



**MINUTES**  
**FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY HALL, 206 S. MAIN STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**Monday, October 14, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.**

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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, Amy Doyle, Lillian Flemming, Jil Littlejohn, Wil Brasington, Russell Stall, and George Fletcher
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**  
September 16, 2019; Approved as submitted
6. **COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
None
7. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

**Dr. Gary Harbour, 23 Hardy Ridge Way, Travelers Rest**, representing the Climate Reality South Carolina Upstate Chapter, stated the group has 500 activists who support the city of Greenville going to 100% percent carbon-free electricity by 2030. Dr. Harbour also stated Duke Power has done a good job of reducing the carbon emissions, but there needs to be a larger use of wind and solar energy. Dr. Harbour requested City Council in the next 10 year agreement require Duke Power to reduce carbon emissions by 3.3 percent per year and to do so by adding carbon free sources.

**Ian Thomas, 209 Perry Avenue**, President of the West End Neighborhood Association, spoke in support of Item 15h stating he looks forward to seeing the recommendations and hopefully providing input for improving neighborhood communications with the City. Mr. Thomas also expressed concerns regarding the County Square Project and the potential of the two votes being voiced by two different Councils.

**Bob Lloyd, 14 Pinckney Avenue**, President of the Hampton-Pinkney Neighborhood Association, referred to recently attending a meeting for the County Square project and shared concerns regarding residential neighborhoods located adjacent to large projects such as the County Square project. Mr. Lloyd suggested amending the Downtown Master Plan and the Land Use Ordinance to require an extensive traffic impact study and adherence to the downtown design guidelines on any land area covered by the Downtown Master Plan.

Mayor White thanked Mr. Lloyd for his comments and stated the footprint of the downtown has expanded and perhaps the downtown design guidelines need to be expanded as well.

**Chris Stone, VisitGreenvilleSC**, spoke in support of Item 16d stating the new downtown cultural and conference center will offer the City an opportunity to recruit new groups to the area and will provide an advantage in a competitive marketplace in the region.

**Bo Aughtry, 40 W. Broad Street**, Chairman of Windsor Aughtry Company, spoke in support of Item 16d referring to the economic impact study and feasibility studies which have been performed and are encouraging for the project. Mr. Aughtry stated the City is very fortunate for all of the parties to align at the same time.

**Ed Zeigler, 19 Washington Park**, President of Craig, Gaulden and Davis, spoke in support of Item 16d and stated his company serves on the project's development team and believes the site can be transformed into a one of a kind conference center.

**Scott Smith, 7 Hendricks Street**, spoke regarding his desire to have Hendricks Street paved. Mr. Smith provided handouts comparing the road conditions at Council's homes with his property and referred to his efforts in contacting Councilmember Littlejohn and city staff to resolve the matter. Mr. Smith stated this is his last effort to exhaust administrative options before he pursues potential litigation.

**Phil Hughes, 277 Hidden Hills Drive**, President of Hughes Investments, spoke in favor of Item 16d and commented on the collaborative effort required for the project.

Councilmember Doyle recommended providing information regarding the street resurfacing program on the City's website as public information.

**8. PRESENTATION**

None

**9. PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**10. APPOINTMENTS – Boards and Commissions**

- a. Community Development Advisory Committee (Mayoral Appointments)  
Mayor White appointed Scott May and Kevin Mertens each to a full two year term ending November 1, 2021.
- b. Public Facilities Corporation  
Councilmember Fletcher recommended appointment of Maurie Lawrence, Deanna Hemberger, and David Barnett each to a full term November 10, 2022. There being no further nominations, Ms. Lawrence, Ms. Hemberger, and Mr. Barnett were appointed by unanimous consent.
- c. Richland Cemetery Advisory Committee  
Councilmember Flemming recommended appointment of Ruth Ann Butler, David Mitchell, and Theo Mitchell each to a one year term beginning October 1, 2019, and ending September 30, 2020.

Councilmember Flemming also recommended appointment of Doris Pitchford, Michelle Simmons, Pamela Sims, and Sam Zimmerman each to a two year term beginning October 1, 2019, and ending September 30, 2021.

There being no further nominations, all recommendations 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 Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember Brasington, 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 appropriate \$8,883 in the Miscellaneous Grants Fund for 2018 Grant Funds received from the South Carolina Forestry Commission  
*(Parks and Recreation Director Marlaine Creasey-Smith)*
- b. Ordinance to rezone 1.497 acres of real property located on Ridgeway Avenue and Ridge Knoll Circle from R-6, Single-Family Residential District, and OD, Office and Institutional District, to R-6, Single-Family Residential District (Tax Map Numbers 0257000805603, 0257010100100, 0257010100200, 0257010100900, 0257020101000, and 0257010101100) (Z-12-2019)  
*(Planning and Development Manager Jay Graham)*

**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 0.176 acre of real property located on East Bramlett Road along with 0.171 acre of adjacent right-of-way and to provide the zoning designation of I-1, Industrial District (a portion of Tax Map Number 0138000100100) (AX-9-2019)  
*(Economic Development Project Manager Kevin Howard)*

Councilmember Fletcher moved, seconded by Councilmember Littlejohn, to approve first reading.

Economic Development Project Manager Kevin Howard stated approval of the annexation will make the City contiguous with several other properties owned by the Legacy School. Mr. Howard advised the School intends to apply for annexation.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ordinance to appropriate \$65,000 in the Miscellaneous Grants Fund for the FY 2018 assistance to Firefighters Grant Program  
*(Fire Chief Steve Kovalcik)*

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

- c. Ordinance to appropriate \$80,000 in the Miscellaneous Grant Fund for the FY2019 South Carolina State Homeland Security Grant Program to support the Upstate Regional WMD Hazmat Team  
*(Fire Chief Steve Kovalcik)*

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

- d. Ordinance to appropriate \$67,585 in the Miscellaneous Grants Fund for the support of a body worn camera program for the Police Department  
*(Police Chief Ken Miller)*

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

Police Chief Ken Miller stated the Police Department has spent the past two and half years equipping the uniformed field officers with body worn cameras and this revenue reimbursement from the state will assist the program further.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- e. Ordinance to appropriate \$31,394 in the Miscellaneous Grants Fund for the purpose of purchasing mechanical entry devices (breaching tools) for the Police Department  
*(Police Chief Ken Miller)*

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

- f. Ordinance to grant a Franchise to Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, to construct, install, maintain, repair, operate, relocate, replace and remove certain small wireless facilities using the rights of way in the city of Greenville and to authorize attachment of wireless facilities to certain light poles owned by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC  
*(City Attorney Mike Pitts)*

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

- g. Ordinance to approve a Municipal Service and Operations Agreement with Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for the provision of electric service to the public  
*(City Attorney Mike Pitts)*

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

As a separate matter, Councilmember Doyle requested the City reach out to Duke Energy and have them perform a public information outreach on their tree trimming.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- h. Ordinance to establish the Department of Planning and Development Services, the Department of Communications and Neighborhood Relations, and matters Related thereto  
*(City Manager John McDonough)*

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

Mayor White stated there has been a lot of interest in City Hall regarding this matter and encouraged extra communication within the organization.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

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

- a. Resolution to certify property at Guess Street and Seth Street as an abandoned textile mill site (Tax Map Number 0106000700101)  
*(Economic Development Project Manager Kevin Howard)*

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

Councilmember Doyle thanked Mr. Howard for his efforts and acknowledged the incentive it provides to the property owner. Mr. Howard stated with the agenda items tonight, there have been 13 certified properties this year.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- b. Resolution to certify 200 Woodruff Road as an abandoned building site (Tax Map Number 0263000400100)  
*(Economic Development Project Manager Kevin Howard)*

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

- c. Resolution to certify 1503 E. North Street as an abandoned building site (Tax Map Number 0190000207000)  
*(Economic Development Project Manager Kevin Howard)*

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

- d. Resolution expressing City Council's support for development of the South Carolina Art and Cultural Center, as a Downtown Convention and Event Center, and its intent to participate with the County of Greenville, the State of South Carolina, non-profits and the private sector as financial partners in support of the project  
*(Deputy City Manager Nancy Whitworth)*

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

Councilmember Doyle thanked VisitGreenville for its marketing and stated the center will be a great amenity for Greenville residents as well as visitors.

**17. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

City Manager John McDonough provided information on the following items:

- a. Fall for Greenville: Acknowledged the efforts of Public Information and Events as well as assistance from the City's departments and staff and approximately 2,000 volunteers who made the event successful. Referred to the out of town journalists and guests and noted high numbers of hits on social media regarding the event.

Councilmember Flemming referred to comments she received from out of town guests and complimented staff on the hospitality shown during the event. Mayor White added the event is a reflection on the City and its values, and he expressed appreciation for all those who made it a success.

- 18. ADJOURN.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.



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JIL LITTLEJOHN, MAYOR PRO TEM



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CAMILLA G. PITMAN, MMC, Certified PLS  
CITY CLERK

MEETING NOTICE POSTED AND MEDIA NOTIFIED ON OCTOBER 11, 2019.