



# MINUTES

## FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Monday, June 22, 2020 - 5:30 p.m.

Greenville City Hall - Closed to the Public

Virtual Meeting Viewing: <https://www.greenvillesc.gov/meeting>

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

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**  
Mayor Knox H. White
2. **INVOCATION**  
Councilmember Dorothy Dowe (Suspended)
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** (Suspended)
4. **ROLL CALL**  
The following members of City Council were in attendance: Mayor Knox White, John DeWorken, Lillian Flemming, Ken Gibson, Wil Brasington, Russell Stall, and Dorothy Dowe
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**  
June 8, 2020; Approved as submitted
6. **COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**
7. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**  
None
8. **PRESENTATION**
  - a. Retirement Recognition of City Employees  
  
Mayor White and City Council recognized a total of 564 combined years of service from this year's municipal retirees and acknowledged the retirees individually thanking them for their service to the city of Greenville.
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 Flemming moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to approve second and final reading of agenda items 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, and 11e of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)**

- a. Ordinance to approve the FY2020 Operating Budget for the South Carolina Technology and Aviation Center Board of Directors and to accept the FY2019 Annual Auditor's Report  
*(Presented by City Clerk Camilla Pitman)*
- b. Ordinance to approve a Lease Agreement between Carolina Select Brands, LLC and the city of Greenville for patio area located at 1 North Laurens Street  
*(Presented by Events and Cultural Affairs Director Angie Prosser)*
- c. Ordinance to approve an easement in favor of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for the purpose of providing utility service to city property located at the intersection of Academy Street and Wardlaw Street (Tax Map Number 0071000100700)  
*(Presented by Engineering Services Manager Dwayne Cooper)*
- d. Ordinance to annex approximately 0.719 acre of real property and 0.177 acre of right of way on Shaw Street and to provide the zoning designation of RDV, Redevelopment District (Tax Map Numbers 0150000901100, 0150000901000, and 0150000900900) and RM-2, Residential Multi-Family District for Tax Map Number (0150001301200) (AX-4-2020)  
*(Presented by Economic Development Project Manager Kevin Howard)*
- e. Ordinance approving a property exchanged with 1 Augusta Street Investors, LLC for certain real property located at 1 Augusta Street, the entry into a License Agreement for purposes of outdoor seating and dining, and matters related thereto  
*(Presented by Real Estate Development Manager Mary Douglas Hirsch)*

**12. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinance – First Reading)**

None

**13. NEW BUSINESS – (Resolutions – First and Final Reading)**

None

<b>REGULAR AGENDA</b>
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**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)**

- a. Ordinance to rezone approximately 79.74 acres of real property to UPND, Unity Park Neighborhood District (Z-18-2019)  
*(Presented by Interim Planning and Development Services Director Jay Graham)*

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

Interim Community and Economic Development Director Ginny Stroud referred to a property owner's request to rezone his property on S. Hudson Street. Ms. Stroud recommended, along with the Planning staff, to amend the Ordinance to allow for the zoning of UP-NCE on the parcel of land as shown in the presentation. Ms. Stroud stated the owner has discussed developing a residential unit, however, it is not confirmed.

Councilmember Flemming inquired about the property being contiguous, and Interim Planning and Services Director Jay Graham explained the entire district is being rezoned, therefore, being contiguous is not the same issue as in other cases. Ms. Stroud stated the two parcels being considered are actually one parcel connected by a small strip of land. Councilmember Gibson verified the meanings of the zoning with Mr. Graham.

Councilmember Gibson moved, seconded by Councilmember Dowe, to amend the Ordinance to allow for the UP-NCE zoning of the parcel on Hudson Street as shown in the presentation.

Councilmember Flemming inquired if a brewery could be placed at the location. Mr. Graham responded no, however, a restaurant could be located on the property. Ms. Stroud stated anything other than a residential use would be difficult for the site.

After discussion, the motion to amend carried unanimously.

The motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

**15. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinances – First Reading)**

None

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

- a. Resolution to establish an Ad Hoc Citizen Advisory Panel on Public Safety  
*(Presented by City Manager John McDonough and Interim Police Chief J.H. Thompson)*

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

City Manager John McDonough provided a presentation of background information regarding the Public Safety Citizen Review Board and the recommendation to establish a Citizens Advisory Panel on Public Safety. Mr. McDonough recommended establishing the panel with a goal to complete the work within 60 days and then present their recommendations to City Council. Mr. McDonough noted the panel's meetings would be open to the public under FOIA.

Councilmember Gibson stated he thinks creating the panel is an excellent idea and the panel will assist the City and the Police in making sure the policies are fair to all members of the City. Councilmember Dowe stated transparency surrounding these issues is important and she is appreciative of the opportunity to create the panel.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- b. Resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute a Guaranteed Maximum Price Contract with Harper Corporation for the construction of Unity Park  
(Roll Call)  
*(Presented by Public Works Director Mike Murphy)*

Councilmember Brasington moved, seconded by Councilmember Flemming, to approve first and final reading.

Public Works Director Mike Murphy provided comments from a presentation shown to City Council during the Work Session Meeting earlier in the day outlining the proposed Visitor's Center Design. Councilmember Dowe recognized the contractors who held the prices during a 90-day pause due to the COVID-19.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- c. Resolution to award \$50,000 in funding received through the Greenville Zoo "Quarters for Conservation" program from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, to five designated global conservation organizations  
*(Presented by Events and Cultural Affairs Director Angie Prosser)*

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

- d. Resolution to award \$17,740 in funding received from the Greenville Zoo Conservation Fund from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, to fifteen designated local and international conservation programs  
*(Presented by Events and Cultural Affairs Director Angie Prosser)*

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

- e. Resolution to authorize the City Manager to utilize previously appropriated general fund monies for the purpose of creating a small business boost program to aid in COVID-19 recovery  
*(Presented by Office of Management Budget Director Matt Efird and Interim Community and Economic Development Director Ginny Stroud)*

Councilmember Gibson moved, seconded by Councilmember DeWorken, to approve first and final reading.

Ms. Stroud explained the criteria for the microgrants and noted the funds for this program will come from General Fund monies designated for Unity Park. Ms. Stroud stated many businesses eligible for the program pay hospitality taxes or generate accommodations taxes. Ms. Stroud also stated a business wishing to receive funding must be a participant in the Greater Greenville Pledge.

Regarding face masks, Ms. Stroud advised the City has approximately 48,000 masks for businesses, with 27,000 of those masks set aside for grocery stores and pharmacies and the remaining masks to be distributed tomorrow morning between 8 a.m. and noon at the Greenville Convention Center. Communications and Neighborhood Relations Director Beth Brotherton stated there is a plan in place for distribution of the masks and there will be communications outreach regarding the process.

Councilmember Dowe commented on the different sources which fund Unity Park including the hospitality tax bond and noted the microgrants are recognizing the work of the hospitality vendors.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- f. Resolution consenting to the inclusion of property in a multi-county industrial/business park and authorizing the City Manager to execute and deliver an Intergovernmental Agreement with Greenville County, South Carolina (Project Unity Gateway)  
*(Presented by Interim Community and Economic Development Director Ginny Stroud)*

Councilmember Brasington moved, seconded by Councilmember Dowe, to approve first and final reading.

Ms. Stroud provided information regarding Project Gateway to be located at the AGFA property on Academy Street and its inclusion of affordable housing in the project. Ms. Stroud stated there will be approximately 52 units with 26 of them at 60 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) and 26 at 80 percent of the AMI in downtown Greenville. Bryan Brown with the Greenville Housing Fund commented on the affordable housing that is being included in the proposed development and thanked everyone for their engagement.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**17. NEW BUSINESS – (Emergency Ordinances – Final Reading)**

- a. Emergency Ordinance providing for the continued suspension of the normal operating procedures for City Council and all City boards and commissions  
*(Presented by City Attorney Mike Pitts)*

Councilmember Brasington moved, seconded by Councilmember Dowe, to approve final reading. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Emergency Ordinance requiring individuals to wear face coverings in certain circumstances and matters related thereto  
*(Presented by City Attorney Mike Pitts)*

Councilmember Flemming moved, seconded by Councilmember Dowe, to approve final reading.

**Ms. Ervin Owen, 16 Wilton Street**, shared her concerns with mitigating the use of face coverings and referenced to state law.

City Attorney Mike Pitts stated he does not believe that a face covering for public health safety falls into the category which violates state statute.

**Dr. Marcus Blackstone, Bon Secours St. Francis Health System**, spoke in support of individuals wearing a mask and applauded Council for introducing the Emergency Ordinance. Dr. Blackstone shared how concerns have changed since March and referred to current use of all ICU beds because of an influx of COVID-19 patients, the patients being sicker now than earlier, and the higher levels currently showing to date.

**Dr. Scott Sasser, Prisma Health**, expressed support for Dr. Blackstone's comments and stated Prisma has seen an ebb and flow, however, they have seen an increase in the number of cases across their entire system. Dr. Sasser also stated masks need to be part of a comprehensive plan along with hand washing and social distancing.

Mr. Pitts explained the details of the Ordinance and stated businesses are not required to enforce the Ordinance but are required to post signage regarding it.

Councilmember Gibson moved, seconded by Councilmember Dowe, to amend the Resolution to include an effective date beginning at 12 noon on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, and including the term "barber shops" in Section 2. The motion to amend carried unanimously.

Mayor White shared comments as to the reason for recommending the Emergency Ordinance including citizens expressing concerns about being able to go to the grocery store and pharmacy. Councilmember Flemming shared her family's experience with COVID-19 and support for the Emergency Ordinance. Councilmember DeWorken commented on the lack of understanding by the public and the interest in protecting individuals who must work and come in contact with the public.

After discussion, the motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

**18. STAFF REPORTS**

City Manager John McDonough provided information on the following items:

- a. Infill Task Force / Tree Ordinance Updates  
(Presented by Assistant City Manager Shannon Lavrin)

Assistant City Manager Shannon Lavrin provided an update stating the Task Force has met four times and last week they reviewed the landscape and tree ordinance. Ms. Lavrin stated they have received 679 responses to a public survey after two weeks and advised the survey is still available for responses through July 10. Ms. Lavrin added the Task Force will be meeting again this week.

- b. Census Update  
(Presented by Assistant City Manager Shannon Lavrin)

Ms. Lavrin stated the City began at 42% percent self-response rate and is currently at 53% percent self-response rate. Ms. Lavrin referred to the distribution of over 15,000 garbage hang tags and advised the committee is looking for additional opportunities for community outreach to improve the rate.

- 19. ADJOURN.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.



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KNOX H. WHITE, MAYOR



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CAMILLA G. PITMAN, MMC, Certified PLS  
CITY CLERK

MEETING NOTICE POSTED AND MEDIA NOTIFIED ON JUNE 19, 2020.