

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

**Monday, July 10, 2023  
4:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Location:  
Greenville City Hall, 206 S. Main Street**

**MINUTES**

CITY COUNCIL: Mayor Knox White and Councilmembers Lillian B. Flemming, Ken Gibson, Wil Brasington, and Dorothy Dowe

Absent: John M. DeWorken and Russell H. Stall

CITY STAFF: City Manager Shannon Lavrin; City Attorney Leigh B. Paoletti;  
City Clerk Camilla G. Pitman

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

**Greenville Drive**

Greenville Drive Owner/Chairman Craig Brown and President Jeff Brown presented an update on the Greenville Drive Fluor Field Facility, West End Entertainment District, community events supported by the Drive, and Major League/Minor League Baseball operations. Mr. Craig Brown referred to the Drive's 18 year history and Fluor Field serving as a catalyst for the West End.

Mr. Jeff Brown referred to the recent facility upfits at Fluor Field, as required by the Major League guidelines, and proposed enhancements to assist with accessibility to and aesthetics for the facility. Mr. Brown provided an overview of community events and programming occurring at Fluor Field.

Mr. Craig Brown commented on updates and implications coming from Major League and Minor League Baseball including a new Player Development Model (PDM) put into place in January 2021. Mr. Brown referred to the Silver Lake Partners who formed Diamond Baseball Holdings and to authorization given to the group allowing for the purchase of up to 50 minor league teams, including the recent announcement of a new franchise in Spartanburg. Mr. Brown also referred to his response to the Commissioner of Baseball regarding the announcement.

In closing, Mr. Craig Brown shared that competition is increasing exponentially in the short and long term, and he encouraged continued focus on growth in the West End, including the need for parking solutions. Mr. Brown stated that the Major League and Minor League Baseball landscape will continue to evolve and added that alignment with community partners is critical for continued success. Mr. Brown expressed appreciation for the Drive's partnership with the City.

**Motion - Executive Session**

During the open Work Session, Mayor White asked for a motion to go into executive session. City Attorney Leigh Paoletti recommended going into executive session under S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss a proposed lease agreement for property on Jenkins Street and to receive an update on negotiations on a proposed contract for the purchase of property in the Central Business District.

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Councilmember Brasington moved, seconded by Councilmember Flemming, to go into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Gibson joined the meeting.

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There being no further discussions, Councilmember Dowe moved, seconded by Councilmember Flemming, to go out of Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously. No action was taken.

With no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Camilla G. Pitman, MMC, Certified PLS  
City Clerk

Meeting notice posted on July 7, 2023