

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

Greenville City Hall, 206 S. Main Street, Ninth Floor Conference Room
Monday, January 13, 2020 - 3:30 p.m.

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Wil Brasington

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

Mayor White called the meeting to order for the purpose of discussing the following matters.

Department of Housing and Urban Development – End of Year Review

Interim Community and Economic Development Director Ginny Stroud and Office of Management and Budget Director Kai Nelson shared a presentation, as included in Council's agenda packet, providing an end of the year review regarding the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Ms. Stroud and Mr. Nelson commented on the process of conducting annual assessments of performance for each grant recipient.

Councilmember Dowe asked if we have a monitoring process in place for reviewing the funding allocations and disbursements. Ms. Stroud responded that we do.

Affordable Housing Update

Ms. Stroud shared a presentation, as included in Council's agenda packet, providing an update on affordable and workforce housing. Ms. Stroud introduced Bryan Brown, Executive Director of Greenville Housing Fund, who participated in the presentation as well. Ms. Stroud presented information on how much funding has been expended through GHF on behalf of the City and the number of units built. Ms. Stroud presented responses to a list of questions posed by Councilmember Dowe, also included in Council's Agenda packet.

Councilmember Dowe asked how much is in the trust fund, and Ms. Stroud responded there is approximately \$2.5 million. Councilmember Dowe asked if there is going to be an opportunity to set goals and know there is funding to reach those goals moving forward. Councilmember Flemming responded she is more interested in having a goal for the number of units versus the amount of funding.

Neighborhood Revitalization Overlay Design Stations

Ms. Stroud introduced Community Development Project Manager Michael Williamson and Community Planner Monique Madison who shared a presentation, as included in Council's agenda packet, providing an update regarding overlay design stations.

Councilmember Stall requested that accessory housing be sent to City Council for action.

Unity Park Character Code

Ms. Stroud and Interim Planning and Development Services Director Jay Graham shared a presentation as included in Council's agenda packet regarding the current zoning around Unity

Park and the recommendations of adopting the Unity Park Neighborhood District Code. Council discussed the types of conditional uses or special exceptions that could possibly be affected with the proposed zoning. Council shared their interest in requiring hostiles to be granted by special exception as well as other concerns for proposed changes. City Attorney Mike Pitts advised Council of the adoption Ordinance and a rezoning Ordinance placed on this afternoon's Formal Meeting Agenda and referred to the process of making a motion to amend the Ordinance during the formal meeting.

Mayor White asked for the matter to move ahead tonight with the recommendation and then to review it further before second and final reading. Mr. Graham recommended approving the plan before Council tonight and then tweak it as needed.

GVL2040 Survey Results and Update

Senior Development Planner Courtney Powell shared an update presentation, as included in Council's agenda packet, regarding GVL2040. Ms. Powell provided an overview of emerging priorities, Survey 2 Results, Steering Committee recent work, and the next steps of the process. Regarding the survey, Ms. Powell advised while there were only 1,725 participants, the numbers increased with the second effort and the number included 200 paper responses.

Bicycle Infrastructure Update/B-Cycle Program Update

Due to time constraints, this item was not presented.

Motion - Executive Session

During the open Work Session, Mayor White asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. 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 subsection (a)(5) to discuss matters relating to the proposed location, expansion or provision of services involving a project on Field Street and Augusta Street and a project known as Project Apollo.

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

Mr. Pitts advised Council after receiving the motion that he was mistaken and there would not be a discussion regarding Field Street and Augusta Street at this meeting.

(Executive Session)

There being no further discussions, Councilmember DeWorken moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, 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 10, 2020