



# MINUTES

## FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Monday, July 13, 2020 - 5:30 p.m.

Greenville City Hall - Closed to the Public

Virtual Meeting Viewing: <https://www.greenvillesc.gov/meeting>

Remote Viewing Location:  
Greenville Convention Center, 1 Exposition Drive – Room 102

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**  
Mayor Knox H. White
2. **INVOCATION**  
Councilmember Ken Gibson (Suspended)
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** (Suspended)
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**  
June 22, 2020; Approved as submitted
6. **COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**
7. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**  
None
8. **PRESENTATION**  
None
9. **PUBLIC HEARING**  
None
10. **APPOINTMENTS – Boards and Commissions**
  - a. Boards and Commissions
    1. Greenville Transit Authority  
Councilmember Dowe recommended appointment of Scott Craig to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2020. There being no further nominations, Mr. Craig was appointed by unanimous consent.

2. Design Review Board – Neighborhood  
Councilmember Flemming recommended appointment of Allison Tucker, Fred Guthier, and Matt Tindall to fill a full term each ending July 31, 2022. There being no further nominations, Ms. Tucker, Mr. Guthier, and Mr. Tindall were appointed by unanimous consent.
3. Design Review Board – Urban  
Councilmember Brasington recommended appointment of Danielle Fontaine and Mitch Lehde to fill a full term each ending July 31, 2022. There being no further appointments, Ms. Fontaine and Mr. Lehde were appointed by unanimous consent.
4. Springwood Cemetery Advisory Committee  
Councilmember Stall recommended appointment of Charlie Bryan, Thomas Drake, Earl Prevost, and Charles West to fill a full term each ending July 31, 2022. There being no further nominations, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Drake, Mr. Prevost, and Mr. West were appointed by unanimous consent.

b. Committees

1. Citizen Advisory Committee on Public Safety  
City Council recommended the following individuals to serve on the Advisory Committee as referred to in Resolution 2020-17 and as amended by Agenda Item 16b, which was approved during the meeting:

Mayor White - Reverend Stacey Mills and named as Chair  
Councilmember DeWorken - Wes Few  
Councilmember Flemming - Mary Duckett  
Councilmember Gibson – Karen Baynes-Dunning  
Councilmember Brasington – Cindy Crick  
Councilmember Stall recommend – Jerry Blassingame  
Councilmember Dowe recommend – Stacey Owens

Mayor White recognized Chair Chuck Hinton and Vice-Chair Delores Durham of the Public Safety Citizen Review Board as liaisons to the Committee. City Manager John McDonough reviewed the process and responsibilities of the Committee.

Council approved the recommendations unanimously by roll call vote.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)**  
None

**12. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinance – First Reading)**

None

**13. NEW BUSINESS – (Resolutions – First and Final Reading)**

None

<b>REGULAR AGENDA</b>
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**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)**

None

**15. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinances – First Reading)**

None

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

- a. Resolution to provide \$470,487 in funding from the State Accommodations Tax Fund for Round One of FY 2020-21 Funding  
*(Presented by Office of Management and Budget Director Matt Efird)*

Councilmember Flemming moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to approve first and final reading.

Office of Management and Budget Director Matt Efird stated the Accommodations Tax Funding has met and is providing a preliminary recommendation for the first round of funding with anticipation of meeting again in the fall to determine what events are allowed to be held in light of COVID-19. ATAX Chairperson Tammy Johnson stated it was a very tough decision regarding the funding amounts and the committee hopes to grant more funding in the fall.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- b. Resolution to amend Resolution 2020-17 to make necessary adjustments to the composition and responsibilities of the ad hoc Citizen Advisory Committee on Public Safety  
*(Presented by Assistant City Attorney Leigh Paoletti)*

Councilmember Flemming moved, seconded by Councilmember DeWorken, to approve first and final reading. The motion carried unanimously.

**17. NEW BUSINESS – (Emergency Ordinances – Final Reading)**

- a. Emergency Ordinance to temporarily restrict city issued permits for gatherings of a certain size, and matters related thereto  
*(Presented by Event Administrator Tara Eaker)*

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember Gibson, to approve first and final reading.

Councilmember DeWorken shared his concern with the term “prohibit” which could be misunderstood, denoting events of 50 people or more are not necessarily prohibited but are required to submit a COVID-19 plan for socially distance as a part of the permitting process. Events and Cultural Affairs Director Angie Prosser recommended amending the language to provide clarification. Councilmember Gibson asked if a COVID-19 plan should be required for all public events.

Council discussed examples of permitted events, and Ms. Prosser and Event Administrator Tara Eaker explained the process of permitting those events. Ms. Prosser added that first amendment rights activities are not permitted events or included in this process.

City Attorney Mike Pitts referred to the expiration of the Governor’s Order prohibiting events of 50 people or more on public property. Mayor White stated this Ordinance is a matter of having something in place when the City is ready to issue permits again.

Ms. Prosser recommended refraining from permitting events until a COVID-19 decrease over a 14-day period occurs. Council commented in agreement with the recommendation.

Councilmember DeWorken shared his interest in the City Manager having flexibility. Mr. McDonough stated staff is receiving inquiries and the question is whether to allow events under certain conditions or to not entertain any applications for permits unless certain conditions are met. After Council discussion, Mr. McDonough recommended amending the Ordinance to prohibit city permitted events of a certain size for the next 30 days.

Councilmember Gibson moved, seconded by Councilmember Flemming, to amend the Ordinance to prohibit the issuance of any city issued event permit for the next 30 days and during that 30 day period the City Manager would be authorized to develop and implement a phased approach to permit events as circumstances warrant. Mr. Pitts reminded Council that approval of the Emergency Ordinance as amended would require a two-thirds vote.

Ms. Prosser raised concern with language regarding special event applications for beer, wine, and/or liquor since the matter has not been discussed. Mayor White responded that Council is dealing with the broad policy and not with the beer, wine, and/or liquor applications.

Councilmember Dowe recommended tabling or postponing the matter. Mr. Pitts responded he believes the City Manager has the inherent authority to issue or deny permits and the purpose of the Ordinance is to receive direction from Council. Mr. McDonough responded his interpretation is that he does not plan to have staff issue any permits on public property for the next 30 days.

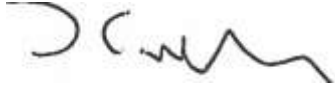
Mr. Pitts recommended in order to avoid any procedure matters to amend the Ordinance. Mayor White agreed and suggested doing so instead of tabling the agenda item.

Following discussions, Councilmember Dowe moved, seconded by Councilmember Brasington, to table the agenda item until the next meeting. The motion to table carried 4-3, with Mayor White and Councilmembers Gibson and Stall opposing. The motion to amend the proposed Emergency Ordinance died due to the motion to table taking precedence.

## **18. STAFF REPORTS**

- a. Unity Park Tree Management Plan. Capital Projects Manager Jeff Waters provided a presentation of information on the Tree Management Plan and the tree canopy in Unity Park. Mr. Waters advised 382 trees will be removed, 214 trees will be preserved and incorporated into the design, and 750 new trees will be planted in the park. Mayor White recommended planting trees that grow large and mature quickly.
- b. Mask Ordinance Enforcement Update. Mr. Pitts provided information on how the City is currently handling complaints on enforcement of the face mask Ordinance. Mr. Pitts stated there has been no enforcement required on any complaints involving individuals not wearing masks in grocery stores and pharmacies. Community Development Administrator Ginny Stroud advised there have been nine complaints on businesses, that contact has been made with those businesses and that no follow up contact has been required.
- c. Parallel Parkway/Traffic Reduction on Woodruff Road. Mr. McDonough stated a \$49,000,000 grant was awarded last week for the Woodruff Road Construction Relief Project.
- d. Economic Development Director. Mr. McDonough introduced Merle Johnson as the City's new Economic Development Director.
- e. TD Essential Market. Mr. McDonough recognized the TD Market for being highlighted in different media publications for its innovative efforts to insure public safety while connecting shoppers with local farmers and vendors during the pandemic.
- f. Traffic Calming. Mr. McDonough noted work on E. Park Avenue is underway with the new speed limit reduction signs installed and the first speed table being installed.
- g. Census Brigade. Mr. McDonough thanked staff who participated in the Census Brigade and referred to the increase numbers of citizens completing the 2020 Census.
- h. Main Street tower crane is now gone.
- i. Harris Teeter in the North Pointe Development has been approved to begin stocking shelves with an opening later this summer.

19. **ADJOURN.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.



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KNOX H. WHITE, MAYOR



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CAMILLA G. PITMAN, MMC, Certified PLS  
CITY CLERK

MEETING NOTICE POSTED AND MEDIA NOTIFIED ON JULY 10, 2020.