



MINUTES

FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

City Hall, 206 S. Main Street, Council Chambers

Monday, October 13, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Knox White

2. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember DeWorken

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Councilmember Wil Brasington.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

September 22, 2025; Approved as submitted

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

None

7. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Angela Aiken, 306 Loop Street (Greenville County), spoke to express opposition to Item 11d and requested City Council refrain from voting on the proposed annexation. Ms. Aiken claimed that the property was taken from the community in 2017 during the redrawing of property lines and stated the annexation would neglect the surrounding community.

Joe Farmer, 207 Alpine Way, spoke to express concern regarding a recent ruling by the Board of Zoning Appeals regarding violations of a special exception permit, stating that the Board did not follow the City Code in their ruling which favored the business.

Melody Yasi, with Ava Laurenne Bride, 3 McBeth Street (Greenville County), spoke to express appreciation to the City for creating a destination that attracts the wedding industry and bridal businesses. Ms. Yasi invited Councilmembers to attend an upcoming bridal expo.

Clarence Thornton, 114 Douthit Street, spoke to express concern regarding gentrification and to advocate for low income affordable housing for seniors and retirees.

8. **PRESENTATION**

None

9. **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

10. RECOGNITIONS AND APPOINTMENTS – Boards and Commissions

Recognition and appreciation of service was given by City Council to the following Board and Commission members with expiring terms: Mary Hipp and Dave Edwards (Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee), Ken Betsch (Board of Zoning Appeals), and Martha Herlong Loveless (Community Development Advisory Committee).

- a. Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee
Councilmember Gibson recommended the reappointment of William Groves and Josh Riley each for a full-term ending October 31, 2027. There being no further nominations, the appointments were approved by unanimous consent.
- b. Board of Zoning Appeals
Councilmember Stall recommended the reappointment of Lauren Rounsville and the appointment of Sean Scoopmire each for a full-term ending October 31, 2028. There being no further nominations, the appointments were approved by unanimous consent.
- c. Firefighter's Pension Fund Board of Trustees
Councilmember Dowe recommended the reappointment of Kevin Mertens for a full-term ending October 31, 2029. There being no further nominations, the appointments were approved by unanimous consent.
- d. Greenville Housing Fund
Mayor Knox White recommended the reappointment of Brent Abbott for a full-term ending December 31, 2028. There being no further nominations, the appointments were approved by unanimous consent.
- e. Public Safety Citizen Review Board
Councilmember DeWorken recommended the reappointment of Delores Durham for a full-term ending October 31, 2029. There being no further nominations, the appointments were approved by unanimous consent.
- f. Richland Cemetery Advisory Committee
Councilmember Flemming recommended the reappointment of Robin Coon, Michelle Simmons, Pamela Sims, and Sam Zimmerman each for a full-term ending October 31, 2027. There being no further nominations, the appointments were approved by unanimous consent.
- g. SCTAC Board of Directors
Councilmember Stall recommended the reappointment of Bob Bunchman to a full-term ending October 31, 2028. There being no further nominations, the appointments were approved by unanimous consent.
- h. Community Development Advisory Committee
Mayor White recommended the reappointment of Brock Koonce and the appointment of Brent Cooler each for a full-term ending October 31, 2027. There being no further nominations, the appointments were approved by unanimous consent.

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.

Councilmember Dowe requested that Item 11d be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

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

- a. Ordinance to accept and appropriate \$77,000 in contributions for the construction of the new inclusive playground in Cleveland Park
- b. Ordinance to repeal and replace the Bylaws of the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Greenville and to repeal and replace Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 6 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville
- c. Ordinance to annex approximately 0.44 acre of real property at 3119 North Pleasantburg Drive and to provide the zoning designation of BG, Business General District (Tax Map Number 0174010103100) (AX-28-2025)
- d. Ordinance to annex approximately 26.58 acres of real property and 10.08 acres of adjacent right-of-way located at 205 Arcadia Drive and to provide the zoning designation of CV, Civic District (Tax Map Number 0176000100201) (AX-29-2025)

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember Dowe, to approve second and final reading.

Councilmember Dowe clarified that the request for annexation came directly from the Greenville Transit Authority and that the annexation is only for the property owned by the Greenville Transit Authority, which houses Greenlink Facilities. Councilmember Dowe commented on the public input collected during the development of the Facilities and recommended approval of the annexation.

Mayor White stated that the City is open to neighborhoods that are interested in coming into the City and commented that this specific area pays higher property taxes than if it were in the City.

Councilmember Flemming asked Ms. Aiken to clarify if her statement was to suggest annexation of more property in the proposed area. Ms. Aiken responded that she was not suggesting additional annexation, but she was clarifying that the property previously belonged to the Washington Heights Community Center, the land was stolen in 2017 due to redrawn property boundaries and that no zoning hearing was advertised to the community. Ms. Aiken claimed that the City did not listen to the community during the development of the Greenlink Facilities.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- e. Ordinance to annex approximately 0.89 acre of real property and 0.41 acre of adjacent right-of-way located at 14 Deering Street and to provide the zoning designation of RC-2, Community 2 District (Tax Map Number 0106000900800) (AX-30-2025)
 - f. Ordinance to annex approximately 0.29 acre of real property and 0.17 acre of adjacent right-of-way located on Jenkins Street, Short Minus Street, and Minus Chapel Lane, and to provide the zoning designation of RN-A, Neighborhood A District (Tax Map Numbers 0112000100200, 0112000100300, 0112000100400, and 0112000100500) (AX-31-2025)
 - g. Ordinance to approve the FY2025 Amended Operating Budget and FY2026 Operating Budget for the South Carolina Technology and Aviation Center Board of Directors and to accept the FY2024 Annual Auditor's Report
 - h. Ordinance to grant to Lumos Fiber of South Carolina, LLC, the right to install, construct, and operate wireline telecommunications facilities within the rights of way of the City of Greenville for the purpose of rendering telecommunications service to its customers and to provide for compensation to the City in accordance with South Carolina Law
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)**
None
15. **NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinances – First Reading)**
- a. Ordinance to appropriate \$1,358,667 in the Miscellaneous Grants Fund and Capital Projects Fund for the Federal Transportation Alternatives Program
- Councilmember Gibson moved, seconded by Councilmember Dowe, to approve first reading.
- Engineering Services Director Clint Link stated that the City has executed a participation agreement with SCDOT to utilize federal funding for this Project. Mr. Link also stated that the City will be required to conduct an environmental study and obtain right-of-way easements before beginning construction in Spring 2026. Mr. Link

advised that the Project will also be funded through the Neighborhood Infrastructure Bond and enhancement funds.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ordinance to annex approximately 0.54 acre of real property located on Virginia Avenue (providing access to Tax Map Number M010020101500) (AX-35-2025)

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

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

- a. Resolution to approve a naming opportunity agreement with Baxter and Ashley Moore for the event space at the Greenville Zoo

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

Greenville Zoo Director Bill Cooper commented on the Phillips Family Farm, which is the largest single project in the Zoo's history. Mr. Cooper expressed appreciation to the State, the Greenville Zoo Foundation, and a number of private donors for their financial contributions to the Project.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- b. Resolution to reappoint various judicial positions in Municipal Court under Chapter 22, Municipal Court, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville

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

- c. Resolution to modify the membership requirements for the City of Greenville Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee to continue to align with South Carolina Code of Laws Section 6-4-25(A)

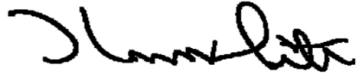
Councilmember Flemming moved, seconded by Councilmember Dowe, to approve first and final reading. The motion carried unanimously.

17. STAFF REPORTS

City Manager Shannon Lavrin provided information on the following items:

- a. Fall for Greenville. Ms. Lavrin offered her appreciation to City staff for the resounding success of the Fall for Greenville festival held the previous weekend, which was determined to be the second best performing in the event's history. Ms. Lavrin thanked the community for attending and noted positive public input.

18. **ADJOURN.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.



KNOX H. WHITE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CAMILLA G. PITMAN, MMC, Certified PLS
CITY CLERK

MEETING NOTICE POSTED AND MEDIA NOTIFIED ON OCTOBER 10, 2025.