

**MINUTES**  
**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**GREENWOOD COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020**  
**4:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**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**

Chairman Steven J. Brown, District Five, delivered the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020 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 January 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes.**

**PRESENTATION**

Presentation of the proposed EMS/Fire Station at the Civic Center Site for County Council Information – Rob Russian, County Engineer

Mr. Russian presented site plans and details to the proposed EMS/Fire Station including the elevation, building style, and floor plan. He gave further comparisons of the sizes to the Ware Shoals Fire Station and the Bradley Fire Station. Mr. Russian gave details to the size of the bay area, which will hold two fire engines and two EMS trucks. There was further discussion regarding the building

materials proposed for the station. Mr. Russian stated that he would like to put the proposed design out through the bidding process before they consider any changes to the design or style of the project in order to stay with the budget for the project. There was also discussion regarding the need for warning signs at the highway where the fire and EMS trucks would be coming out. Mr. Russian stated that there will be a review by SCDOT to assess the need and location. He added that the location of the warning signs will be determined once the Recreational Complex is completed. Chairman Brown asked about the estimated completion date of the EMS/Fire Station. Mr. Russian answered that it will be completed in approximately a year. He added that the design process for the Recreational Complex should be completed within the same year.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Ordinance 2019-02 to amend the Greenwood County Zoning Ordinance, being Ordinance 13-86, as and if amended, as it pertains to Section 6-3-29 and 6-3-47. – Phil Lindler, Planning Director

Mr. Lindler reminded Council of the information that was presented in early 2019 regarding the proposed changes to the ordinance. He gave the status of the readings. Chairman Brown asked for a refresher of the information that was originally presented. Mr. Chappell agreed that Mr. Lindler would send information to Council members over the next week for review and bring the ordinance back to Council on the next Council meeting in February.

- B. Second Reading:

1. Ordinance 2019-20 authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement by and between Greenwood County, South Carolina and Eddy Carolina Pride, LLC providing for a payment of a fee in lieu of taxes and other matters related thereto. – Elizabeth Taylor, County Attorney **SECOND READING**

Ms. Taylor gave a brief description of the proposed ordinance as an \$8 million investment with 50 jobs, and a 30-year fee agreement and a 15-year/25% SSRC. She reminded Council that they had the First Reading on December 17, 2019. Chairman Brown shared his thoughts of job retention for this project.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Consideration of the purchase of Sheriff's Deputies Vehicles. – Anita Baylor, Procurement Officer

Ms. Baylor presented the information to support the purchase of the vehicles for the Sheriff's Office. She added that they were budgeted for \$218,000 and that it was a procurement issue, not a budget issue. She continued that the policy states that purchases made above \$50,000 is required to be bid out. She explained the reason for this request was that the cars that are available for this purchase to include the specifications of the Sheriff's Office are limited and only with one company. There was further discussion regarding the condition of the current

fleet and when they needed to be replaced. Mr. Chappell clarified that the recommendation to Council was to approve the abnormal procurement process for the issue as presented.

- B. Consideration of the appointment of Special Tax District Commissioner for the following Subdivision. – Cathy Miller, County Treasurer:

Woodbury – Michael Miller (New), District Four

Woodbury – Sali Berisha (New), District Four

Ms. Miller presented the request and gave the reason for the need to replace both commissioners. She also gave an explanation of the procedure for following up on the status of the Commissioners for each Special Tax District, as well as requesting reappointments or new appointments for expired terms.

- C. First Readings:

1. Ordinance 2020-03 to amend the Greenwood County Zoning Ordinance, being Ordinance 13-86, as and if amended, so that the sign standards are modified to allow digital billboards in the C-2 (General Commercial) zoning district (Title Only). – Phil Lindler, County Planner **FIRST READING**

Mr. Lindler gave the explanation of the request regarding digital billboards. He gave some details to the locations of existing billboards around the City of Greenwood that the amendment could apply. There was further discussion regarding the research that applied to distracted driving as it related to the digital billboards. Mr. Lindler added that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request. Chairman Brown asked how taxes were applied to this type of sign. Mr. Lindler answered that he would assume they were taxed like all other types of signs.

2. Ordinance 2020-04 to amend the Greenwood County Zoning Ordinance, being Ordinance 13-86, as and if amended, so that one (1) parcel of land (24.91 acres) owned by James David and Donna Marie Price located at 525 East Grumling Road in Hodges, South Carolina (G-Pin # 6920-222-464) to change zoning classifications from AG-2 (Agriculture) to AG-3 (Agriculture) (Title Only). – Phil Lindler, County Planner

**FIRST READING**

Mr. Lindler gave the details to the request. There was further discussion regarding the difference between AG-2 and AG-3.

**PENDING ITEMS**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Action may be taken on items discussed in executive session. Chairman Brown reported that Council would 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. **(4 Real Estate Sales or Purchase – 2 on or near Lake Greenwood, 1 in Uptown Greenwood, and 1 in Town of Hodges; 3 Contractual Matters – Laurens County, McCormick County, State Office; Legal Advice regarding potential litigation)**

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

***ACTION: At 4:55 p.m., Council entered into executive session.***

Chairman Brown recessed the executive session to hold the Regular Meeting at 5:55 pm.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Susan McIntyre, Clerk to Council, transcribed the minutes.