

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

**Monday, August 10, 2020
3:30 p.m.**

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**Telephone: 1-415-655-0002
WebEx Event Number: 129 113 2645**

**Remote Viewing Location:
Greenville Convention Center, 1 Exposition Drive – Room 102**

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL: Councilmembers John M. DeWorken, Lillian B. Flemming, Kenneth C. Gibson, Russell H. Stall, and Dorothy H. Dowe
Absent: Mayor Knox White and Councilmember Wil Brasington

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

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Stall called the meeting to order for the purpose of discussing the following matters.

Opportunity Zones

Economic Development Project Manager Kevin Howard provided a presentation on the agenda item, as located in Council's Agenda packet. Mr. Howard presented information on six census tracts submitted, four census tracts approved, building upon existing investment, and areas poised for redevelopment including The McClaren, Project Gateway, .408 Jackson, and Poe West. Mr. Howard recognized five county census tracts as part of the presentation.

Councilmember Dowe asked questions regarding the inclusion of the 2020 census track and the lack of inclusion of Pleasant Valley and Arcadia Hills. Councilmember Stall referred to the expeditious manner in which the Governor requested information and advised that the City was only allowed a few projects and approvals did not include Pleasant Valley and Arcadia Hills. Councilmember Stall stated the City has been aggressive, however, the process is confusing and has not caught on as Senator Tim Scott anticipated. Councilmember Flemming shared concerns in District 2 with gentrification and commented on the need of having ethical scrutiny with development and investments and not moving people out.

Greenville Homeless Alliance Update

Community Development Administrator Ginny Stroud introduced Community Development Financial Coordinator Rebecca Edwards who welcomed Susan McLarty and Heather Gatchell with Greenville Homeless Alliance who provided a presentation on the agenda item as located in Council's Agenda packet. Ms. McLarty provided a summary of the organization's history, the

impact of community support and partners for the organization, the core goals to educate, advocate, collaborate, innovate, and operational excellence. Ms. McLarty stated homelessness within the Greenville County School District is currently at 1,148. Ms. McLarty referred to GHA's strategic plan and the 2019 Report handout, both of which were included in Council's Agenda packet.

Ms. McLarty provided an updated regarding a grant for the development known as Church Street Place which will include 36 units for housing individuals who have been on the street for a year or longer. Ms. McLarty thanked Ms. Stroud for all of her assistance and work with GHA.

Motion - Executive Session

During the open Work Session, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Stall 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 subsections (a)(2) and (a)(5) to discuss an economic development project referred to as The McClaren.

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember Gibson, to go into Executive Session. There was no opposition voiced.

(Executive Session)

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

With no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Camilla G. Pitman, MMC, Certified PLS
City Clerk

Meeting notice posted on August 7, 2020