



MINUTES

FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL, 206 S. MAIN STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, September 16, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Mayor Knox H. White
2. **INVOCATION**
Councilmember Lillian B. Flemming
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**
September 9, 2019; Approved as submitted
6. **COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**
None
7. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**
None
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 Flemming moved, seconded by Councilmember Doyle, to approve second and final reading of agenda items 11a and 11b and first reading of agenda items 12a of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)**
 - a. Ordinance to annex approximately 0.11 acre of real property located at 33 Guess Street along with approximately 0.20 acre of right-of-way along Guess Street and

Wilkins Street and to provide the zoning designation of RM-1, Single-family and Multifamily Residential District (Tax Map Number 0106000100200) (AX-5-2019)
(Economic Development Project Manager Kevin Howard)

- b. Ordinance to annex approximately 1.188 acres of real property located at Pendleton Street, Saco Street, Whitin Street, and Calder Street and approximately 0.174 acre of right-of-way located along Kitson Street and to provide the zoning designation of RDV, Redevelopment District (Tax Map Numbers 0121000900200, 0121001000200, 0121001001000) (AX-7-2019)
(Economic Development Project Manager Kevin Howard)

12. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinance – First Reading)

- a. Ordinance to appropriate \$8,883 in the Miscellaneous Grants Fund for 2018 Grant Funds received from the South Carolina Forestry Commission
(Interim Parks and Recreation Director Marlaine Creasey-Smith)

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 rezone 1.497 acres of real property located on Ridgeway Avenue and Ridge Knoll Circle from R-6, Single-Family Residential District, and OD, Office and Institutional District, to R-6, Single-Family Residential District (Tax Map Numbers 0257000805603, 0257010100100, 0257010100200, 0257010100900, 0257020101000, and 0257010101100) (Z-12-2019)
(Planning and Development Manager Jay Graham)

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

Councilmember Doyle requested the vote of the Planning Commission, and Planning and Development Manager Jay Graham responded the vote was 6-0 approving the rezoning.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

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

- a. Resolution to establish the Richland Cemetery Advisory Committee
(Interim Parks and Recreation Director Marlaine Creasey-Smith)

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

Councilmember Flemming informed Council of the background of the Friends of Richland Cemetery and the lack of support over the past few years by their members. Councilmember Flemming shared the group's interest in becoming an advisory committee and referred to a group of Furman University students who are interested in assisting with cemetery related projects.

Mayor White asked if the Committee would be organized in the same way as Springwood Cemetery Advisory Committee, and Councilmember Flemming responded that it would. City Clerk Camilla Pitman stated once members are appointed, by-laws will need to be approved by City Council, funds currently with the Community Foundation will need to be transferred to the City and maintained on the Committee's behalf, and contracts connected to the cell tower companies will need to be amended so funds are transferred to the Committee.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

17. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager John McDonough provided information on the following items:

- a. Recognitions: Michael Williamson, Assistant Community Development Manager, has been named one of the Greenville Business Magazine's "Best and Brightest 35 and Under" and James Keel, Interim Public Transportation Director, has been selected as one of Mass Transit's "Top 40 Under 40."
- b. Genesis Homes: Notification has been received of the award of \$3,040,000 in funding from the State Housing and Development Authority for 16 affordable rental homes in West Greenville and Nicholstown.
- c. NSTEP: Around 12 sidewalks are being constructed on East Parkins Road and Cleveland Street is approximately 25 percent complete.
- d. Preconstruction of Fairforest Way, Phase II: The City received SCDOT denial to award a bid and will rebid the project.
- e. Village of West Greenville Streetscape: Bid opening is scheduled for October 1.
- f. Unity Park Undergrounding, Phase 1: Duke Energy has submitted its final electrical layout and constructions plans are 90 percent complete.
- g. 2019 Elections: Polling locations are available on the City's website and have been submitted for GIS map layer updates.
- h. Unity Park Neighborhood District Code: Draft has been added to the website and calendars have been sent to the Hughes Agency for inclusion on the Unity Park website update. Staff has distributed 910 letters to residents and property owners informing them of the Unity Park District Code meetings.

- i. Greenville Cares: Kudos to staff for their efforts while handling approximately 270 evacuees who relocated to Greenville during Hurricane Dorian.
- j. 2019 Downtown Alive: This year's record breaking season raised \$180,000 for the Metropolitan Arts Council. Congratulations to the Special Events staff for their work.
- k. Parks and Recreation Projects:
 - (1) West Greenville Community Center roof is being evaluated.
 - (2) Quotes have been received for repairing a road washout area at Timmons Park.
 - (3) The Zoo Hospital renovation schedule is progressing, funding is available, and the renovations will be underway in the coming weeks.
 - (4) All playground inspections have been completed for the year.
 - (5) Land Management Ordinance updates are in progress and nearing completion.

- l. Local Initiatives Support Corporation
Deputy City Manager Nancy Whitworth advised that LISC, which is based in New York, is planning to open an office in Greenville. Ms. Whitworth stated LISC typically invests \$1.5 billion annually and focuses on items such as affordable housing and small business development.

- m. Main Street Bridge Update
Public Works Director Mike Murphy reminded City Council of \$750,000 in the CIP for rehabilitation of the South Main Street Bridge. As a part of the process, Mr. Murphy stated a study will be performed to determine the pedestrian live loads allowed on the bridge. Mr. Murphy also stated the design should be completed this fall with construction beginning in the spring.

Mayor White asked about the addition of a stairway at the northeast corner of the bridge and when it is anticipated to be installed. Ms. Whitworth responded it will take a little more time before work on the stairway can begin. Ms. Whitworth stated the City has not received the final design for the river park and needs to review it. Mayor White stated he does not want the work to lag behind the development taking place.

- n. Cleveland Park Bank Restoration and Richland Creek Water Quality
Mr. Murphy stated the Cleveland Park Bank Restoration project is finished, however, the plants are young and will still need time to mature. Mr. Murphy also stated the trail is open ahead of schedule. Regarding the Big Dig project, Mr. Murphy advised plant stakings and grass mats will be put down over the next few months.

Mayor White commented on concerns from the neighborhood as to the "jungle" around McDaniel Avenue and the Anderson Memorial airplane. Mr. Murphy responded while the area of concern was not part of this project, staff will be reviewing and working to clean up that area.

Mr. Murphy advised the Richland Creek water quality project has been completed and the next big project will be the Laurens Road drainage project located by the Armory.

Mayor White referred to the opening of Parallel Parkway and stated he looks forward to receiving vehicle counts.

18. **ADJOURN.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.



KNOX H. WHITE, MAYOR



CAMILLA G. PITMAN, MMC, Certified PLS
CITY CLERK

MEETING NOTICE POSTED AND MEDIA NOTIFIED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2019.