



MINUTES

FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL, 206 S. MAIN STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, February 25, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Mayor Knox H. White
2. **INVOCATION**
Councilmember George Fletcher
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **ROLL CALL**
The following members of City Council were in attendance: Mayor Knox White, Amy Doyle, Lillian Flemming, Jil Littlejohn, Wil Brasington, Russell Stall, and George Fletcher
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
February 11, 2019; Approved as submitted
6. **COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**
None
7. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Michael Bittel, 24 Recess Way, Simpsonville, spoke in opposition to Item 16a. Representing Charlestown Partners, owners of buildings at the Wade Hampton Boulevard and Pleasantburg Drive intersection, Mr. Bittel provided a handout of his comments and drawings regarding the North Gateway improvements. Mr. Bittel stated business renters and building owners are concerned about the loss of parking in front of the building and the effects the plan may have on the business model at this location. Mr. Bittel stated they would like to meet with planners to develop a different plan for their location.

Mayor White assured Mr. Bittel he would be hearing from someone at the City regarding the plan.

Jeff Soladay, 115 Cannon Lane, Taylors, expressed support for Mr. Bittel's comments regarding opposition to Item 16a.

Susan Harvey, 1829 Wade Hampton Boulevard, expressed support for Mr. Bittel's comments regarding opposition to Item 16a.

Mike Pennington, 206 Holmes Drive, spoke in support of Item 16a. Mr. Pennington referred to his participation on the Strategic Wade Hampton Planning Committee and shared his appreciation for the concerns shared. Mr. Pennington stated he supports the plan because he believes it will revitalize the Wade Hampton Boulevard corridor by adding more shops and restaurants and enhance the livability, bike ability, and walkability.

8. PRESENTATION

None

9. PUBLIC HEARING

None

10. APPOINTMENTS – Boards and Commissions

a. Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee

Councilmember Fletcher recommended Bruce Wise to fill an unexpired term ending September 30, 2019. There being no further nominations, Mr. Wise was appointed by unanimous consent.

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 Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember Littlejohn, 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 a real estate exchange involving approximately 558 square feet of city property located on South Main Street
- b. Ordinance to appropriate \$575,635 in the Capital Projects Fund for the purchase of public safety radios
- c. Ordinance to appropriate \$57,500 in the Miscellaneous Grant Fund for FY2019 Grant Funds received from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and to authorize the use of other city funds as local match for the grant
- d. Ordinance to authorize a property tax credit to taxpayers within the corporate limits of the city of Greenville for installation of fire sprinkler systems
- e. Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute a Development Agreement between the City of Greenville and Crescent Village at Washington West, LLC and to approve the sale of property described herein

12. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinance – First Reading)

None

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

None

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| REGULAR AGENDA |
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14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)

None

15. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinances – First Reading)

- a. Ordinance to appropriate \$10,000 in the Hospitality Tax Fund in support of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. South Atlantic Regional Conference

Councilmember Flemming moved, seconded by Councilmember Littlejohn, to approve first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- a. Resolution to adopt in principle the Wade Hampton Boulevard Strategic Plan

Councilmember Doyle moved, seconded by Councilmember Fletcher, to approve first and final reading.

Senior Economic Development Project Manager Tracy Ramseur provided a timeline for the strategic plan and recognized the consultants involved in the project and the steering committee composed of local stakeholders. Ms. Ramseur referred to the opportunities made available for public input, including a multi-day charrette and an online survey which generated over 1,900 responses. Ms. Ramseur stated a public hearing was held followed by the Planning Commission recommending adoption of the plan in January. Ms. Ramseur commented on the improvements included in the plan and stated if the plan is adopted, city staff will reconvene the steering committee to discuss its implementation. Ms. Ramseur referred to speaking with some of the business owners expressing concerns and emphasized that the current plan is conceptual and further study and discussions will be held.

Mayor White stated there will be a visit and further discussion regarding the North Gateway site. Mayor White acknowledged the work of Arnett Muldrow in its model and their involvement in addressing each property owner and performing an assessment of the area.

Tripp Muldrow with Arnett Muldrow stated he has lived in the Wade Hampton area for most of his life. Mr. Muldrow also stated the firm has tried hard to get the public involved in meetings. Mr. Muldrow advised the conceptual plan should be viewed as an opportunity for additional input towards the final plan.

Councilmember Flemming stated she hopes there is a plan to go door to door to meet the business owners at the Charleston Shops and discuss the plan with them.

Ms. Ramseur responded she will make sure there are follow up discussions with those business owners.

Councilmember Doyle stated she hopes some of the suggestions in the plan will encourage private redevelopment. Mr. Muldrow responded the analysis and survey performed show people want more independent shops and restaurants for the area. Councilmember Doyle referred to trees planted along Wade Hampton Boulevard five years ago, commented on the need for additional streetscaping, and requested to prioritize the capital improvements on the public side in the next year.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- b. Resolution to extend the appointment of Nancy P. Whitworth as Interim City Manager

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

17. **ADJOURN.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.



KNOX H. WHITE, MAYOR



CAMILLA G. PITMAN, MMC, Certified PLS
CITY CLERK

MEETING NOTICE POSTED AND MEDIA NOTIFIED ON FEBRUARY 22, 2019.