



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes
Regular Meeting
March 21, 2023
6:02 p.m.

County Square - Council Chambers

Council Members

Mr. Dan Tripp, *Chairman, District 28*
Mrs. Liz Seman, *Vice-Chairwoman, District 24*
Mr. Butch Kirven, *Chairman Pro Tem, District 27*
Mr. Joey Russo, *District 17*
Mr. Mike Barnes, *District 18*
Mr. Benton Blount, *District 19*
Mr. Stephen Shaw, *District 20*
Mr. Chris Harrison, *District 21*
Mr. Stan Tzouvelekas, *District 22*
Mr. Alan Mitchell, *District 23*
Mr. Ennis Fant, Sr., *District 25*
Mr. Rick Bradley, *District 26*

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
Dean Campbell, Deputy 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
Tee Coker, Assistant County Administrator
Shannon Herman, Assistant County Administrator
Nicole Wood, Assistant County Administrator
Meredith Papapieris, Director of Grants and Special Projects
Rashida Jeffers-Campbell, Planning Director

Others Present

None

Call to Order

Chairman Dan Tripp

Invocation

Councilor Benton Blount

Pledge of Allegiance

Item (4) **Approval of Minutes**

a. **March 7, 2023 – Regular County Council Meeting**

Action: Vice-Chairwoman Seman moved approval of the minutes from the March 7, 2023, Regular County Council Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (5) **Proclamations and Special Recognition**

Vice-Chairwoman Seman presented a proclamation to the 2022-23 Furman Men’s Basketball team in honor of its first Southern Conference (SoCon) Tournament Championship since 1980. The team had a historic season with a school record of 28 wins.

In the NCAA Tournament, J.P. Pegues hit a dramatic 3-point shot in the final seconds to give the Paladins a 68-67 win over 4th seed Virginia, bringing national attention to the University and to Greenville County. Seniors Mike Bothwell and Jalen Slawson finished their careers with a school record 116 wins. Head Coach Bob Richey, a South Carolina native, had a 71% winning percentage, ranking him in the top ten in the country. His team, who always represented the school, alumni and community with poise and class, added to the sense of pride.

Greenville County Council acknowledged and honored the outstanding student-athletes of Furman’s Men’s Basketball team and the wonderful support from the coaches, families, school administration, faculty, students and alumni.

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

There were no speakers.

Item (7) **Public Hearings**

a. **Dusty Lane / Relinquishment of Surplus Right-of-Way**

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance to authorize the conveyance of surplus right-of-way resulting from realignment of Dusty Lane (H-0056) at its intersection with Woodruff Road (SC Hwy 146).

There being no speakers, Vice-Chairwoman Seman declared the public hearing closed.

Item (8) **Consent Agenda**

a. **Initiate Zoning Text Amendment / Article 9, Section 9:5.2 – Commercial Vehicles (P & D)**

Action: Vice-Chairwoman Seman moved approval of the Consent Agenda item.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (9) *Ordinances – Third Reading*

- a. **Anderson / Greenville Multi County Industrial Business Park (2010 Park) Agreement Amendment**

Action: Chairman Pro Tem Kirven 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.

Action: Chairman Pro Tem Kirven moved to hold the item until the next Council meeting, at which time the public hearing was scheduled.

Motion to hold carried unanimously.

- b. **Laurens / Greenville Multi County Industrial Business Park (Octagon Park) Agreement Amendment**

Action: Chairman Pro Tem Kirven moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to amend the Master Lease governing the Octagon Industrial Park between Greenville County and Laurens Park so as to enlarge the park.

Action: Chairman Pro Tem Kirven moved to hold the item until the next Council meeting, at which time the public hearing was scheduled.

Motion to hold carried unanimously.

- c. **Greenville County General Obligation Bonds / Magistrate Court Facility**

Action: Chairman Pro Tem Kirven moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$6,000,000 Greenville County, South Carolina General Obligation Bonds, in one or more series; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended; to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

- d. **Greenville County General Obligation Bonds / River Falls Fire District**

Action: Chairman Pro Tem Kirven moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$675,000 Greenville County, South Carolina General Obligation Bonds (River Falls Fire District Project), Series 2023B; to prescribe the purpose for which the proceeds shall be expended; to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

e. 170 Patriot Hill Drive LLC / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

Action: Chairman Pro Tem Kirven 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 170 Patriot Hill Drive LLC, 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.

Action: Chairman Pro Tem Kirven moved to hold the item until the next Council meeting, at which time the public hearing was scheduled.

Motion to hold carried unanimously.

Item (10) Ordinances – Second Reading

a. Dusty Lane / Relinquishment of Surplus Right-of-Way

Action: Vice-Chairwoman Seman moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to authorize the conveyance of surplus right-of-way resulting from realignment of Dusty Lane (H-0056) at its intersection with Woodruff Road (SC Hwy 146).

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Adoption of the Administrative Portions of the Collective Building Codes; Associated Appendix; Property Maintenance and Swimming Pool Codes

Action: Vice-Chairwoman Seman moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to comply with the regulations promulgated by the South Carolina Building Codes Council by repealing Ordinance Number 5147 and adopting the Administrative Provisions (Chapter 1) of the various codes relating to design review and inspection activities of the County of Greenville and enforcement of building provisions as provided in said codes; and an ordinance to adopt the International Property Maintenance Code, the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code and International Existing Building Code in Greenville County as authorized by the South Carolina Building Codes Council; and to adopt certain appendices of the adopted codes to recognize certain variations in the codes based on physical conditions found within Greenville County.

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Solid Waste Operating Hours

Action: Vice-Chairwoman Seman moved for approval at second reading an ordinance concerning the opening and closing hours for the county landfill and residential waste and recycling centers.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

a. **Zoning Ordinances**

Councilor Fant presented for first reading **Zoning Dockets CZ-2023-016 and CZ-2023-019 through CZ-2023-022.**

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

Item (12) **Committee Reports**

a. **Committee of the Whole**

i. **Board and Commission Appointments / Nominations**

▪ **Foothills Fire Service Area Appointment**

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairwoman Seman moved to elect Michael Brian Jones to fill one of two vacancies on the Foothills Fire Service Area Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

▪ **Planning Commission Appointments**

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairwoman Seman moved to elect by acclamation, Steven Bichel, Frank Hammond and James Wood to fill three vacancies on the Planning Commission.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (13) **Administrator’s Report**

Mr. Kernell reported Whole Foods would become the anchor tenant for the University Ridge Redevelopment Project. Construction would begin as soon as some of the infrastructure was in place.

Finishing touches were still being put in place at the new County office building. Mr. Kernell stated he would keep Council up-to-date on the anticipated move.

Item (14) **Requests and Motions**

- Councilor Mitchell reported he recently attended the developer’s meeting for the Gordon Mill project. The meeting was very successful. It was well-attended by the community and the developer answered questions about the project. Members of the community were excited about the project; many of them did not realize that the units would be at 60% AMI.
- Vice-Chairwoman Seman thanked all the applicants for the various board and commission vacancies. Unfortunately, there were too many qualified applicants and not enough open positions.

- Councilor Fant thanked everyone who attended the SCTAC – Lockheed Martin event honoring the unveiling of the first F-16 Block 70 aircraft. It was his understanding similar events would be held for each different country that contracted with Lockheed Martin to build F-16's. The event was “top notch” and demonstrated Greenville was truly the global home of the F-16.
- Chairman Pro-Tem Kirven stated recycling was important to the citizens of his district as well as others throughout Greenville County. Given Greater Greenville Sanitation's recent decision to eliminate recycling from its menu of services, he requested Mr. Kernell provide an update regarding recycling opportunities for GGS customers.
- Councilor Russo stated he, along with Mr. Kernell, toured the new North Greenville ER on the previous day. The facility was scheduled to open by the end of March. A wide-range of services, such as a walk-in clinic, rural health and primary care, would be offered. It would certainly be an asset to the residents of northern Greenville County.
- Councilor Blount extended congratulations to the Furman Men's Basketball team for its great year.
- Councilor Shaw thanked Heshia Gamble for her recent assistance with an issue one of his constituents was experiencing.

Item (15) **Adjournment**

Action: Vice-Chairwoman Seman moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina G. McCaskill
Clerk to Council