



# MINUTES

## FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL, 206 S. MAIN STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
Monday, May 13, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**  
Mayor Knox H. White

2. **INVOCATION**  
Mayor White offered comments and a moment of silence in memory of former Mayor William D. ("Bill") Workman, who passed away on May 12, 2019.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **ROLL CALL**

The following members of City Council were in attendance: Mayor Knox White, Amy Doyle, Lillian Flemming, Wil Brasington, Russell Stall, and George Fletcher

Absent: Jil Littlejohn

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**  
April 22, 2018; Approved as submitted

6. **COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
None

7. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Jack Logan, 5051 Old Augusta Road, referred to the City's first homicide of the year and recognized the efforts and assistance of Police Chief Ken Miller and the Greenville Police Department. Mr. Logan asked Council for more funding to put more police on the street.

Alan Ethridge, Metropolitan Arts Council, 16 Augusta Street, thanked City Council for its continued support of the Metropolitan Arts Council and art programs in general. Mr. Ethridge provided a copy of MAC's 2018 Annual Report and stated MAC's income has surpassed \$2 million for the third consecutive year.

Mayor White recognized city staff for their assistance over the weekend with making Artisphere a successful event.

Curt Hall, 117 Verdae Crest Drive, referred to McPherson Lane and provided copies of emails he received last week that were new to him in connection to the street calming process. Mr. Hall stated he is disgusted with the process after reading the emails and asked Council to re-vote on the matter based on the new information.

Dr. Spence Taylor, 115 W. Seven Oaks Drive, President of Prisma Health Upstate, spoke in support of Item 14a and thanked Council for the consideration in funding transportation. Dr. Taylor recognized the necessary partnership between health care providers, local government and public/private entities. Dr. Taylor expressed his appreciation for proclaiming

"Dr. Jerry R. Youckey Day in Greenville" on May 9 and acknowledged him as the founding Dean of the USC School of Medicine - Greenville.

Mayor White stated Council decided at its retreat to focus on public transportation as one of its priorities. Mayor White also stated with the passage of Item 14a, the City's contribution to public transportation will be \$1 million, in addition to other funding pledged to the Greenville Transit Authority through capital improvements.

Ian Thomas, 209 Perry Avenue, acting president of the West End Neighborhood Association, spoke in support of Item 16e and thanked Chandra Dillard and the Economic Development Department for moving on the proposed allocation from SCDOT. Mr. Thomas stated the neighborhood is in support of this item.

Clarence Thornton, 114 N. Douthit Street, spoke about gentrification and gerrymandering taking place and wiping out the minority African American vote for the republican vote in his neighborhood. Mr. Thornton referred to the need for housing equality and asked that the City stop moving African Americans out of their neighborhoods. Mr. Thornton thanked Mayor Bill Workman for his service and for building from the bottom to the top by working with the poor first.

## 8. PRESENTATION

### a. Greenville Transit Authority Capital Update

Interim City Manager Nancy Whitworth recognized Interim Transportation Director James Keel to report on the current condition of the Greenville Transit Authority's capital funds. Ms. Whitworth acknowledged former Transportation Director Gary Shepard for his efforts during his time with the City.

Mr. Keel provided a presentation including information on the City's local match update, the purchase of Proterra buses, the midlife overhaul project and vehicle replacements, GTA's investment, and the maintenance facility. Mayor White reminded attendees that the City contributed an extra \$1 million to GTA and let the GTA Board determine how to spend the money.

Councilmember Brasington asked for the number of new vehicles added to the fleet, and Mr. Keel responded there are eight or nine with a base fleet of 19, which includes six spares. Mayor White commented on the importance of receiving an \$11 million grant for the maintenance facility, referred to the City's match, and stated GTA is waiting on the County's match. Mayor White asked the City Manager to encourage the County to move quickly on the matter.

Councilmember Doyle referred to citizen inquiries for 30 minute routes, extended service, and Sunday service and asked about plans to implement. Mr. Keel responded the biggest priority is to extend service which should happen in October. Mr. Keel stated they are waiting to hear if the County is willing to commit funds to help make it happen. Regarding 30-minute service, Mr. Keel noted the problems with maintaining proper service at a faster rate and the lack of space at the current maintenance facility. Mr. Keel recommended adding 30-minute routes once a new

maintenance facility is built. Regarding Sunday service, Mr. Keel stated it is a feature which can be addressed, however it is not included in the plans for this year.

Mr. Keel advised the Low-No Grant for \$300,000 has been submitted and if fully funded, the grant will allow for four new Proterra buses.

**9. PUBLIC HEARING**

a. FY2019-20 Annual Operating Budget

Office of Management and Budget Director Kai Nelson introduced the proposed Operating Budget for FY2019-20 and stated first reading is scheduled for this meeting with second and final reading scheduled for June 10. Mr. Nelson stated the budget invests heavily in City Council's six major priorities public transportation, infrastructure, neighborhoods, public safety, affordable housing, and economic development and maintains the millage of 85.3 mils.

Councilmember Doyle stated she was really excited about the inclusion of an employee compensation study and a facilities asset study of the organization's publicly owned buildings.

No comments in support or in opposition were presented during the public hearing.

**10. APPOINTMENTS – Boards and Commissions**

a. Arts in Public Places

Councilmember Stall recommended Kerry Murphy and Katie Skoloff each to a full year term ending April 30, 2022. There being no further nominations, Ms. Murphy and Ms. Skoloff were 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 Brasington moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to approve second and final reading of agenda item 11a and first reading of agenda item 13a of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 11b was removed from the Agenda prior to the meeting.

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

- a. Ordinance to rezone a portion of real property located at 1909 Laurens Road (1.219 acres) from R-6, Single-Family Residential District, to C-3, Regional Commercial District (Tax Map Number 0257000700300) (Z-3-2019)

- b. Ordinance authorizing a sublease and license agreement between the City of Greenville and Sutera USA, LLC for the purpose of locating trash receptacles in the vicinity of Boggs Street

**12. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinance – First Reading)**  
None

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

- a. Resolution to award \$17,410 in funding received from the Greenville Zoo Conservation Fund from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, to ten designated local and international conservation projects

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

- a. Ordinance to appropriate \$425,021 in the General Fund for the FY2019 Greenville Health Authority funding in support of Greenlink Transit Operations

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

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

- a. Ordinance to provide for the adoption of a City Operating Budget, its execution and effect, for the fiscal period July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, and declaring certain tax increment financing revenues net of debt service payments surplus

Councilmember Brasington moved, seconded by Councilmember Doyle, to approve first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ordinance to appropriate \$54,538 in the Miscellaneous Grants Fund for park and access improvements at Timmons Park

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

- c. Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to purchase approximately 0.16 acre vacant lot at 21 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, approximately 0.281 acre vacant lot at Cowan Court, approximately 3.28 acre vacant lot at Nichol Street, and approximately 1.06 acres vacant lot at Perry Avenue from the Greenville Housing Authority and then donate these properties to the Greenville Housing Fund (Tax Map Numbers 0114000911200, 0201001804300, 0067070300200, and 0079000203500)

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

Community Development Administrator Ginny Stroud explained the ability to negotiate the purchase of surplus properties and to donate those properties to the Greenville Housing Fund. Ms. Stroud stated the total acreage is nearly five acres and are located in target areas for both the City and the Greenville Housing Fund.

Councilmember Doyle reminded attendees there is a land banking committee reaching out to the private sector and non-profit sector looking at the strategy for banking which will be a tool and a real asset.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

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

- a. Resolution to approve an agreement between the city of Greenville and Benjamin F. McDaniel, III, for purchase of 105 East Park Avenue (Tax Map Number 0034000201900)

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

Councilmember Doyle asked about the plans for cleaning up the property. Engineering Services Manager Dwayne Cooper responded the existing pipe will probably be removed and a plan should be developed in the near future.

- b. Resolution authorizing a lease/purchase Agreement, Series 2019, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$320,000 relating to the financing of equipment for municipal purposes; authorizing the execution and delivery of various agreements including the Lease Agreement; and other matters relating thereto

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

- c. Resolution to accept a dedication from Salters Road Venture, LLC of 30,217 Square Feet (0.69 acre) of right of way easement for the Salters Road Realignment Project

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

- d. Resolution to amend the Historic Resources List to include the properties listed in the 2018 Historic Resources Survey

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

Planning and Development Manager Jay Graham referred to the City commissioning WLA Studios to perform an updated survey and the survey being reviewed by the Planning Commission. Councilmember Doyle stated the protection it gives requires the property owner to provide notice if they want to change or demolish the property.

Mr. Graham agreed and stated the survey provided additional recommendations that staff will bring to Council at a future time.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- e. Resolution to accept an approximately 0.11 acre parcel of land located at the intersection of Academy Street and Wardlaw Street from the South Carolina Department of Transportation to facilitate a new development project for downtown (Tax Map Number 0071000100700)

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

- f. Resolution authorizing the study of the City's Sanitary Sewer System by Renewable Water Resources (REWA)

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

Interim City Manager Nancy Whitworth acknowledged the work of City staff members during the three-day Artisphere event held in downtown Greenville.

17. **ADJOURN.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 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 MAY 10, 2019.