



# MINUTES

## FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Greenville Convention Center, 1 Exposition Drive

Monday, October 25, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Knox H. White

2. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember John DeWorken

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**

October 11, 2021; Approved as submitted

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

None

7. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

**Sally Willis, 213 Freemont Drive, Simpsonville SC**, spoke on behalf of Live Well Greenville and expressed her support for Item 15c regarding healthy foods in special emphasis neighborhoods that do not have access to grocery stores.

**Katy Smith, 31 Riverside Drive**, spoke in support of Item 15c and stated USDA rated seven out of thirteen special emphasis neighborhoods for having low food access due to being too far from a grocery store for residents to walk.

**Travis Paul, 406 Townsend Avenue, Greer SC**, with the M. Peters Group developers, spoke in support Item 15c and stated his group is actively pursuing national chain supermarkets to locate in the areas his group is developing. Mr. Paul referred to the West Greenville area as an example and stated the recommended stimulus incentive will help his group's efforts.

**Shelby Dodson, 417 Perry Avenue**, spoke in support of Item 15c and referred to her involvement as a broker and as a resident in the West End area. Ms. Dodson stated she has been trying hard to get a grocery store in the area and she appreciates Council's efforts.

**Yvonne Reeder, 10 Zara Street**, spoke in support of Item 15c and stated she grew up in Nicholtown in the 1950's and 1960's when the neighborhood was self-sufficient. Ms. Reeder referred to the percentage of elderly residents and the need for grocery stores to locate in the neighborhoods.

**8. PRESENTATION**

None

**9. PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**10. RECOGNITIONS AND APPOINTMENTS – Boards and Commissions**

Recognition and appreciation of service was given by City Council to the following Board and Commission members with expiring terms: Bruce Wise (ATAX), Eric Penkert (Firefighters Pension), William O’Neal (Richland Cemetery), Aaron Barr (GRAC), Jon Good, Diane Keller, and Janie Davis (Greenville Housing Authority), Anne Ellefson (SCTAC), and Hughes Clark, Benjamin Bryson, Samuel Elliott Dobson, Kacy Lyvers, and Nicholas Ian McGee (Youth Commission).

- a. Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee  
Councilmember Dowe recommended the reappointment of Bill Groves (Lodging) and appointment of Joshua Riley (Hospitality) for a full two-year term each beginning November 1, 2021, and ending October 31, 2023. Also, Councilmember Dowe recommended the reappointment of Mary Hipp representing Metropolitan Arts Council to a one-year term beginning November 1, 2021, and ending October 31, 2022. There being no further nominations, the appointments were approved by unanimous consent.
- b. Firefighters Pension Fund Board of Trustees  
Councilmember Flemming recommended the appointment of Sherrie Turner to a full four-year term beginning November 1, 2021, and ending October 31, 2025. There being no further nominations, the appointment was approved by unanimous consent.
- c. Greenville Transit Authority  
Councilmember Brasington recommended the reappointment of Walker Smith to a full three-year term beginning November 1, 2021, and ending October 31, 2024. There being no further nominations, the appointment was approved by unanimous consent.
- d. Municipal Election Commission  
Councilmember Brasington recommended the reappointment of Jessica Sharp to a full six-year term beginning November 1, 2021, and ending October 31, 2027. There being no further nominations, the appointment was approved by unanimous consent.
- e. Richland Cemetery Advisory Committee  
Councilmember Flemming recommended the reappointment of Michelle Simmons, Pamela Sims, and Sam Zimmerman, and the appointment of Kayla Sullivan to a full two-year term each beginning November 1, 2021, and ending October 31, 2023. Councilmember Flemming also recommended the appointment of Jennie LaMonte to an unexpired term ending 10/31/2022. There being no further nominations, the appointments were approved by unanimous consent.
- f. Community Development Advisory Committee  
Mayor White recommended the reappointment of Kevin Mertens and Scott May to

Mayoral appointments of a full two-year term each beginning November 1, 2021, and ending October 31, 2023. There being no further nominations, the appointments were approved by unanimous consent.

- g. Board of Zoning Appeals  
Councilmember DeWorken recommended the reappointment of Krish Patel and Seph Wunder to a full three-year term each beginning November 1, 2021, and ending October 31, 2024. There being no further nominations, the appointments were approved by unanimous consent.
- h. Green Ribbon Advisory Committee  
Councilmember Stall recommended the appointment of Mary Elza Walsh and the reappointment of Stephanie McCauley and Jodi Price Hajosy to a full two-year term each beginning November 1, 2021, and ending October 31, 2023. There being no further nominations, the appointments were approved by unanimous consent.
- i. Greenville Housing Authority  
Mayor White recommended the appointment of Catina Abercrombie to a direct assisted, Mayoral appointment of a full five-year term beginning November 1, 2021, and ending October 31, 2026. Councilmember Gibson recommended the appointment of Ericka Reyes and Racquel Collier to a full five-year term each beginning November 1, 2021, and ending October 31, 2026. There being no further nominations, the appointments were approved by unanimous consent.
- j. Public Safety Citizen Review Board  
Councilmember Gibson recommended the reappointment of Delores Durham to a full four-year term beginning November 1, 2021, and ending October 31, 2025. There being no further nominations, the appointment was approved by unanimous consent.
- k. South Carolina Technology and Aviation Center  
Councilmember Stall recommended the appointment of James McKissick to a full three- year term beginning November 1, 2021, and ending October 31, 2024. There being no further nominations, the appointment was approved by unanimous consent.
- l. Arts in Public Places  
Councilmember DeWorken recommended the appointment of Byron Jefferies to an unexpired term ending April 30, 2023. There being no further nominations, the appointment was approved by unanimous consent.
- m. Greenville Health Authority Board of Trustees  
Mayor White referred to the Greenville County Legislative Delegation selection of Dr. Bradley Williams (At-Large) for appointment to the Greenville Health Authority Board of Directors. Mayor White advised as a resident of the city of Greenville and in accordance with Act 102 of 2015, the Legislative Delegation is requesting concurrence from City Council.

Councilmember Flemming moved, seconded by Councilmember DeWorken to appoint Dr. Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

**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 Dowe, to approve second and final reading of agenda item 11a of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- a. Ordinance to appropriate \$2,407,197 in funding in the Capital Projects, Hospitality Tax and Local Accommodations Tax funds for construction of Swamp Rabbit Trail pedestrian bridges  
*(Presented by Office of Management and Budget Director Matt Efird)*

**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 appropriate \$31,926 in the Miscellaneous Grants Fund for the FY2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program  
*(Presented by Police Chief Howie Thompson)*

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

- b. Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Waterworks System Refunding and/or Improvement Revenue Bonds of the City of Greenville in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$175,555,000 and other matters relating thereto  
*(Presented by Office of Management and Budget Director Matt Efird)*

Councilmember Brasington moved, seconded by Councilmember DeWorken, to approve first reading. The motion carried 6-0, with Mayor White abstaining.

- c. Ordinance amending Chapter 8, Article II, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville to provide for certain economic development stimulus incentives, and matters related thereto

*(Presented by Office of Management and Budget Director Matt Efird)*

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

Councilmember Dowe referred to receiving phone calls in support of the incentives and stated it is a great tool for the City to have in recruiting grocery stores.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- d. Ordinance amending Chapter 8, pertaining to business license tax and other business regulations, and Chapter 48, pertaining to vehicles for hire, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville, and matters related thereto

*(Presented by Office of Management and Budget Director Matt Efird)*

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

Office of Management and Budget Director Matt Efird advised the purpose of the proposed Ordinance is to bring the City into compliance with the Business License Standardization Act and to address some housekeeping items in the Code of Ordinances. Mr. Efird provided a list of significant changes under the Act and advised that all municipalities in the state of South Carolina that collect business licenses are required to be in compliance. Mr. Efird also provided information regarding proposed economic development incentives.

Councilmember DeWorken moved, seconded by Councilmember Flemming, to defer the item for two weeks so Council may have an opportunity to digest the information further.

Councilmember Dowe asked questions regarding the timeline of the current process and the proposed process. Mr. Efird advised that the Ordinance extends the current active business licenses to the new renewal date. Regarding revenue requirements, Mr. Efird advised that the State Legislature set the gross revenue at a pre-COVID level. Councilmember Dowe thanked Mr. Efird for including grocery stores in the incentives and asked for consideration to be given to include child care providers.

Councilmember Stall asked if Section 48-75 regarding taxis applies to Uber as well. City Attorney Mike Pitts responded that the amendments work to lessen the amount of regulations and bring it more in line with Uber and Lyft.

Councilmember Flemming asked why the City was maintaining its program and the MASC program as well. Mr. Efird responded that the City application provides additional data that can be used to assist with the City's economic development efforts.

After discussions, the motion to defer for two weeks was carried unanimously.

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

None

**17. STAFF REPORTS**

City Manager John McDonough recognized Clint Link on being appointed as Public Works Director and thanked Deputy Director Dave Derrick for serving as Interim during the selection process.

**a. Fall for Greenville**

*(Presented by Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Angie Prosser)*

Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Angie Prosser provided a presentation sharing the results of this year's Fall For Greenville and its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary held October 8-10. Ms. Prosser advised that over 150,000 people were in attendance, over 3 million taste tickets were sold including orders from 31 different states, over 2.8 million estimated coverage views occurred, and almost \$500,000 in revenue went back directly to the participating restaurants. Ms. Prosser recognized Tara Eaker and Will Young and thanked city departments and employees for their efforts during the event.

City Council members shared their appreciation for Ms. Prosser and city staff for their continued work and dedication to the event.

**18. ADJOURN.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 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 OCTOBER 22, 2021.



**STATEMENT OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**TO:** Mayor, or Presiding Officer of Greenville City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Knox H. White

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:

Agenda Item No. 15b.

Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Waterworks System Refunding and/or Improvement Revenue Bonds of the City of Greenville in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$175,555,000 and other matters relating thereto

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: October 25, 2021

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor

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

Carillo B. Pitman  
City Clerk