

**City Council of the City of Greenville  
Work Session**

Greenville City Hall, 206 S. Main Street, Third Floor Conference Room  
Monday, March 9, 2020 - 3:30 p.m.

**MINUTES**

CITY COUNCIL: Mayor Knox White; Councilmember Lillian B. Flemming, Councilmember Kenneth C. Gibson, Councilmember Wil Brasington; Councilmember Russell H. Stall; and Councilmember Dorothy H. Dowe

Absent: Councilmember John M. DeWorken

CITY STAFF: City Manager John F. McDonough; City Attorney Michael S. Pitts;  
City Clerk Camilla G. Pitman

Mayor White called the meeting to order for the purpose of discussing the following matters.

Unity Park Budget Appropriation

OMB Director Kai Nelson, OMB Deputy Director Matt Efird, Public Works Director Mike Murphy, and David Wise with Harper Corporation provided a presentation on the Unity Park budget appropriation as located in Council's Agenda packet. Mr. Efird presented highlights of the project including coming in under budget and including in the project plans a complete restoration of the Reedy River, two additional pedestrian bridges, and a Parks and Recreation maintenance facility. Mr. Wise commented on the preliminary guaranteed maximum price (GMP) and inclusion of minority vendors on the project. Mr. Efird referred to the construction costs currently totaling \$38,189,903 and an anticipated construction completion in October 2021.

Mr. Efird commented on two ordinances being presented at the Formal Meeting to appropriate the funds and to enter into a bond. Mr. Wise shared information on the number of minority vendors involved in the project.

Single Family Infill Ordinance – Task Force

Interim Planning and Development Services Director Jay Graham provided a presentation as located in Council's Agenda packet regarding the history of the former task force and its mission statement and recommended creating a new task force with a new mission statement. Councilmember Brasington asked for promotion of the task force in the community.

Zoo Accreditation

Parks and Recreation Director Marlie Creasey-Smith provided a presentation as located in Council's agenda packet regarding the current status of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) accreditation for the Greenville Zoo. Ms. Creasey-Smith provided a list of concerns divided between previous/major areas and lessor areas.

Ms. Creasey-Smith shared information on the history between the Greenville Zoo and Friends of the Zoo and advised the Memorandum of Understanding is currently being reviewed. Mr. Efird provided a report on the current operations and the financial forecast of the Zoo stating expenses will increase, reducing the amount of revenue. Ms. Creasey-Smith discussed the current issues, solutions and options for the Zoo.

Councilmember Brasington asked for additional consultation regarding the temporary lion's den which is being built. Councilmember Stall asked about the status of the Friend's capital campaign. Ms. Creasey-Smith provided the current Phase I Project balances and the Friends of the Zoo's contribution balances, a list of other zoo priority needs and considerations, and a timeline for the accreditation decision points.

#### Hours of Operation – Construction Activity and Waste Hauling

City Attorney Mike Pitts referred to recent complaints in the Augusta Road area involving waste hauling early in the morning. Mr. Pitts reviewed what the current ordinance states and recommended creating compatibility between the Land Management and the Noise ordinances.

Councilmember Dowe recommended dumpsters be emptied at a reasonable time in the morning, possibly 7:00 a.m. Mr. Murphy advised that the City's starting time for residential is 7:00 a.m. Mayor White recommended viewing other municipalities to see what they are doing. Mayor White also asked that staff vet the matter with the hauling businesses.

#### Motion - Executive Session

During the open Work Session, Mayor White asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. City Attorney Mike Pitts recommended going into executive session under S.C. Code §30-4-70 (a)(1) to discuss appointments to the City's boards and commissions and subsection (a)(5) to discuss economic development incentives related to an economic development project on Academy Street at the AGFA site.

Councilmember Flemming moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to go into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

(Executive Session)

There being no further discussions, Councilmember Dowe moved, seconded by Councilmember Gibson, to go out of Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously. No action was taken.

With no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Camilla G. Pitman, MMC, Certified PLS  
City Clerk

Meeting notice posted on March 6, 2020