



MINUTES

FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL, 206 S. MAIN STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, January 27, 2020 - 5:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Mayor Pro Tem Lillian B. Flemming
2. **INVOCATION**
Councilmember Wil Brasington
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **ROLL CALL**
The following members of City Council were in attendance: John DeWorken, Lillian Flemming, Ken Gibson, Wil Brasington, Russell Stall, and Dorothy Dowe

Absent: Knox White
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
January 13, 2020; Approved as submitted
January 22, 2020; Approved as submitted
6. **COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**
None
7. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Luci Fernandez, 32 Meyers Court, with the Upstate Chapter of the Climate Reality Project, spoke in support of the city of Greenville committing to 100% percent renewable energy sources by 2030 and proposed the following needs: a Sustainability Director for the City; the City moving to 100% emission free electricity by 2040; a subscription based solar farm for all city residents with special rates for low-income families; and a municipal electrified fleet.

Joe Sullivan, 1729 N. Main Street, spoke in support of Item 14c and stated he has served on the Board of Legacy Early College since its beginning in 2009. Mr. Sullivan related the statistics of the number of minorities attending the school.

Leslie Guerra, 2209 W. Blue Ridge Drive, spoke in opposition of Item 14c, referred to the formation of a Community Protection Coalition to assist residents facing gentrification and stated the Coalition is willing to work with the City.

Karine Debaty, 107 Sugarfield Court, Greer, with the Upstate Chapter of the Climate Reality Project, spoke in support of the City committing to 100% percent renewable energy sources by 2030.

Kyle Kovach, 204 Woodland Creek Way, Greenville, as Principal of the Legacy Early College Elementary School, spoke in support of Item 14c stating he is driven by the future outcomes of all the children.

Rayvelette Farrington, 136 Milam Road, Simpsonville, as a staff member of Legacy Early College, spoke in support of Item 14c sharing the administration's support of all the students attending the school.

Efia Nwangaza, 202 Lavinia Avenue, spoke in opposition to Item 14c and stated the annexation shows the failure of the City and the Greenville County School District to meet the needs of its students.

Clarence Thornton, 114 Douthit Street, commented on the death of Kobe Bryant, the attitude of elected officials, the lack of minority police officers, and the lack of the City to recognize Jesse Jackson.

Bruce Wilson, 14 Freestone Street, spoke in support of Item 14d and stated he hoped all Councilmembers will see the need for a hate crime Ordinance.

- 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 Brasington requested that Item 11g be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember Brasington, to approve second and final reading of agenda items 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, and 11f of the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember DeWorken commented in general asking Council to consider the appropriate density for the City, considering the ratio of apartments to single family homes, as they consider future requests for housing.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- 11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)**
 - a. Ordinance to rezone 10.675 acres of real property located on Congaree Road and Woods Crossing Road from C-3, Regional Commercial District, to PD, Planned Development District and to approve Woods Crossing PD (Tax Map Number 0260000100400) (Z-4-2019)

(Presented by Interim Planning and Development Services Director Jay Graham)

- b. Ordinance to annex approximately 2.887 acres of real property and 0.114 acre of right-of-way located on Woodruff Road and to provide the zoning designation of S-1, Service District (Tax Map Number 0261000100600) (AX-12-2019)
(Presented by Economic Development Project Manager Kevin Howard)
- c. Ordinance to annex approximately 2.815 acres of real property located on Mall Connector Road and to provide the zoning designation of C-3, Regional Commercial District (Tax Map Number 0260000100205) (AX-13-2019)
(Presented by Economic Development Project Manager Kevin Howard)
- d. Ordinance to abandon a portion of Bruce Street (AB-5-2019)
(Presented by Engineering Services Manager Dwayne Cooper)
- e. Ordinance to abandon an unnamed alley located on the east side of Haywood Road (AB-6-2019)
(Presented by Engineering Services Manager Dwayne Cooper)
- f. Ordinance to abandon a portion of Piper Lane (AB-7-2019)
(Presented by Engineering Services Manager Dwayne Cooper)
- g. Ordinance to appropriate \$50,000 in the Hospitality Tax Fund in Support of the 2020 Clemson University Men of Color National Summit
(Presented by OMB Deputy Director Matt Efird)

Councilmember Gibson moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to approve second and final reading. The motion was approved 5-0, with Councilmember Brasington abstaining due to a potential conflict of interest. *(See attached statement.)*

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)

- a. Ordinance to amend Sections 19-3.2.2, 19-4.1.2, and 19-5.1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville to establish the Unity Park Neighborhood District and to adopt the accompanying Unity Park Neighborhood District Code (Z-17-2019) (REVISED)
(Presented by Interim Community and Economic Development Director Ginny Stroud)

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember DeWorken, to approve second and final reading.

Interim Community and Economic Development Director Ginny Stroud provided a summary of developing the Unity Park Neighborhood District Code and a timeline the park planning process.

Councilmember Dowe moved, seconded by Councilmember DeWorken, to amend the Ordinance to include the following: (a) to allow for buildings up to 40 feet in height in the UP-C zone; (b) to make restaurants and breweries a Special Exception instead of a Conditional Use in the UP-NCE zone; and (c) to make grocery stores and farmer's markets allowed as a permitted use in UP-C.

The motion to amend carried unanimously.

After discussion, Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember Gibson, to approve the Ordinance as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ordinance to rezone approximately 260 acres of real property to UPND, Unity Park Neighborhood District (Z-18-2019) (REVISED)
(Presented by Interim Planning and Development Services Director Jay Graham)

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember Dowe, to approve second and final reading.

Councilmember Brasington moved, seconded by DeWorken, to amend the Ordinance to excluded from any change in zoning at this time the property owned by Pain Alley, LLC, with Parcel String Number 55-2-1.13.

The motion to amend carried unanimously.

After discussion, Councilmember Gibson moved, seconded by Councilmember Brasington, to approve the Ordinance as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. Ordinance to annex approximately 25.232 acres of real property and 4.223 acres of right-of-way located at 900 Woodside Avenue and adjoining properties on Woodside Avenue, East Bramlett Road, East Morgan Street, and Holiday Street and to provide the zoning designation of RM-1, Single-family and Multifamily residential district (0137000702000; 0137000702100; 0137000701900; 0137000701800; 0137000701700; 0137000701600) and RDV Redevelopment District (0125000101400; 0125000101500; 0125000100100; 0137001100100; 0125000100800; 0125000100900; 0125000101002; 0125000101000; 0125000101001; 0125000101101; 0125000101200; 0125000101300; 0125000102701; 0137001000100; 0137001000101; 0137001000200; 0137001000302; 0137001000400; 0137001000500; 0125000102101; 0125000102601; 0125000200100; 0137001100101) (AX-11-2019)
(Presented by Economic Development Project Manager Kevin Howard)

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember Dowe, to approve second and final reading.

Councilmember Flemming stated she voted against the item during the first reading and will not support it for tonight's reading.

After discussion, the motion carried 4-2, with Councilmember Flemming and Councilmember Gibson voting in opposition.

- d. Ordinance to amend Chapter 24, Offenses, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville to provide for the offense of bias-based intimidation and matters related thereto (REVISED)
(Presented by City Attorney Mike Pitts)

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember Dowe, to approve second and final reading.

Councilmember Stall recognized Mr. Wilson for bringing this subject matter before Council.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

15. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinances – First Reading)

- a. Ordinance to approve an easement agreement in favor of QP Greenville 1, LLC for operation and maintenance of a storm drain system on city property
(Presented by Landscape Architect Christa Jordan)

Councilmember Brasington moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to approve first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ordinance to adopt the Local Landmarks Ordinance and to amend Sections 19-1.11, 19-2.1, 19-2.2, and 19-2.3 of Chapter 19, Land Management, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville (Z-20-2019)
(Presented by Planning and Development Manager Jay Graham)

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

Interim Planning and Development Manager Jay Graham provided a brief summary of the Ordinance and stated the Local Landmarks Ordinance is a voluntary process which is initiated by the property owner for protection of the property.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- c. Ordinance to authorize a property exchange with Pain Alley, LLC for the acquisition of land in the Unity Park area; and matters related thereto
(Presented by City Attorney Mike Pitts)

Councilmember Brasington moved, seconded by Councilmember DeWorken, to approve first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- a. Resolution to approve an Easement Agreement in favor of the City for the location of and access to public art on Upcountry History Museum Property (Tax Map Number 0013000100801)
(Presented by Senior Economic Development Project Manager Tracy Ramseur)

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

17. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

No report provided.

Councilmember DeWorken referred to Item 14d and thanked the public for their comments during the meeting.

- 18. ADJOURN.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



KNOX H. WHITE, MAYOR



CAMILLA G. PITMAN, MMC, Certified PLS
CITY CLERK

MEETING NOTICE POSTED AND MEDIA NOTIFIED ON JANUARY 24, 2020.



STATEMENT OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor, or Presiding Officer of Greenville City Council

FROM: Councilmember Wil Brasington

Pursuant to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville, Section 2-266, "I make this statement concerning the matter described below, action or decision upon which will directly affect an economic interest as contemplated by the Ethics, Government Accountability and Campaign Reform Act of 1991:"

A. The matter requiring action or decision is as follows:

FORMAL AGENDA

Agenda Item No. 11g

Subject: Ordinance to appropriate \$50,000 in the Hospitality Tax Fund in support of the 2020 Clemson University Men of Color National Summit

B. The nature of my potential conflict is as follows:

- I have an economic interest which will be affected by the action.
- A member of my immediate family has an economic interest which will be directly affected.
- An individual with whom I am associated has an economic interest which will be affected.
- A business (either for profit or not for profit) with whom I am associated has an economic interest which may be affected directly or indirectly.
- A member of my immediate family, or by marriage relationships, is recommended for appointment to a municipal Board or Commission creating a conflict.


C. As a result of my potential conflict:

- I hereby withdraw/abstain/recuse from any votes, deliberations or other actions on this matter and request that my disqualification and the grounds therefore be noted in the minutes.
- I hereby left the meeting during the vote, deliberation or other action on this matter and request that my absence and the grounds therefore be noted in the minutes.

Date: January 27, 2020

Signature: 

Print Name: Wil Brasington

Accepted: 
Mayor Pro Tem

The City Clerk attests the above action has been noted and is reflected in the Minutes.


City Clerk