



# MINUTES

## FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Monday, August 10, 2020 - 5:30 p.m.

Greenville City Hall - Closed to the Public

Virtual Meeting Viewing: <https://www.greenvillesc.gov/meeting>

Remote Viewing Location:  
Greenville Convention Center, 1 Exposition Drive – Room 102

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Knox H. White

2. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember John DeWorken (Suspended)

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** (Suspended)

4. **ROLL CALL**

The following members of City Council were in attendance: Mayor Knox White, John DeWorken, Lillian Flemming, Ken Gibson, Wil Brasington, Russell Stall, and Dorothy Dowe

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

July 13, 2020; Approved as amended

6. **COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

7. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Ian Thomas, 209 Perry Avenue, President of the West End Neighborhood Association, spoke regarding concerns over a proposed project at Ware Street, Perry Avenue, N. Calhoun Street, and Academy Street. Mr. Thomas referred to concerns with the neighbors not being informed on current developments due to COVID-19. Mr. Thomas asked Council to listen to the residents of the neighborhood regarding upcoming developments.

Brent Cox, Gower Estates, spoke on the need for a public mask wearing Ordinance stating he was prompted to speak because of the number of people in downtown this past Sunday not wearing a mask.

Mayor White commented on Greenville being the first city in the state to have any type of mask requirement and advised there will be a news conference later in the week with current numbers regarding COVID-19.

8. **PRESENTATION**

None

**9. PUBLIC HEARING**

- a. Proposed abandonment of a portion of Mohawk Drive (AB-4-2020)

Engineering Services Manager Dwayne Cooper presented a request from LR Partnership I, LLC for a proposed abandonment for a portion of Mohawk Drive for the purpose of a proposed mixed-use development. Mr. Cooper referred to another portion in the area which is a SCDOT right of way abandonment. Mr. Cooper stated all utilities and abutting property owners have been notified and no opposition has been expressed, however, some inquiries have been received.

Councilmember DeWorken commented on his excitement about the development and said he had used a crosswalk in the area and it worked fine until the sidewalk ends with no place to go. Mayor White stated there had been a lot of time spent looking at the connectivity with the neighborhood. Mr. Cooper said his office would take a look at it and noted not all aspects of the project are completed yet.

**Michelle Drake, 130 Glenbrooke Way**, spoke as the owner of 412 Cay Street and shared her concerns for the plans of the property once it is abandoned. Ms. Drake referred to a prior rezoning of the property for an office building and stated it was never built. Ms. Drake stated she wishes to preserve the unique atmosphere of the area and requested Council not vote on the matter until everyone has more information.

Mayor White stated the abandonment is only scheduled for a public hearing and is not on the agenda for a vote this evening.

**John Petrich, 101 W. Earle Street**, owner of adjacent property, the vacant lot, and the strip center on Mohawk Avenue, said he is not opposed to the abandonment but is concerned about his property become landlocked.

**Michael Middleton, 128 W. Mountainview Avenue**, spoke as one of the property owners for the abandonment and stated he still plans to build an office or professional facility. Mr. Middleton advised he and his partners had only requested for the City owned portion to be abandoned. Mr. Middleton also advised the project had moved slowly because of a desire not to interfere with the North Pointe development.

**10. APPOINTMENTS – Boards and Commissions**

None

**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.*

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

None

**12. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinance – First Reading)**

None

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

None

<b>REGULAR AGENDA</b>
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**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)**

None

**15. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinances – First Reading)**

- a. Ordinance to approve an easement in favor of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for the purpose of providing Utility Service to City property located on Faris Road (Tax Map Number 0204001102400)  
*(Presented by Engineering Services Manager Dwayne Cooper)*

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

- b. Ordinance to approve a property swap between the City of Greenville and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC  
*(Presented by Engineering Services Manager Dwayne Cooper)*

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

- c. Ordinance to appropriate \$101,150 in the Miscellaneous Grants Fund for the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant  
*(Presented by Interim Police Chief Howie Thompson)*

Councilmember Flemming moved, seconded by Councilmember Dowe, to approve first reading.

Interim Police Chief Howie Thompson explained the funding will be used for overtime and Personal Protection Equipment during COVID-19 and confirmed the funds are federal monies.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- d. Ordinance to amend Section 19-3.2.2(F) and 19-5.1, Table of Dimensional Standards, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville to modify the maximum density requirements for the RM-3 Zoning Designation (Z-3-2020)  
*(Presented by Interim Planning and Development Services Director Jay Graham)*

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

Interim Planning and Development Services Director Jay Graham stated the amendment is to correct an inconsistency with the RM-3 zoning regarding its density not being a set amount as RM-2 and RM-1 are.

Councilmember Dowe asked about property near Conestee being developed with the possibility of more than 20 units per acre. Mr. Graham responded this change could allow for the increase, but the terrain in the area would not be suitable for over 20. Mr. Graham referred to the areas on the map which are RM-3 and are primarily developed. Councilmember Dowe verified there are spotty RM-1 and RM-2 designations on RM-3 areas throughout the City and asked if someone in these areas contiguous to RM-3 could request a rezoning. Mr. Graham responded it is possible.

After discussion, the motion carried 6-1, with Councilmember Dowe opposing.

- e. Ordinance to appropriate \$400,000 from the Law Enforcement Special Revenue Fund, Department of Justice Account, for the purchase of equipment and training to support the public safety initiative  
*(Presented by Interim Police Chief Howie Thompson)*

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

- f. Ordinance to appropriate \$360,000 in the Miscellaneous Grants Fund for sewer improvements in the Woodside Mill Village  
*(Presented by Office of Management and Budget Director Matt Efird)*

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

- g. Ordinance to appropriate \$693,729 in the Miscellaneous Grants Fund to recognize Cares Act reimbursement from Greenville County for COVID-19 Expenditures  
*(Presented by Office of Management and Budget Director Matt Efird)*

Councilmember Dowe moved, seconded by Councilmember Brasington, to approve first reading.

Office of Management and Budget Director Matt Efird stated these funds are from an application approved from Greenville County for part of the \$1 million allocation for municipalities from the County's CARES Act funding. Mr. Efird stated the City's application was for approximately \$735,000 with \$693,729 being awarded, and he said there will be a second application to the state for funding for items not covered by Greenville County. Mr. Efird explained the items not covered by the County included Public Safety overtime and family and medical leave provided by the City.

Councilmember Dowe asked if Greenville County had committed the entire \$1 million. Mr. Efird responded he does not know the status of the County's municipal fund. Councilmember Dowe also asked if the City could return with another application for funds to the County if the State does not cover the request. Mr. Efird responded he would inquire about the City making a second application. Mr. Efird stated the Police Department overtime was being covered by other funding.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

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

- a. Resolution to adopt revisions to the 2015 FEMA Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan  
*(Presented by Engineering Services Manager Dwayne Cooper)*

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

Mr. Cooper said this plan is updated annually and the plan serves as a means for the City to receive grants from FEMA in case of natural disasters.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- b. Resolution to approve a lease from Greenline Park, LLC for the City's continued use of property located in the Greenline/Spartanburg Neighborhood for the Railroad Mini Park (Tax Map Number 39.04-05-15)  
*(Presented by Parks and Recreation Business and Projects Manager Megan Young)*

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

Parks and Recreation Business and Projects Manager Megan Young stated the space has been used as a park since the 1970's and the City put in a new playground two years ago. Ms. Young added the City pays the property tax annually to Greenville County.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- c. Resolution to certify 1203, 1205, 1207, 1211 Pendleton Street as an abandoned building site (Tax Map Number 0120000400100)  
*(Presented by Economic Development Project Manager Kevin Howard)*

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

Mr. Howard identified the property as the Flat Iron Building. Councilmember DeWorken confirmed that legislation regarding abandoned buildings is expiring this year. Mr. Howard said he hopes it is approved again as it has been very successful for several projects in the City.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- d. Resolution to modify and continue the current Neighborhood Traffic Management Program in the city of Greenville  
*(Presented by Public Works Director Mike Murphy)*

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

Public Works Director Mike Murphy stated the modifications include reducing items which restrict access and circulation including street closures, and lane reductions and diverters.

Councilmember Flemming thanked the Public Works staff for the new traffic calming measures on East Park Avenue.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

## **17. STAFF REPORTS**

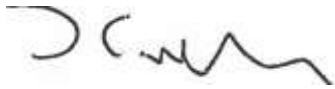
City Manager John McDonough provided updates on the following items:

- a. "I Wear a Mask" Campaign – Campaign is being conducted with banners throughout downtown 25 handwashing stations, and several large signs advertising the campaign.
- b. Citizens Advisory Panel on Public Safety – Committee is making good progress. Mr. McDonough thanked the members of the committee along with staff who have assisted with the meetings.
- c. Mask Distribution - A mask distribution event is scheduled for August 19 at the Greenville Convention Center.
- d. Dunbar Street Connection - The City is meeting with Greenville County officials, Roca Point, and the Greenville Housing Authority to discuss the Dunbar Street connection.
- e. GVL2040 Steering Committee - Meeting is scheduled for August 11.
- f. Greenville Zoo - AZA accreditation will be held in late September or early October.
- g. Business Boost Program - The OMB team has been working diligently on Council's Business Boost program and 253 businesses will have benefitted from the program by its conclusion.
- h. Business Licenses - There are currently only 12 delinquent business licenses at this time, down from a much higher number.

- i. Unity Park's Delano Parking Lot – The Parking Lot is making good progress and should be completed within the next several weeks. Mr. McDonough thanked the Public Works Department for its efforts and stated it will be a good milestone for the park.

Mayor White thanked Public Works and Parks and Recreation for its work on the landscaping and cleaning up of areas throughout the City including the corridors.

**18. ADJOURN.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.



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KNOX H. WHITE, MAYOR



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CAMILLA G. PITMAN, MMC, Certified PLS  
CITY CLERK

MEETING NOTICE POSTED AND MEDIA NOTIFIED ON AUGUST 7, 2020.