

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

**Monday, March 23, 2026
4:00 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, Tina Belge, and Dorothy Dowe

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.

Greenville Drive Update

City Manager Shannon Lavrin introduced Craig Brown and Jeff Brown with the Greenville Drive who provided a presentation regarding the state of the Greenville Drive, as located in City Council's Agenda Packet. Mr. C. Brown shared updates regarding ongoing initiatives, upcoming projects, and key partnerships with the City and within the City. Mr. C. Brown stated that Greenville Drive and Fluor Field's 10 year economic impact is nearly \$300 million. Mr. C. Brown commented on his family's partnership with the City to restore and relaunch historic Mayberry Park, which opened a few weeks ago.

Mr. J. Brown referred to successes and highlights involving the ballpark and its recent recognition as Minor League Baseball's "most affordable franchise" based on total cost for a family of 4 to attend a Drive game – while still delivering a best in-class fan experience. Mr. J. Brown commented on Greenville Drive's strategy leveraging baseball and entertainment for community impact. Mr. J. Brown referred to their holistic partnership rooted in the community between the City, the Red Socks, and the community. Mr. C. Brown commented on the SunCap development and the anticipated use of retail space for the new Drive merchandise store.

Mr. C. Brown provided an update on the Major and Minor League Baseball industry including new player development league objectives and its upward pressure on operating costs. Mr. C. Brown shared information on the broadcast sources for Greenville Drive games during the 2026 Season. Mr. C. Brown commented on private equity ownership and stated Greenville is the only team out of four Red Sox teams that has personal ownership.

In summary, Mr. C. Brown referred to competition continuing to increase exponentially, continued focus on the growth of the West End Entertainment District, a critical need for affordable parking, and MLB/MiLB landscape continuing to evolve dramatically.

Traffic Signal Operations and Expansions

Traffic Engineering Director Clint Link provided an overview regarding traffic signal infrastructure, as located in Council's Agenda Packet. Mr. Link stated the project will require funding in the upcoming budget as well as partnering with SCDOT and other partners to improve and expand the signal system. Mr. Link advised that the City maintains 217 signals, with 20 signals being city owned, 197 signals being SCDOT being owned, and 44 signals being mast arms owned by Duke

Energy. Mr. Link provided information on the maintenance history regarding signals. Mr Link reviewed the upgrades including communications, video monitoring, time travel monitoring and video detection, and emergency response. Mr. Link stated that approximately 80% percent of the SCDOT Communications Network signal network is online, that they anticipate completing emergency vehicle preemption units by the end of 2026, and that the NIB investment is approximately 90% percent complete.

Councilmember Dowe recommended continuing to invest in signal technology and questioned whether there is an increase in signals due to annexations. Councilmember Gibson asked if there is a need for additional signaling with the annexations. Mr. Link responded that only 22 new signals have been accepted and, in many cases, there are no signals connected with the annexed property. Councilmember Brasington asked staff to observe if there is an unacceptable wait time with any of the signals, comparing Monday through Friday times versus weekend times.

Motion - Executive Session

During the open Work Session, Mayor White asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilmember Dowe 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, subsection (a)(2) negotiations for proposed contractual matters or to receive legal advice covered attorney-client privilege, and subsection (a)(5) to discuss economic development incentives, regarding the following matters:

1. (a)(2) and (a)(5) Provision of city services encouraging the expansion of the Greenville Drive's operation in the City / potential contract;
2. (a)(2) and (a)(5) Potential contract/economic development matter related to a local museum;
3. (a)(2) and (a)(5) Proposed contract and provision of city services encouraging the expansion of businesses in the City regarding Greenville Local Development Corporation;
4. (a)(2) Potential contract for the City's financial participation in the preservation of the Greenville Cultural Exchange Center; and
5. (a)(2) Proposed contract for the purchase of property in Greenline-Spartanburg.

(Executive Session)

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

With no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Camilla G. Pitman, MMC, Certified PLS
City Clerk

Meeting notice posted on March 20, 2026.