

**MINUTES  
ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE  
GREENWOOD COUNTY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019  
4:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairman Steven J. Brown, District Five  
Councilman Mark Allison, District Two  
Councilwoman Melissa Spencer, District Three  
Councilman Robbie Templeton, District Six  
Councilman Theo Lane, District Seven

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Councilwoman Edith Childs, District One  
Vice-Chairman Chuck Moates, District Four

**STAFF PRESENT**

Toby Chappell, County Manager  
Elizabeth Taylor, County Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Steven Brown called the meeting to order.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting's date, time, location, and agenda was posted outside the main entrances of the Greenwood County Courthouse and the Greenwood County Library. Agendas were distributed to the *Index-Journal*, local radio stations, and posted on the Greenwood County website calendar.

**INVOCATION**

Councilman Theo Lane, District Seven, delivered the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Brown thanked everyone for being at the meeting. He stated that the minutes were provided prior to the meeting and asked if there were any corrections to the minutes.

There were no corrections. Councilman Allison motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Lane, and the minutes passed by a unanimous vote.

**ACTION: Council approved the April 2, 2019 Meeting Minutes.**

**PRESENTATION**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. First Reading:

1. Ordinance 2019-07 amending Title 6, Chapter 6, Article D of the Greenwood County Code to replace the current Flood Management Overlay Zone with the South Carolina Model Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, as amended, in order to ensure compliance with the minimum standards required to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program, and other matters related thereto (Title Only). – Rob Russian, County Engineer

**FIRST READING**

Mr. Russian and Mr. Templeton, County Engineer and Assistant County Engineer, presented the details to the ordinance, including the history of the need to update the ordinance already in place with the County. Mr. Russian stated that the original ordinance was passed in 2011 and revised in 2012. He added that the purpose was to evaluate the base flood elevation of the lake. Mr. Russian reported that in 2013 FEMA and NFIP agreed that revisions to the flood maps needed to be studied. He added that in 2017, revised preliminary maps were provided and posted to the County website. He stated that the results from the study proposed to lower the base flood elevation for the lake about 23 inches. He also added that the reason for the proposed change to reduce the elevation was because of the way the dam was operated to control the lake levels. Currently the base flood elevation is 46 inches above the 439 level, which County Council refers to as full pool. Mr. Russian stated that this change would pull many structures out of the flood zone and possibly lessen the amount that a property owner pays for flood insurance.

Mr. Russian continued with further details of the compiling of the information from a model ordinance along with the ordinance that is already in place with the County. Mr. Russian mentioned that once the new maps are completed and a property is out of the flood zone, he suggested that the property owner not drop the flood insurance. He added that it may not be required to have flood insurance, but it is not recommended to cancel flood insurance on their property. Mr. Russian further clarified the details of the flood maps and how the flood zones are expected to change.

Chairman Brown referred to an ordinance that had been brought to Council relating to changes in the RDD, and he asked Mr. Russian and Mr. Templeton if they have spoken with the County Planning Director to see if the two ordinances conflict in any way. Mr. Russian answered that he had not asked the Planning Director to review the ordinances for conflicts. Chairman Brown asked that the two be compared before the ordinance is adopted. Mr. Russian further stated that one of the changes in the ordinance is that the county administrator or their designee will be the administrator for the flood plan. There was further discussion regarding the duties of the Flood Plan Administrator and the enforcement of all and parts of the ordinance.

There was further discussion regarding the manner to which the property owners on the lake would get the newly adopted ordinance or any information regarding any changes to the ordinance. Mr. Russian and Mr. Templeton answered describing the

process that had already been made to make the information available to property owners, as well as the intent to notify all of the lake groups.

In summary, Mr. Russian and Mr. Templeton stated that the ordinance, as presented, is the minimum standard to participate in the national flood insurance program. He added that to his knowledge, there are no additional requirements or changes that would affect the building requirements on lake property. Mr. Russian reminded Council that the homeowner will need to evaluate their property as it pertains to the flood plan changes. He also stated that the property owner may have to have the property resurveyed for the purposes of the insurance company.

## **PENDING ITEMS**

None

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Action may be taken on items discussed in executive session. Chairman Brown reported that Council will go into Executive Session for the following reasons:

1. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim. **(Palmetto Crossing; North Greenwood Industrial Park; Operation of Buzzards Roost Hydro)**

Councilman Templeton motioned go into executive session, seconded by Councilwoman Spencer, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

***ACTION: At 4:45 p.m., Council entered into executive session.***

Councilman Allison motioned to adjourn executive session, seconded by Councilman Templeton, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

***ACTION: At 5:40 p.m., Council adjourned the executive session to conduct the Regular Meeting.***

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Susan McIntyre transcribed the minutes.