



MINUTES

FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Greenville Convention Center, 1 Exposition Drive

Monday, September 27, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Knox H. White

2. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Russell Stall

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **ROLL CALL**

The following members of City Council were in attendance: Mayor Knox White, John DeWorken (virtual), Lillian Flemming, Ken Gibson, Russell Stall, and Dorothy Dowe

Absent: Wil Brasington

Mayor White reminded everyone of the City's current policy in wearing a mask while in attendance at the meeting.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

September 13, 2021; Approved as submitted

6. **COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

7. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

None

8. **PRESENTATION**

a. Unity Park – AT&T Contribution

Amanda Taylor, Regional Director with AT&T South Carolina, presented the city of Greenville with a check in the amount of \$500,000 in support of Unity Park.

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 Gibson moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to approve second and final reading of agenda items 11a and 11b of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- a. Ordinance to convey city property located at 600 Pendleton Street to United Ministries for the purpose of continuing services to the Homeless (Tax Map Number 0080000101301)
(Presented by Community Development Manager Rebecca Edwards)
- b. Ordinance to appropriate \$30,200 in the Miscellaneous Grant Fund for the FY2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program
(Presented by Interim Fire Chief Brian Horton)

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)

None

15. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinances – First Reading)

- a. Ordinance to annex approximately 0.280 acre of real property and 0.168 acre of adjacent right-of-way located at the intersection of Prosperity Avenue and Plantation Road, and to provide the zoning designation of R-6, Single Family Residential District (Tax Map Number 0367000111800, 0367000111900) (AX-4-2021)
(Presented by Planning and Development Services Director Jay Graham)

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

- b. Ordinance to annex approximately 0.016 acre of real property located at 1007 Hampton Avenue, and to provide the zoning designation of S-1, Service District (Tax Map Number 0026000300900) (AX-5-2021)
(Presented by Planning and Development Services Director Jay Graham)

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

Planning and Development Services Director Jay Graham stated the annexation is requested in connection with a development project involving Thompson Automotive building which is designated with a landmark status. Mr. Graham also stated the project will include affordable housing.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

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

- a. Resolution to reappoint the Municipal Judge

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

- b. Resolution to reappoint various judicial positions in Municipal Court under Chapter 22, Municipal Court, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville
(Presented by Municipal Judge Matt Hawley)

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

- c. Resolution to enter into a contact with Palmetto Infrastructure, Inc., for the construction of the Prisma Health Swamp Rabbit Trail Pedestrian Bridges at Laurens Road and Haywood Road
(Presented by Interim Engineering Services Manager/City Engineer Clint Link)

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

Interim Engineering Services Manager/City Engineer Clint Link provided an update on the status of the Swamp Rabbit Trail pedestrian bridges and recommendations moving forward. Mr. Link stated the total cost is estimated at \$6,407,197 and requested Council consideration for the following: (1) to proceed with Palmetto Infrastructure for a contract price of \$4,994,756, (2) allocation of additional funds of \$2,407,197, (3) support for the County to implement an interim Verdae Crossing solution, and (4) handling of project management.

Mayor White recommended pursuing outside management and asked about the timeline. Mr. Link responded the redesign will take additional time and Palmetto Infrastructure will probably start early next year with a completion date in November 2022. Councilmember Dowe asked about the status of the paperclip portion of the trail. Mr. Links responded they are in final engineering and anticipate bringing an update to Council in late October. Councilmember Dowe asked if the County agrees with the recommended path forward, and Mr. Link responded they are in redesign discussions and advised he has not received any comments lacking support. Mayor White recommended advertisement and promotion of the forthcoming trails at the bridge locations.

Councilmember Gibson shared his concerns with the ramp designs and expense for the two crossings. Councilmember Gibson referred to the hiring of a consultant and suggested receiving input from the consultant on all intersections before moving forward. Councilmember Gibson commented on crossings which have been created in Washington and New York without the need of bridges. Councilmember Gibson referred to the website for the United States Department of Transportation which provides options and alternatives for pedestrian safety.

Councilmember Dowe referred to a recent fatality in the County on the trail and stated she cannot imagine extending the trail across a major roadway like Laurens Road or Haywood Road without a safe path, either above it or below it.

Councilmember DeWorken stated he looks at the funding as an investment. Councilmember DeWorken referred to a study where the trail provides approximately \$7 million in economic impact and stated the allocation of funds will come back through economic impact.

After discussion, the motion carried, 5-1, with Councilmember Gibson opposed.

17. STAFF REPORTS

- a. NSTEP Update
(Presented by Interim Engineering Services Manager/City Engineer Clint Link and Engineering Project Manager Eddie Littleton)

Mr. Link and Engineering Project Manager Eddie Littleton provided a presentation regarding the neighborhood sidewalk targeted expansion program. Mr. Link advised that since the NSTEP inception in 1999, the average funding is \$1 million at approximately 0.75 mile completed annually. Mr. Link also advised there is approximately 200 miles of city streets without sidewalks and the estimated cost to install sidewalks on every street within the city limits is approximately \$150 million. Mr. Link shared information on the current ranking criteria process as well as concerns in using the current process.

Mr. Littleton provided recommendations in modifying the criteria process and compared the current process with the proposed modifications. Council commented in general on the program and shared examples of roadways and neighborhoods in considering the proposed criteria and weight. Councilmember Stall requested the NSTEP ranking list include a reference to the district location. Councilmember DeWorken suggested budgeting annually the actual amount necessary to complete a mile.

Councilmember Stall recognized the closing of the Wings of the City exhibit in Greenville and thanked Parks, Recreations and Tourism and Public Works staff for their assistance.

18. **ADJOURN.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.


MAYOR


CAMILLA G. PITMAN, MMC, Certified PLS
CITY CLERK

