

Council Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 11, 2024
5:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall

Council Present: Mayor, Brandy Amidon; Councilmembers Grant Bumgarner, Kelly Byers, Shaniece Criss, Catherine James, Lisa Lane, Sherry Marrah, Wayne McCall, and Brantly Vest

Staff Present: Shannon Herman, City Administrator; Carson Ruffrage, City Clerk; Greg Robertson, Fire Chief; Ben Ford, Police Chief; Mac McMakin, Assistant Fire Chief; Phillip Tate, Public Works Director; Eric Vinson, Interim Planning Director

1. Call to Order

- a. Mayor Amidon called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Public Works Committee

Members: Lisa Lane (Chair), Catherine James, and Sherry Marrah

- a. Chair Lane called the meeting to order by roll call.
- b. Committee member James made a motion to approve the minutes from the Public Works Committee meeting held on February 5, 2024. The motion was seconded by Committee member Marrah which passed unanimously.
- c. Director Tate noted the following items:
 - i. Administrator Herman and Director Tate have a meeting with Greenville County Sanitation and Greenville County Rec on Thursday to talk about a more permanent solution for the recycling bins at Trailblazer Park.
 - ii. Working with SCDOT and Duke Energy to make safety improvements along Main Street from West Road to Spring Park Inn.
 - iii. Mulch and flowers will be added to Main Street by April.
 - iv. New city limit signs are being added around the City.
 - v. Committee member Lane asked about current outdoor lighting and if it could be amber. Director Tate noted that it would be a conversation with Duke. He also added that Duke is considering placing decorative lighting on the trail from Sunrift north.
 - vi. Committee member Lane asked about dogs in the park. Chief Ford and Director Tate stated that they hadn't had any complaints regarding the policy.

- vii. Committee member Marrah wanted to confirm that there would still be three bins for recycling when they were moved. Director Tate said that was the plan. There is a lot of recycling going out with the daily pickup and the increased number of bins is needed.
 - viii. Councilmember McCall asked about the state of the park after the Farmer's Market. He was worried about the market damaging the sod in the grassy area. Councilmember Byers noted that they were not in the grass.
 - ix. Committee member Lane asked if there are any litter pick ups coming up. Director Tate stated that here is one scheduled for the weekend with about 25-30 people signed up.
- d. Committee member James made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Committee member Marrah seconded the motion.

3. Public Safety Committee

Members: Kelly Byers (Chair), Shaniece Criss, Wayne McCall, Sherry Marrah, and Brantly Vest

- a. Chair Byers called the meeting to order by roll call.
- b. Councilmember Criss made a motion to approve the minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting on February 5, 2024.
- c. Chief Ford stated that Officer Bingle is graduating from the Police Academy on Friday. Officer Noah Davis will graduate in about a month. Lastly, the Department is scheduling some training from SLED regarding the new Constitutional Carry law.
- d. Chief Robertson introduced Jacob Cole, a newly hired firefighter. He joined Travelers Rest from Wade Hampton Fire Department. Councilmember Bumgarner asked about dispatch for North Greenville, Chief Ford noted that it is just dispatching for police, not fire.
- e. Administrator Herman noted that there was a spike in revenue from the Timmons Arena permitting fees. Also, the Roe Center Court had some fees come in this month.

4. Planning & Development Committee

Members: Brantly Vest (Chair), Grant Bumgarner, Kelly Byers, Shaniece Criss, Sherry Marrah

- a. Chair Vest called the meeting to order by roll call.
- b. Committee member Criss made a motion to approve the Planning and Development minutes from the February 5, 2024 committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Committee member Bumgarner.

- c. Several projects are in the entitlement process (Hemlock Park, Villas at North Valley). They are coming before Planning Commission soon. Villas at North Valley are coming up for subdivision approval. Just the Hemlock Park Townhouses are coming up for subdivision approval. Community meeting for Villas at North Valley is coming up in the next week to 10 days. Councilmember McCall noted that there is a sign on Tubbs Extension about a community meeting at Grace Church for Hemlock Park. He also mentioned the sign on Williams Road about a new subdivision. Interim Director Vinson noted that there was no application with the county and believed it was a rogue subdivision sign that needed to be removed.
- d. Committee member Criss motioned to adjourn; Committee member Bumgarner seconded.

5. Ways and Means Committee

Members: Grant Bumgarner (Chair), Councilmember Criss, Councilmember Vest, Councilmember Byers

- a. Chair Bumgarner called the meeting to order by roll call.
- b. Committee member Vest made a motion to approve the February 5, 2024 minutes. Committee member Byers seconded which was passed unanimously.
- c. Councilmember McCall asked about Ad Valorem. Mr. Vinson noted that some of it had rolled in and they were expecting more in the coming months.
- d. Committee member Byers made a motion to adjourn, Committee member Criss seconded.

6. Old business

- a. None

7. New Business

- a. None.

8. Miscellaneous Matters

- a. Administrator Herman thanked everyone for their warm welcome. She noted that she is immediately jumping into budget preparations. The Planning Director position will be posted this week. She also noted that Greenville County Council did establish the sales tax commission which begins the penny tax process. They will meet and develop a referendum question which will roll through and will get on the November ballot. Lastly, Administrator Herman stated that there will be a new monthly newsletter highlighting city employees. The newsletter will be on our website and go out to our social media pages.

9. Adjournment

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

Mayor Amidon adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Brandy Amidon Brandy Amidon, Mayor

Shannon Herman Shannon Herman, City Administrator

Completed by Carson Ruffrage Carson Ruffrage, City Clerk