



MINUTES
FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL, 206 S. MAIN STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, February 24, 2020 - 5:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Mayor Pro Tem Lillian B. Flemming
2. **INVOCATION**
Councilmember Russell Stall
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **ROLL CALL**
The following members of City Council were in attendance: John DeWorken, Lillian Flemming, Ken Gibson, Russell Stall, and Dorothy Dowe

Absent: Knox White, Wil Brasington
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
February 10, 2020; Approved as submitted
6. **COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**
None
7. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

See Item 16a for comments by citizens.
8. **PRESENTATION**
 - a. **LEGO Robotics Competition Recognition**
The LEGO Robotics team received a Commendation by the Mayor honoring their achievements in creating an app to assist the disabled community in locating ADA accessible parking, buildings, and other locations in the city of Greenville.
 - b. **2019 Silver Palmetto Award**
Executive Director Tyler Rex and Members of Thrive Upstate were recognized for their nomination of the city of Greenville in receiving the 2019 Silver Palmetto Award during the Municipal Association of South Carolina luncheon recently held in Columbia. The Award recognizes the City's support for the disabled community.
9. **PUBLIC HEARING**
None

10. APPOINTMENTS – Boards and Commissions

- a. Green Ribbon Advisory Committee

Councilmember Stall recommended Nathan Galbreath to fill an unexpired term ending September 30, 2020. There being no further nominations, Mr. Galbreath was appointed by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA

There will be no discussion of Consent Agenda items unless a Council member so requests in which event the item in question will be considered separately.

Councilmember DeWorken moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to approve second and final reading of agenda items 11a and 11b of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)

- a. Ordinance to appropriate program income in the amount of \$17,138 earned in Community Development Fund 118
(Presented by Community Development Financial Coordinator Rebecca Edwards)
- b. Ordinance to appropriate program income in the amount of \$70,474 awarded in Community Development Fund 119
(Presented by Community Development Financial Coordinator Rebecca Edwards)

12. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinance – First Reading)

None

13. NEW BUSINESS – (Resolutions – First and Final Reading)

None

REGULAR AGENDA

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)

None

15. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinances – First Reading)

- a. Ordinance to modify the Adam's Hill Planned Development at the intersection of Haywood Road and Pelham Road (Tax Map Numbers 0278000200300 and 0278000200301) (Z-26-2018M)
(Presented by Interim Planning and Development Services Director Jay Graham)

Councilmember DeWorken moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to approve first reading.

Interim Planning and Development Services Director Jay Graham stated this Ordinance is a major modification of the original plan with the developers having eliminated the senior housing which was proposed and replacing it with all multi-family units. Mr. Graham also stated the project density has been reduced, all of the development must comply with the traffic study, and each project that is proposed will go back through the City Planning Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Flemming asked about the price point regarding the units. Mr. Graham responded the information had not been presented, but there is an age restriction on some of the units for ages 55 and older.

Councilmember Dowe asked if the decrease in density meant an increase in greenspace. Mr. Graham replied yes and stated the current plan makes better use of the topography.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ordinance to approve Amendment of Reimbursement Agreement between the City of Greenville and the Governor's School for the Arts Foundation, Inc. for Furman College Way Improvements and to appropriate \$20,104 from the Capital Projects Fund to fund additional improvements
(Presented by Engineering Services Manager Dwayne Cooper)

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember DeWorken, to approve first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. Ordinance to abandon a portion of Frank Street (AB-8-2019)
(Presented by Engineering Services Manager Dwayne Cooper)

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember Dowe, to approve first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

16. NEW BUSINESS – (Resolution – First and Final Reading)

All speakers made comments prior to the reading of this item.

John McBurney, 200 South Academy Street, spoke in opposition of Item 16a stating he does not believe the plan provides recommendations which address non-motorized transportation in a meaningful way. Mr. McBurney requested the plan not be approved until the public can further review it.

James Thomas, 8 Mangum Drive, spoke regarding Item 16a expressing concern about sharrows being used in the plan. Mr. Thomas stated it is confusing for a bike lane to switch to a sharrow and then back to a bike lane and that protected bike lanes would be a better use of resources.

Sam Davis, 106 Tremont Avenue, spoke as a representative of the Upstate Greenways Trail Alliance and against the use of sharrows. Mr. Davis stated bike infrastructure should be built to reflect a bike rider's concerns regarding traffic.

Frank Mansbach, 202 Hope Street, spoke as the Bike Walk Greenville representative and referred to a partnership with the City in 2016 to create protected bike lanes as well as the City's embrace of multi-use paths. Mr. Mansbach spoke in opposition to sharrows and asked for postponement of the plan to allow further public response to it.

Councilmember DeWorken thanked Mr. Mansbach for his contributions to the community and asked him to explain what a sharrow is. Mr. Mansbach explained a sharrow is a piece of plastic on the road with a bicycle symbol on it and said bike riders are familiar with it, but drivers are not.

Mary McGowan, 12 Berkley Avenue, spoke about moving to Greenville to ride her bike more and stated the City needs to make meaningful infrastructure without the use of sharrows.

Kimberly Poole, 309 Waterton Way, Simpsonville, spoke in opposition to sharrows and stated there would be more bicyclists if not for the sharrows.

Aaron Barr, 109 Butler Avenue, Green Ribbon Advisory Committee Chair, GVL2040 Advisory Committee member, and Bike Walk Greenville member, spoke regarding Item 16a and the amount of traffic in his neighborhood. Mr. Barr presented four recommendations for the transportation plan including eliminating a right-turn only lane on Buncombe Avenue steering traffic onto Butler Avenue, reducing the current speed limit from 30 to 20 miles an hour, considering additional traffic calming, and replacing the current sharrows on Butler Avenue with a real bike lane.

Mayor Pro Tem Flemming asked Mr. Barr if he had shared his recommendations with the individuals working on the plan.

Clarence Thornton, 114 Douthit Street, commented regarding having better transportation for the City.

- a. Resolution to adopt the Downtown Transportation Master Plan
(Presented by Engineering Services Manager Dwayne Cooper)

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember DeWorken, to approve first and final reading.

Councilmember Stall questioned how the sharrows could be addressed while moving forward with approval. Mr. Cooper stated he agreed with the issues addressed by the speakers and said he is not in favor of sharrows either. Mr. Cooper advised the plan is a high-level document meant to give guidance on future road planning and pedestrian and bicycle projects and added the sharrows included in the plan are from a previous plan. Mr. Cooper also advised that any additional projects would require further design and research before being implemented.

Councilmember Gibson asked if approval of the plan meant the City is giving approval to the use of sharrows. Mr. Cooper responded no, advising the plan is more about connections and safety, however, Council could make changes to the plan if it was considered necessary. Councilmember Dowe clarified the plan is presented as a Resolution, rather than an Ordinance, and perhaps it might be more appropriate to offer an amendment removing Table 11 which deals with sharrows.

Mayor Pro Tem Flemming asked if the plan needed to be adopted tonight. Mr. Cooper responded his timeline was getting the item on the next policy committee meeting of GPATS (Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Study), but said the plan is just a document for guidance. Mayor Pro Tem Flemming expressed concern over adopting the plan believing it might cause confusion. Mr. Cooper reminded everyone any project related to the plan would require approval through the Capital Improvements Plan of the budget.

City Attorney Michael Pitts recommended an amendment suggesting adoption of the plan in principle with the exception of the part endorsing sharrows.

Councilmember Dowe moved, seconded by Councilmember DeWorken, to amend the Resolution to adopt the Downtown Transportation Master Plan with the exception of any mention of sharrows. The motion was approved unanimously.

After discussion, the motion to approve, as amended, carried unanimously.

17. STAFF REPORTS

City Manager John McDonough provided the following updates.

- a. Introduction of Beth Brotherton as the new Communications Director.
- b. Pricing for the Unity Park project will be received from the Harper Brothers and a recommendation will be brought to Council on March 9.

18. ADJOURN. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.


LILLIAN B. FLEMMING, MAYOR PRO TEM


CAMILLA G. PITMAN, MMC, Certified PLS
CITY CLERK