



MINUTES

FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

City Hall, 206 S. Main Street, Council Chambers

Monday, January 23, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Knox H. White

2. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Ken Gibson

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **ROLL CALL**

The following members of City Council were in attendance: Mayor Knox White, John DeWorken, Lillian Flemming, Ken Gibson, Wil Brasington, Russell Stall, and Dorothy Dowe.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

January 9, 2023; Approved as submitted

6. **COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

None

7. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

None

8. **PRESENTATION**

a. Artisphere 20th Anniversary

(Presented by Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Tara Eaker)

Ms. Kerry Murphy, President and CEO of Artisphere, presented a video sharing Artisphere's economic impact on the community in 2022. Ms. Murphy stated that 2023 will be the 19th Anniversary of Artisphere, and 143 artists out of 950 applications have been selected to participate. Ms. Murphy advised that this event is possible due to the generosity of sponsors, including the city of Greenville through ATAX funds. Ms. Murphy expressed appreciation to the many volunteers who make Artisphere possible and stated they hope to offer another piece of public artwork in connection with the 20th Anniversary in 2024.

b. Church Street Bridge Update

(Presented by Engineering Services Director Clint Link)

Engineering Services Director Clint Link introduced SCDOT Program Manager Casey Lucas and Mead & Hunt Project Manager Tony Stephee to provide the Church Street Bridge Rehabilitation presentation. Mr. Stephee reviewed the project details including bridge deck repair using a concrete overlay, barriers and sidewalks retrofitted to increase safety, bridge cleaning, lighting replacement and upgrade and stair system at McBee Street replacement.

Mr. Stephee presented an overview of the traffic control while the work occurs and advised that the highway will remain open except for one or two nighttime closures. Mr. Stephee stated traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction, with temporary closure of McBee Avenue and Broad Street (less than 30 days), pedestrians detoured, and limited parking under the bridge. Councilmember Flemming questioned if railings will be added for the safety of pedestrians, especially children. Mr. Stephee responded steel cables will be added for safety and aesthetics. Councilmember Stall questioned if there is a stairwell to Broad Street, and Mr. Stephee responded there is not.

Mr. Stephee stated the construction is anticipated to last 12 to 18 months and advised that mobile message boards will be utilized. Mr. Stephee referred to anticipating complaints from the nearby apartment complex and working with business owners regarding parking lots under the bridge. Councilmember DeWorken questioned the use of the message boards, and Mr. Stephee responded the contractor will be asked to utilize the boards in advance of changes. Councilmember DeWorken recommended using message boards at entry points near I-385 and North Wade Hampton Boulevard. Councilmember Flemming recommended reaching out to the apartment residents before and during construction. Mr. Stephee referred to a stakeholders meeting scheduled for April 2023 and stated the contractor will be in contact with the businesses and apartment residents.

Mr. Lucas provided an overview of the construction plans and stated the projected completion date is approximately May 2024. Ms. Lucas also stated SCDOT will have conversations with the City regarding agreements for overhead and pedestal lighting, planter boxes and landscaping, up-lighting beneath the bridge, and concrete form liners; coordination with the contractor; approval of necessary encroachment permits for local streets; and assistance in news releases throughout the construction process.

Councilmember Dowe asked who can adjust the timing of the signals for Church Street, and Mr. Link responded the City maintains the signals. Councilmember Dowe also asked if the study findings are being coordinated with the Church Street rehabilitation, and Mr. Link responded yes. Councilmember Dowe questioned who will be responsible for watering the planter boxes, and Mr. Link responded the City will be responsible for maintenance. Mayor White commented on the planter boxes serving as a barrier to protect pedestrians and added best practices will be researched. Councilmember Brasington questioned the volume of vehicles using Church Street, and Mr. Link stated 30,000 to 35,000 cars per day, which is about the same as Laurens Road. Councilmember Brasington requested advanced traffic modeling be included for this project and commended SCDOT on the project notification issued last summer.

9. PUBLIC HEARING

None

10. APPOINTMENTS – Boards and Commissions

None

CONSENT AGENDA

There will be no discussion of Consent Agenda items unless a Councilmember so requests in which event the item in question will be considered separately.

Councilmember DeWorken moved, seconded by Councilmember Flemming, to approve second and final reading of agenda items 11a, 11b, and 11c of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)

- a. Ordinance to amend Section 19-2.2.4, Neighborhood meetings, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville by modifying subsection (f), exceptions, to include annexations and zoning map amendments associated with annexation petitions (Z-14-2022)
(Presented by Assistant City Manager Shannon Lavrin)
- b. Ordinance to amend Sections 19-1.11, Definitions, 19-4.3, Use-specific standards, and 19-4.5, Temporary uses and structures, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville to provide provisions for mobile food units (Z-16-2022)
(Presented by Assistant City Manager Shannon Lavrin)
- c. Ordinance to amend Section 19-2.3.2, Amendments to text and zoning district map, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville by establishing subsection (d)(4), two-thirds majority required in some circumstances (Z-17-2022)
(Presented by Assistant City Manager Shannon Lavrin)

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)

- a. Ordinance reappportioning the City of Greenville Council Districts based on the 2020 United States Census, and other matters related thereto
(Presented by City Attorney Leigh Paoletti)
(Roll Call)

City Attorney Leigh Paoletti expressed appreciation to City Council and staff for assisting with the public meetings and map preparation. Councilmember Brasington expressed support for Ms. Paoletti comments.

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

15. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinances – First Reading)

- a. Ordinance to annex approximately 3.14 acres of real property and 0.48 acre of adjacent right-of-way located at 150 Executive Center Drive and to provide the zoning

designation of C-3, Regional Commercial District (Tax Map Number 0547020103500)
(AX-2-2023)
(Presented by Assistant City Manager Shannon Lavrin)
(Roll Call)

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

- b. Ordinance to enter into a Development Agreement between the City of Greenville and 660 S. Main QOZB, LLC for the design and construction of public improvements at 660 South Main Street along River Street and to appropriate \$310,606 in the Capital Projects Fund
(Presented by Economic Development Specialist Olivia Vassey)
(Roll Call)

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

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

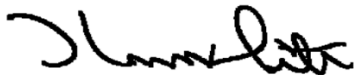
None

17. STAFF REPORTS

City Manager John McDonough provided information on the following items:

- a. Halton Road Celebration for the new Public Safety Center construction for police, fire, and city court services is scheduled at 206 Halton Road on Monday, January 30, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

- 18. ADJOURN.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.



KNOX H. WHITE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CAMILLA G. PITMAN, MMC, Certified PLS
CITY CLERK