

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
GREENWOOD COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019
5:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Steven J. Brown, District Five
Vice-Chairman Chuck Moates, District Four
Councilwoman Edith S. Childs, District One
Councilman Mark Allison, District Two
Councilman Robbie Templeton, District Six
Councilman Theo Lane, District Seven

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilwoman Melissa Spencer, District Three

STAFF PRESENT

Toby Chappell, County Manager
Elizabeth Taylor, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steven Brown called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

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 Mark Allison, District Two, delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Chairman Brown recognized City Councilwoman Betty Boles as an elected official in the audience, and thanked her for attending the meeting.

APPROVAL OF TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Brown 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 Templeton motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice Chairman Moates, and the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

ACTION: Council approved the Minutes for the August 20, 2019 Regular Meeting.

PRESENTATION

None

PUBLIC COMMENT (Sign-In Only)

None

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Reappointment of GLEAMNS Board of Commissioners for Greenwood County. – Steven J. Brown, County Council Chairman

Chairman Brown reported to Council that as a result of the discussion at the prior meeting, the County Manager, County Attorney, Ms. Boles, Shanna Jeter and he met discussing the appointments and guidelines for the GLEAMNS Board of Commissioners. He added that there are Federal and State laws that need to be complied with to make appointments. Mr. Chappell updated Council on the initial request to appoint members to the Board of Commissioners. He added that after their meeting with the group from GLEAMNS, the GLEAMNS Board submitted a new request for appointments. He described the seats that are needing to be filled as Public, Private and Low Income. He clarified the request as appointing Councilwoman Boles in the Public seat, former mayor Welborn Adams in the Private seat, and leave the Low Income seat vacant. He concluded that Council can make a recommendation for the Low Income seat, but there will have to be a public election for that position. In summary, the two seats that are being requested currently are Councilwoman Boles to the Public seat and former mayor Welborn Adams to the Private seat. Ms. Taylor reminded Council of their concerns from the previous meeting regarding the terms of the appointments. She further described that the Public sector seat is not limited by any sort of term. She added that with the Private seat, Mr. Adams will have a fresh five-year term he can serve out, where his current term would have been expiring in the Low Income seat. Chairman Brown clarified the process for the election to the Low Income seat. He added that Council would like to recommend Councilwoman Melissa Spencer for that seat, however, it would still be contingent on the public election. He asked the representatives from GLEAMNS if the information presented was correct. Ms. Boles and Ms. Jeter confirmed his information. Vice Chairman Moates asked for clarification of the election process. Councilman Lane asked for confirmation that Councilwoman Spencer could occupy the Low Income seat. Chairman Brown confirmed if she is elected through the appropriate public process. Mr. Chappell further described the Public Election process. Nominations are accepted at the public event.

After hearing no other questions and restating the request to appoint Ms. Betty Boles to the Public seat and Mr. Welborn Adams to the Private seat, Chairman Brown asked for the pleasure of Council. Councilwoman Childs motioned to appoint as stated, seconded by Councilman Allison. Vice Chairman Moates asked for further clarification of the terms

for each of the seats. Ms. Jeter explained the terms for each seat. There was further discussion about the term limits, voting process and representation on the board including the occupations of the members. Chairman Brown reminded Council of the motion on the floor, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

ACTION: Council approved the appointment of Ms. Betty Boles to the Public Seat and Mr. Welborn Adams to the Private Seat of the GLEAMNS Board of Commissioners.

B. Public Hearing and Second Reading:

The Chairman asked for a motion to enter into the Public Hearing portion of the Agenda. Councilman Templeton motioned to enter into the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Lane, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

ACTION: Council entered into the Public Hearing portion of the Agenda.

1. Ordinance 2019-14 to amend the Greenwood County Zoning Ordinance, being Ordinance 13-86, as and if amended, so that one (1) parcel of land owned by Cjjs Holdings LLC located at 208 Bypass 225 S (G-Pin # 6845-204-829) in Greenwood, South Carolina changes zoning classifications from C-2 (General Commercial) to R-1 (Single Family Residential). – Phil Lindler, Planning Director **SECOND READING**

Chairman Brown read the title and asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor of the ordinance.

Chairman Brown asked if anyone was present to speak in opposition to the ordinance.

Hearing none, Chairman Brown closed this portion of the Public Hearing. He reminded Council of the issue that is before them for the Public Hearing and Second Reading. He asked Council for their pleasure. Councilman Allison motioned to approve Ordinance 2019-14 as read, seconded by Vice Chairman Moates, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

ACTION: Council approved Ordinance 2019-14 relating to the rezoning of 208 Bypass 225 South.

C. Second Reading:

1. Ordinance 2019-15 authorizing Greenwood Metropolitan District to issue not exceeding ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) of general obligation bonds, the proceeds of which shall be used to finance the costs of improvements to the sewer system of the district and to provide funds to refund certain outstanding obligations of the district. – Jeff Chapman, General Manager – Greenwood Metropolitan District

SECOND READING

Chairman Brown read the title and asked for the pleasure of Council. Councilman Lane motioned to approve Ordinance 2019-15 as read, seconded by Councilman Templeton, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

ACTION: Council approved Ordinance 2019-15 relating to the general obligation bonds for Greenwood Metropolitan District.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of H-Tax application for Discover Greenwood in the amount of up to \$15,000 for expenses related to the American Junior Golf Association Greenwood Junior Championship. – Kelly McWhorter and Lindsay Burns, Discover Greenwood

Chairman Brown read the title and reminded Council of the presentation of the request from the earlier meeting. He asked for the pleasure of Council. Councilman Lane motioned to approve the request as stated, seconded by Vice Chairman Moates, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

ACTION: Council approved the Hospitality Tax application request for Discover Greenwood in the amount of up to \$15,000.

- B. Resolution 2019-14 declaring Reverend Bernard White Day on September 22, 2019. – Councilwoman Edith Childs, District One

Chairman Brown read the title and asked for the pleasure of Council. Councilwoman Childs motioned to approve the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Allison, and the motion carried by unanimous vote. Councilwoman Childs commented that she would like for the signature to be edited to add all of the Councilmembers' names.

ACTION: Council approved Resolution 2019-14 referring to Reverend Bernard White Day.

- C. Resolution 2019-15 to consider the transfer of funds from FY18-19 Capital Budget to FY19-20 Capital Budget for Courthouse HVAC Project and Administration Copier. – Robert Russian, County Engineer

Chairman Brown read the title and asked for the pleasure of Council. Councilman Allison motioned to approve the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Templeton, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

ACTION: Council approved Resolution 2019-15 referring to the budget transfer for the Courthouse HVAC Project and Administration Copier.

- D. Resolution 2019-16 to consider the transfer of funds from the Special Appropriations Fund Balance to EMS Operating Fund. – Derek Oliver, Interim EMS Director

Chairman Brown read the title and asked for the pleasure of Council. Councilwoman Childs motioned to approve the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Allison, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

ACTION: Council approved Resolution 2019-16 referring to the budget transfer for the EMS Operating Fund for the purchase of ambulances.

- E. Resolution 2019-17 to approve the transfer of an Inducement Agreement, Millage Rate Agreement, Lease Agreement, and other documents related thereto and the transfer of the assets subject to the lease agreement, as amended, consenting to a five-year extension of the term for KPR US, LLC, d/b/a Kendall Patient Recovery, as provided in the lease agreement, and other matters related thereto.– Elizabeth Taylor, County Attorney

Chairman Brown read the title and reminded Council of the details of the request given by the County Attorney at the earlier meeting. He asked for the pleasure of Council. Vice Chairman Moates motioned to approve the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Templeton, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

ACTION: Council approved Resolution 2019-17 referring to the agreements for Kendall Patient Recovery, formerly known as Cardinal Health.

- F. Resolution 2019-18 committing to negotiate a Fee-in-Lieu of ad valorem taxes Agreement between Greenwood County and Project Augusta; identifying the project; and other matters related thereto. – Elizabeth Taylor, County Attorney

Chairman Brown read the title and asked for the pleasure of Council. Councilman Allison motioned to approve the Resolution, seconded by Vice Chairman Moates, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

ACTION: Council approved Resolution 2019-18 referring to agreements pertaining to Project Augusta.

- G. First Readings:

- 1. Ordinance 2019-16 to amend the Greenwood County Zoning Ordinance, being Ordinance 13-86, as and if amended, so that 112 properties totaling 600 acres located along Plantation Dr, Planters Ct, Abbington Ln, Barrington Ct, Harvest Ln, and English Ct (various G-Pin numbers) in Greenwood, South Carolina changes zoning classifications from RDD (Rural Development District) and AG-1 (Agricultural) to R-1 (Single Family Residential) and AG-2 (Agricultural) (Title Only). – Phil Lindler, Planning Director

FIRST READING

Chairman Brown read the title of Ordinance 2019-16.

- 2. Ordinance 2019-18 authorizing the execution and delivery of one or more Fee-in-Lieu of ad valorem taxes and Special Source Revenue Credit Agreements by and between

Greenwood County, South Carolina and Pine Gate Renewables, LLC and other affiliated entities, to provide for payment of a Fee-in-Lieu of taxes with respect to certain projects; authorizing the inclusion of certain project sites in a multi-county business park; authorizing Special Source Revenue Credits; and other related matters (Title Only). – Elizabeth Taylor, County Attorney

FIRST READING

Chairman Brown read the title of Ordinance 2019-18.

PENDING

None

DISTRICT REPORT

District One – Edith Childs

- Ms. Childs thanked the Greenwood County staff and the Brewer staff for the wonderful job they did for the Scholarship Banquet on Friday night. There were 145-150 people in attendance.

District Two – Mark Allison

- All is well in District Two.

District Three – Melissa Spencer

- Absent from meeting.

District Four – Chuck Moates

- Things are very well in District Four.

District Six – Robbie Templeton

- All is well in District Six.

District Seven – Theo Lane

- No report.

District Five – Steven J. Brown

- Mr. Brown reported that the City of James Island and Charleston has come to Greenwood during the storm, and are welcomed and will be assisted by Greenwood County staff as needed.

MANAGER’S REPORT, County Manager Toby Chappell

Mr. Chappell shared information regarding an invitation extended by Shanna Childs, the leader of Mothers Commanding Cease Fire organization, to a blood drive on Saturday, September 7th from 10:00am to 2:00pm at 949 Phoenix Street. He added that there will be a Voter Registration booth set up at that location as well.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT, Elizabeth Taylor

No report

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Brown reported that there was no need to return to Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 6:10.

Susan McIntyre transcribed the minutes.