



MINUTES

FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL, 206 S. MAIN STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, August 26, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Mayor Knox H. White
2. **INVOCATION**
Councilmember Amy Doyle
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **ROLL CALL**
The following members of City Council were in attendance: Mayor Knox White, Amy Doyle, Lillian Flemming, Wil Brasington, Russell Stall, and George Fletcher

Absent: Jil Littlejohn
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
August 12, 2019; Approved as submitted
6. **COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**
None
7. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Doug Harper, 26 Club Forest Lane, spoke in support of Item 16a, the Downtown Master Plan, and the work performed by Urban Design Associates. Mr. Harper commented on the importance of planning and marketing downtown, referred to the plan being well received at recent public meetings, and recommended continuing to promote the plan and engage community leaders.

David Stone, 13 N. Irvine Street, representing Stone Family Properties, spoke in support of Item 16a and recommended sharing the same information with Haynie Sirrine and surrounding neighborhoods and inviting the County to join in the conversation to allow for better connectivity and coordination.

Beverly James, 25 Heritage Green Place, as Director of the Greenville County Library System, spoke in support of Item 16a and shared her appreciation with participating in the process. Ms. James stated they look forward to plans for improved walkability and pedestrian safety.

Mayor White referred to the City's plans to create better pedestrian connectivity between Main Street and Heritage Green. Assistant City Manager Matt Efird confirmed there is money in the budget for the current year to complete the plan and money in next year's CIP for construction.

Bruce Wilson, 14 Freestone Street, as the founder of Fighting Injustice Together, shared his concern for hate crimes in South Carolina and asked City Council to enact an Ordinance, similar to one passed by the city of Charleston, that would punish those who act out of hate toward one's race, ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation. Mr. Wilson provided copies of the Charleston Ordinance and referred to speaking to Greenville County Council regarding the issue.

Mayor White stated he personally thinks the state of South Carolina should have a hate crime statute and shared the City can take a look at the city of Charleston action.

Gary Burgess, 209 N. Leach Street, spoke regarding a zoning matter involving a driveway on his property. Mr. Burgess requested consideration in adjusting the Ordinance to allow for wider driveways. Mr. Burgess thanked City Manager John McDonough and Deputy City Manager Nancy Whitworth for their quick responses to his concern.

Mayor White stated the Ordinance relates to stormwater and issues in other parts of the City where individuals have paved their entire front yard. Councilmember Doyle stated there are special exceptions in the infill ordinance and there has been conversation suggesting the need for flexibility.

Inez Morris, 4 Queen Alley, expressed appreciation for the City's support of Greenlink and its infrastructure in the community. Ms. Morris recognized the City for its foresight and financial investment in Greenlink and Greenville County for its recent increase in financial support.

Mayor White acknowledged the working partnership between the City and County. Mayor White referred to recent traffic congestion on McBee Avenue as the buses depart the transfer station and asked for thoughts on creating better efficiency.

Derrick Quarles, 182 Bonnie Woods Drive, spoke regarding the rise in hate crimes and the lack of having an anti-hate crime law in South Carolina. Mr. Quarles asked the City to consider adoption of the same ordinance adopted by the city of Charleston in 2018.

Councilmember Doyle asked City Manager Michael Pitts to review the Charleston Ordinance. Mr. Pitts responded he received the same request from Councilmember Littlejohn and he has assigned the prosecuting attorney to review the matter.

8. PRESENTATION

None

9. PUBLIC HEARING

None

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.

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

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

- a. Ordinance to appropriate \$315,000 from the General Fund Fund Balance to provide revenues necessary to enhance the sworn pay plan of the Greenville Police Department to ensure greater parity and equity among competing organizations, to ensure the city of Greenville remains an employer of first choice for recruiting purposes, and to ensure the retention of a highly qualified and experienced police workforce
- b. Ordinance to abandon an existing sanitary sewer easement located on property owned by Verdae III LLC near the intersection of Woodruff Road and Old Woodruff Road (Tax Map Number 0263000300200)
- c. Ordinance to appropriate \$32,500 in the Miscellaneous Grant Fund for FY 2020 Grant Funds received from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

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 amend Section 19-4.3.1(A)(4) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville pertaining to Cottage Subdivisions (Z-13-2019)
(Presented by Planning and Development Manager Jay Graham)

Councilmember Doyle moved, seconded by Councilmember Fletcher, to approve first reading.

Councilmember Flemming asked if developers had been contacted concerning this item and stated developers building affordable, workforce housing should be notified. Mr. Graham responded there is no group of developers to contact, however, he can reach out to developers in the area.

Councilmember Doyle shared her concern with a decrease in greenspace. Mr. Graham responded the greenspace within the easement is not included in the total amount required, so there is actually additional greenspace in the plan. Councilmember Brasington verified the Planning Commission unanimously approved this matter.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ordinance to appropriate \$268,323 in the General Fund for the Lease, Security Deposit, Office Building Upfit, Furniture and Equipment for office space at 131 Falls Street, Suite 201
(Presented by Interim Parks and Recreation Director Marlaine Creasey-Smith)

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

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

- a. Resolution to adopt the Downtown Strategic Master Plan
(Presented by Real Estate Development Manager Mary Douglas Hirsch)

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

Councilmember Doyle asked if the top goals are going to be prioritized. Ms. Hirsch responded there will be more information on the next steps and an implementation metric will be available on the City's website. Mayor White stated the plan focuses beyond Main Street which is different from prior downtown plans.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- b. Resolution to approve a Law Enforcement Agreement between the United States Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Greenville Police Department for the upgrade and use of the Police Firing Range Facilities located on Mauldin Road
(Presented by Police Captain Joe Browning)

Councilmember Doyle moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to approve first and final reading. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. Resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement to lease office space located at 131 Falls Street, Suite 201 from 131 Falls Street, LLC (REVISED 8/26/2019)
(Presented by Interim Parks and Recreation Director Marlaine Creasey-Smith)

Councilmember Fletcher moved, seconded by Councilmember Brasington, to approve first and final reading, as revised. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor White expressed appreciation to Nancy Whitworth for her services as Interim City Manager.

Mr. McDonough recognized Captain Browning for approximately 25 years of service with the Greenville Police Department and wished him best in his future endeavors.

Councilmember Flemming thanked Mr. McDonough for the Week in Review report and the comprehensive information provided regarding the work taking place by city staff.

17. **ADJOURN.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.



KNOX H. WHITE, MAYOR



CAMILLA G. PITMAN, MMC, Certified PLS
CITY CLERK

MEETING NOTICE POSTED AND MEDIA NOTIFIED ON AUGUST 23, 2019.