

**City Council of the City of Greenville
Work Session**

Greenville City Hall, 206 S. Main Street, Ninth Floor Conference Room
Monday, January 27, 2020 - 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL: Councilmember John M. DeWorken, Councilmember Lillian B. Flemming, Councilmember Kenneth C. Gibson, Councilmember Wil Brasington; Councilmember Russell H. Stall; and Councilmember Dorothy H. Dowe

Absent: Mayor Knox White

CITY STAFF: City Manager John F. McDonough; City Attorney Michael S. Pitts;
City Clerk Camilla G. Pitman

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Stall called the meeting to order for the purpose of discussing the following matters.

Legislative Update

State Legislative Lobbyist Ted Riley and Office of Management and Budget Director Kai Nelson shared a presentation, as included in Council's agenda packet, providing an update on the current legislative session. Mr. Riley introduced himself and his role in representing the City regarding state legislation. Mr. Riley specifically referred to filed bills involving Business License Tax Reform, Property Tax Exemption for Affordable Housing, Childcare Safety – Summer Camps, and Stormwater Fee. Mr. Riley also referred in the handout to topics which are also being monitored.

Mr. Nelson provided information regarding the proposed process for business license tax reform and the potential impact of significant shifting of tax burden. Mr. Nelson stated the local business licenses represent 20% percent of Greenville's General Fund revenues which is equivalent to 35.8 mills on tax rate.

Local Landmark Ordinance

Interim Planning and Development Services Director Jay Graham shared a presentation, as included in Council's agenda packet, providing information on buildings on the historical register or buildings that are in a historic district. Mr. Graham stated there is also a list of historic structures and a list that shows "historic," which requires a listing for 30 days before allow for demolition.

Councilmember Flemming joined the meeting.

Bid Procedures Update

Mr. Nelson introduced Procurement Administrator Rod Gray and Purchasing Buyer Maribel Diaz to assist with the agenda item and shared a presentation, as included in Council's agenda packet, regarding the process of receiving and opening of bids. Mr. Gray commented on a bid solicitation and a bid award as shown on the City's website.

Mr. Gray provided the steps in determining what bids are issued as low bid (low cost) and what bids are provided as a RFP (best value).

Regarding the Minority/Women Business Enterprise Program (M/WBE), Mr. Nelson provided the purpose, policies, and intent of M/WBE.

Regarding Unity Park, Mr. Gray provided information regarding participation of the small, local, and M/WBE vendors and the efforts in attempting to include those vendors in the Unity Park development. David Wise, President of Harper General Contractors, stated there are no M/WBE businesses that are eligible to meet the requirements of the first tier of work on the park.

Solid Waste / Recycling Update

Public Works Director Mike Murphy, Deputy Director Dave Derrick, and Solid Waste and Recycling Manager Mildred Lee, and Recycling Coordinator Allison Brockman shared a presentation, as included in Council's agenda packet, to discuss moving forward recycling. Ms. Lee provided samples of items that are going through recycling at this time and provided the evolution of recycling since 1999.

Mr. Derrick stated the City has been hauling to Pratt Industries since 2014 and advised that the City received notice of a requested price change in October 2019. Mr. Derrick also advised the estimated impact to the current budget is \$111,000, which can be covered by current operational savings.

Mr. Murphy provided information on proposed options moving forward and stated there is an estimated increase in annual cost of \$240,000+ for the FY2020-2021 budget. Mr. Murphy recommended covering the fee increase from the general budget, increase the solid waste fee, or implement a recycling fee. Mr. Murphy stated our hauling agency is Republic, and the City's contract with Republic will be expiring soon.

Councilmember Dowe asked if there is an ability to determine who is participating, and Mr. Murphy responded there is. Councilmember Dowe asked if there is any hope to bring glass back. Mr. Murphy responded Pratt does not accept glass now, however, there are some private sectors attempting to get into the glass business. Councilmember Dowe asked if there was a way of charging recycling to those who participate. Councilmember DeWorken responded that it seemed counter intuitive to do so.

Mr. Murphy stated they will be working on a public relations message and with other municipalities in the area.

Property Exchange on Mayberry Street – Unity Park

City Attorney Mike Pitts shared a layout, as included in Council's agenda packet, providing information regarding a property exchange of property. Mr. Pitts commented on the contractual arrangements, including an upgrade of the parking lot and the agreement to make the parking lot available to the public for the next 20 years. Mr. Pitts also commented on the language included allowing for affordable housing. Mr. Pitts stated the item would be on Council's Formal Meeting Agenda this evening.

Councilmember Gibson asked who would maintain the parking lot, and Mr. Pitts responded the owner would, however, he is not sure if the language is included in the agreement.

Motion - Executive Session

During the open Work Session, Mayor Pro Tem Flemming asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. City Attorney Mike Pitts recommended going into executive session under S.C. Code §30-4-70 (a)(1) to discuss appointments to the City's boards and commissions and under (a)(5) to discuss matters relating to an economic development project on Easley Bridge Road and Traction Street.

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember Dowe, to go into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

(Executive Session)

There being no further discussions, Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember Brasington, to go out of Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously. No action was taken.

With no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Camilla G. Pitman, MMC, Certified PLS
City Clerk

Meeting notice posted on January 24, 2020