length of time, unless it was tied into the reassessment.

Mr. Kernell stated it appeared Council was putting "the cart before the horse." The proposed policy was simply a starting point. Any request by a developer to use the policy would be presented to Council as an ordinance, requiring three readings as well as negotiations. The same rates may or may not be used for 20 years. Rents would continue to increase as properties values increased. Mr. Kernell stated adjustments would be needed. The purpose of the policy was to incentivize developers in regards to affordable housing; it was never intended to enrich anyone. If a developer failed to submit any of the required paperwork, their abatement would be taken away.

Vice-Chairman Tripp stated the policy did not state that the County was to provide affordable housing. It simply laid out a table of parameters to be used. If Council chose to sunset the policy, developers could request any amount of credit. The policy was just “guide rails” to stipulate what a developer would need to “bring to the table” if they wanted to use participate.

Councilor Kirven stated the policy did not provide any incentives or “spend a dime.” It was a place to start a discussion. Any action generated by the policy would be presented to Council for approval by ordinance.

Councilor Fant stated he understood Mr. Tzouvelekas’ concerns. Council did not want to give the impression that the policy would be eliminated in five (5) years. Developers would be “terrified”, as there would be no incentive to start a project if the policy was going to be retracted.

Councilor Tzouvelekas inquired as to what would happen if Council did not want the policy to remain in place and at what time would the County have enough affordable housing.

Councilor Kirven stated it was impossible to determine when the County would have enough affordable housing. The policy would be adjusted, as needed.

Motion to amend the item to add a requirement to renew the policy every five (5) years, after the initial reassessment, was denied.

Motion as amended carried by a roll call vote of nine (Dill, Barnes, Shaw, Harrison, Seman, Fant, Ballard, Kirven and Tripp) in favor and three (Meadows, Tzouvelekas and Norris) in opposition.

Item (13) ***Administrator’s Report***

There was no report.

Item (14) ***Requests and Motions***

- a. **Impact Fees for All New Residential Development in the Stallings Road / Reid School Road / Edwards Mill Road / State Park Road Corridor**

Action: As noticed on the County Council agenda, Councilor Shaw presented for consideration an ordinance proposing a County development impact fee program in the Stallings - Reid School – Edwards Mill – State Park Roads Area, and requested the ordinance be referred to the Planning and Development Committee.

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

- Councilor Shaw thanked his colleagues for voting to give a bit of “breathing room” regarding the Historic and Natural Resources Trust - Shiloh Ridge project.
- Councilor Harrison thanked his colleagues for approving the Affordable Housing Policy. It would be a good thing for Greenville County and affordable housing. He was excited to get started.

- Councilor Tzouvelekas stated he appreciated the good discussion. He thanked Mr. Kernell and Mr. Tollison for clarifying things.
- Councilor Norris recalled the progress that had occurred in the Southern Side area of Greenville County, as well the changes she had seen during her lifetime.
- Councilor Seman thanked Ms. Norris for her many years of public service. She stated she would miss her when her term was over.
- Councilor Fant thanked his colleagues for approving the Affordable Housing Policy. It showed how the deliberative process worked in a republic form of government. Council had been polite and kind to each other during the evening's discussions.

Jody Bryson, SCTAC President and CEO, was a featured panelist at Governor McMaster's Electric Vehicle Summit held the previous week in Greenville. Mr. Bryson provided an update to attendees on the critical role of SCTAC's world-class automotive test track in supporting the State's rapidly evolving auto industry.

- Councilor Ballard stated Greenville Tech recently held a groundbreaking ceremony commemorating its partnership with Prisma Health.

MetroConnects recently held a developer's forum in order to streamline its process and eliminate bottlenecks in the system.

Mr. Ballard stated he attended an event at Judson Mill with Mr. Kirven and Mr. Kernell showcasing the revitalization efforts at the mill. The project was very impressive.

The Fire Chiefs Association had started developing a new Strategic Plan. The fire departments unified in 2016 as a result of the Strategic Plan.

- Councilor Kirven wished everyone a good night and a safe trip home.
- Councilor Dill stated he had been contacted by several small business owners. They were upset and wanted to know about possible incentives for their businesses.

Item (15) ***Adjournment***

Action: Councilor Dill moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina G. McCaskill
Clerk to Council