

CITY OF TRAVELERS REST

City Council Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 11, 2022 5:00 P.M.

City Hall Council Chambers

We will meet in Council Chambers but we also invite the public to join us on Facebook live: <http://www.Facebook.com/DiscoverTravelersRest>.

The following members were present: Brandy Amidon, Mayor, Rick Floyd, Mayor Pro Tem, Grant Bumgarner, Kelly Byers, Dr. Shaniece Criss, Lisa Lane, Sherry Marrah, Wayne McCall, and Brantly Vest. Also present were Eric Vinson, City Administrator, Greg Robertson, Fire Chief, Mac McMakin, Assistant Fire Chief, Lori Sondoy, City Clerk, Ben Ford, Police Chief, and Mike Forman, Planning Director. The media was also notified.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Amidon called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

2. Public Works Committee

Committee members: Dr. Shaniece Criss, Lisa Lane, and Sherry Marrah

a. Chair Criss called the meeting to order by roll call.

b. Councilmember Shaniece Criss made a motion to approve minutes from the Committee meeting held June 6, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lisa Lane and carried unanimously.

c. Director Tate noted that concerts were not held in July or August. Councilmember Shaniece Criss asked why there were no concerts in July and August. Director Tate noted that it was due to heat. Councilmember Wayne McCall concurred.

d. Duke Energy report on Electric Charging Stations update given by Eric Vinson. Eric Vinson reached out to Duke Energy to discuss installing electric stations on city property. It was determined that Trailblazer Park was ideal due to its proximity to Hwy. 25, and the police department. A site visit was conducted, and it was determined that the upper end of the Old Buncombe parking lot would be preferable.

Eric Vinson presented renderings showing the locations of four stations, two (2) handicap and two (2) standard stations. Duke could install the stations in six (6) weeks upon approval from the city at no cost to the City.

e. Councilmember Criss made a motion to adjourn, and Councilmember Lisa Lane seconded the motion.

3. Public Safety Committee

Committee members: Kelly Byers, Brantly Vest, Dr. Shaniece Criss, Wayne McCall, and Grant Bumgarner

a. Chair Byers called the meeting to order by roll call.

b. Councilmember Byers made a motion to approve minutes from Committee meeting

held June 6, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vest and carried unanimously.

- c. Fire Chief Robertson reported five hundred (500) more incidents YTD over 2021. Mostly EMS. Actions are being taken to bring staffing levels up. Chief Robertson presented a Fire Alarm Fee ordinance Resolution to reduce Fire Department false alarms. A discussion ensued and a Councilmember Grant made a motion to send to council. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vest.

- d. Chief Ford reported that accidents are down Walmart calls are down. DUI arrests are up. Mayor Brandy inquired about Teslas. Chief Ford reported that there was equipment delays but they should arrive within a few months.
- f. Electric bike is being used mostly on trial but is available for on road response when needed.
- g. Councilmember McCall inquired about codes and personnel responsibilities.
- h. A property owner, 5 Coker Street is complaining about the delay in demolition. Chief Ford will look into it.

- i. Councilmember Criss inquired about the active shooter report at Legacy Charter School. Three officers were sent. It was a false report.
- j. Chief Ford reported staffing progress is being made.
- k. Councilmember McCall inquired about community service program. Eric stated that Municipal court will continue to move forward with program. Chief Ford has program in place.
- l. Councilmember Criss made a motion to adjourn, Mayor Amidon seconded the motion.

4. Ways and Means

- Committee members: Grant Bumgarner, Rick Floyd, Dr. Shaniece Criss, Brantly Vest, and Kelly Byers
- a. Chair Bumgarner called the meeting to order by roll call.
- b. Councilmember Vest made a motion to approve minutes from Committee meeting held June 6, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Floyd.
- c. Councilmember Criss made a motion to adjourn, and Councilmember Vest seconded the motion.

5. Planning and Development Committee

- Committee members: Brantly Vest, Kelly Byers, Wayne McCall, Dr. Shaniece Criss, and Grant Bumgarner
- a. Chair Vest called the meeting to order by roll call.
- b. Councilmember Byers made a motion to approve minutes from Committee meeting held June 6, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Criss and carried unanimously.
- c. Director Forman reviewed the development report. There are currently 652 approved units.

- d. Chair Vest presented a request to rezone +/-9.32 acres from C-2, Commercial District, I-1, Industrial District, and R-10, Residential District, to FRD, Flexible Review District (TR 22-03) as opposed to 44 units. Request would require two (2) readings of council. If approved, the county would require a subdivision process and final development plan defining landscaping and lot logistics.
- e. Director Forman presented the developers updated request. Differences include 43 units moved to send the item to full council. Councilmember McCall moved to send the item to full Council. Councilmember Byers seconded the motion.
- f. A discussion about growth ensued. All agreed that with the new regulations growth was being well managed.
- g. Councilmember Vest made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Byers seconded the motion.

6. New Business

- a. Administrator Vinson discussed the renewal of a Cooperative Agreement with the County of Greenville and the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority which is required every three years for the community block grant fund. GCRA serves as the administrator of those funds.

Mayor Amidon made a motion to approve. Councilmember Byers seconded the motions. Councilmember Byers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- b. Administrator Vinson outlined the Resolution to consider certifying 19 Page Court, Travelers Rest, SC, property as a textile mill site under the South Carolina Textile Communities Revitalization Act. Basecamp Services is required to obtain a local jurisdiction resolution which allows them to participate in the Textile Revitalization Income Tax Program. A discussion with the company representative ensued.

Councilmember Vest made a motion to certify 19 Page Court as a textile mill site under the South Carolina Textile Communities Revitalization Act. Councilmember McCall seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

7. Miscellaneous Matters

- a. Administrative Updates.
- b. No updates were given.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business before Council and/or Committee, Councilmember Floyd made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Amidon seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Eric Vinson, City Administrator

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