

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

**Monday, December 8, 2025
4:30 p.m.**

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

MINUTES

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

Absent: Russell Stall

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

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

Future Tree Replanting Plan Update

Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Will Young and Urban Forester Drew Smith provided a presentation on the City's workflow for tree planning maintenance and use of the tree plotter inventory, as located in Council's Agenda packet. Mr. Smith provided an overview of plantings in 2025 and anticipated plantings in 2026 and provided information on the 2025/2026 tree giveaways. Mr. Young referred to the Urban Forest Comprehensive Plan and stated the consultant selected is Urban Canopy Works. Mr. Young provided a 2026 timeline for the Plan that will assist with replacing the tree canopy following Hurricane Helene and locating areas in need of tree plantings.

Councilmember Dowe inquired about the different uses of the tree plotter and stated the City needs to proactively plant in public areas to incentivize private property owners. Councilmember Dowe asked that Council be involved in a steering committee being established in January. Councilmember DeWorken commented on the re-plantings taking place in neighborhoods where there are older trees that have died or are aging and taking action for future generations.

Councilmember Brasington raised questions regarding aged trees on private property and asked if there is a way to determine species, age, and anticipated concerns. City Manager Shannon Lavrin responded that she believes that the consultants will be able to assist.

Mayor White recommended additional work on the tree ordinance, referring to Laurens Road and how plantings on one side of the street provides a more natural look versus the other side.

Councilmember Dowe asked if there have been any inquiries by insurance companies requiring removal of trees post-Hurricane Helene. Councilmember Dowe also asked how the Downtown Design Guidelines will be regulated at the County Square development. Mayor White responded that the developers are committed to fulfilling plans to replicate the Halprin look, similar to the area around the Hyatt.

Motion - Executive Session

During the open Work Session, Mayor White asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilmember DeWorken moved, seconded by Councilmember Gibson, to go into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Leigh Paoletti recommended going into Executive Session under S.C. Code §30-4-70 (a)(1) to discuss appointments to the City's boards and commissions or employment related matters and subsection (a)(2) negotiations for proposed contractual matters or to receive legal advice covered under attorney-client privilege regarding the following matters:

1. (a)(2) Greenville Summit decertification/recertification request;
2. (a)(2) Unpermitted construction at 711 Mauldin Road;
3. (a)(2) Proposed contract for purchase of property at 3 Ashmore Street for stormwater improvements;
4. (a)(2) Proposed contract for purchase of property and donation of property to Pleasant Valley Connection;
5. (a)(2) Conestee Dam contribution request and proposed agreement; and
6. (a)(1) Personnel matters regulated by a public body.

(Executive Session)

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

Discussions continued by Council in open Work Session. (See Work Session minutes for adjournment.)

With no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Camilla G. Pitman, MMC, Certified PLS
City Clerk

Meeting notice posted on December 5, 2025