



125 Trailblazer Drive | Travelers Rest, SC 29690

# Council Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, April 10, 2023 5:00 p.m. Council Chambers, City Hall

**Council Present:** Mayor Brandy Amidon; Councilmembers Grant Bumgarner, Kelly Byers,

Shaniece Criss, Rick Floyd, Lisa Lane, Sherry Marrah, Wayne McCall,

and Brantly Vest

Staff Present: Eric Vinson, City Administrator; Amanda Connolly, City Clerk; Greg

Robertson, Fire Chief; Ben Ford, Police Chief; and Mike Forman,

Planning Director

**Absent:** Phillip Tate, Public Works Director

## 1. Call to Order

Mayor Amidon called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

At this time, Mayor Amidon asked for a Motion to move Agenda Item 8a., Greenville First Steps, to the beginning of the Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Floyd and carried unanimously.

## 2. Public Works Committee

Members: Shaniece Criss (Chair), Lisa Lane, and Sherry Marrah

- a. Chair Criss called the meeting to order by roll call.
- b. Councilmember Marrah made a motion to approve the minutes from the Committee meeting held on March 6, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lane.
- c. Administrator Vinson updated the Council on the curbside residential solid waste/recycling program noting that the city is continuing to consider other options, however he did recommend staying with Greater Greenville. The Council will determine all considerations at the May Committee meeting.
- d. Administrator Vinson updated the Council on the Poinsette project stating it is currently going through the permitting process. While he cannot guarantee it, he perceives the project will begin in Fall 2024.
- e. Councilmember Marrah asked about Greenville County using "mats" at the trail crossing. Administrator Vinson noted that Greenville County will install the "mats" at all trail crossings within the city.
- f. Councilmember Lane made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember Marrah seconded the motion.

## 3. Public Safety Committee

Members: Kelly Byers (Chair), Grant Bumgarner, Shaniece Criss, Wayne McCall, and Brantly Vest

- a. Chair Byers called the meeting to order by roll call.
- b. Councilmember Vest made a motion to approve minutes from Committee meeting held on March 6, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Criss.
- c. Chief Ford discussed the total calls for services, noting that if calls continue at that rate, this year will be very busy. Chief Ford responded to questions from the Council regarding the number of service calls.
- d. Fire Chief Robertson noted that the city received its second designation as a Fire Safe Community. There was discussion between the Chief and Councilmembers around how we become a Fire Safe Community.
- e. Administrator Vinson informed the Council that we've had an above-average month for building permits. This is largely due to the warmer weather. We also plan to go live with the GoGov app effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. The purpose of the app is to enhance citizen notifications and communication. Chair Byers sought clarity on what specific renovation elements require building permits.
- f. Administrator Vinson noted that there was nothing new to report for the Municipal Court.
- g. Councilmember Vest made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember Criss seconded the motion.

# 4. Planning & Development Committee

Members: Brantly Vest (Chair), Grant Bumgarner, Kelly Byers, Shaniece Criss, and Wayne McCall

- a. Chair Vest called the meeting to order by roll call.
- b. Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to approve minutes from Committee meeting held on March 6, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Criss.
- c. Director Foreman gave a recap of the Planning Commission meeting held on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Final development plans were reviewed for the two Pinestone developments on State Road. They are required to have final development plans approved by the Planning Commission. Staff reviewed and the Planning Commission approved the plans as submitted with some minor changes.
- d. Director Foreman informed the Council that the Five-Year Comprehensive Plan review will be starting within the next month. There is a minimum of ten chapters in the comprehensive plans. The Planning Commission will review a couple chapters at a time over the next couple of months, with the final version coming out in October
- e. Councilmember Byers made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember Criss seconded the motion.

## 5. Ways & Means Committee

Members: Grant Bumgarner (Chair), Kelly Byers, Shaniece Criss, Rick Floyd, and Brantly Vest

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

- b. Chair Bumgarner gave an overview of the Local Revenue Services Ordinance. Councilmember Floyd made a motion to send the ordinance to the full Council for first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vest and carried unanimously.
- c. Chair Bumgarner gave an overview of the ROEH Borklund Access Easement Agreement. Councilmember Floyd made a motion to send the ordinance to the full Council for first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vest and carried unanimously.
- d. Administrator Vinson gave a presentation regarding the budget and capital plans for FY2023-2024. There was a high-level overview of the Operating, Capital Equipment, and Capital Improvement budgets, along with the increased fees on the Fee Schedule. He welcomed discussion and feedback from the Council, responding to questions presented by the Council.
- e. Councilmember Criss requested the curbside residential solid waste/recycling program be added to the April 20<sup>th</sup> Council agenda for discussion. She sought clarity on when the public hearing would be held.
- f. Councilmember McCall made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember Criss seconded the motion.

#### 6. Old Business

a. None

#### 7. New Business

a. None

#### 8. Miscellaneous Matters

- a. Discussed moving May's Committee meeting from May 8<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>. City Clerk Connolly will send out an email with dates seeking a majority of the Council members in attendance.
- b. Administrator Vinson stated the Trailblazer Park playground renovation is underway.
- c. Administrator Vinson recognized and thanked our dedicated Dispatchers in honor of National Telecommunications Appreciation week.
- d. Mayor Amidon noted that the Easter Egg Hunt was a success and thanked the police, fire, and public works departments for their assistance.

## 9. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council Committee, Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Marrah seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Amidon adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.	
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