



MINUTES

FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

City Hall, 206 S. Main Street, Council Chambers
Monday, May 11, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Knox H. White

2. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Ken Gibson

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **ROLL CALL**

The following members of City Council were in attendance: Mayor Knox White, John DeWorken, Lillian Flemming, Ken Gibson, Wil Brasington, Tina Belge, and Dorothy Dowe.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

April 27, 2026;

Councilmember Belge moved, seconded by Councilmember Gibson, to amend page 6, paragraph 7, to read as follows:

"Councilmember Belge asked for clarification with tabling rezoning items and noted that it is what she was trying to do when we were discussing Item 15b."

The motion to amend carried unanimously.

With no objection, the Minutes, as amended, were approved.

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

None

7. **INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Bob Lloyd, 14 Pinckney Street, spoke in support of Item 11d and provided comments on Item 15c, stating that there is a need to also provide a consistent definition for "downtown," which would provide clarity for existing properties and future development under the Downtown Design Guidelines. In addition, Mr. Lloyd urged the City to consider the redevelopment of the Cline property as a high priority in future planning efforts.

8. **PRESENTATION**

a. Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Statement of Support

Human Resources Training and Development Specialist Jan Shegda introduced Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve representatives Bill Boozer and Dr. Tony Cunningham to receive a signed statement of support from the City Manager to indicate the intention of the City to support the country's service members and to fully comply with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Act.

9. PUBLIC HEARING

a. Proposed Adoption of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Annual Operating Budget

Chief Financial Officer Patricia Dennis advised that City Council had reviewed the proposed FY 2026-27 budget during two previous Work Session meetings and stated that the budget is targeted for adoption on May 18 and would go into effect on July 1.

Jim Kirby, West End Neighborhood Association, 804 Rhett Street, spoke in support of the proposed increase in funding for open space included in the FY 2026-27 budget. Mr. Kirby referenced the inclusion of parks, trails, and connectivity in the West End Small Area Plan, which had not yet been implemented. Mr. Kirby provided Council with a handout of examples of potential locations that could be utilized for greenspace in the West End. Mr. Kirby also referenced the SC Department of Employment and Workforce property, which has been identified as an opportunity for future open space, and stated that the Neighborhood Association is prepared to approach county and state leaders and welcomed intergovernmental cooperation to address the vacant property.

10. APPOINTMENTS – Boards and Commissions

a. Youth Commission and Teen Leadership Academy Graduating Seniors

Recreation Operations Manager Tamika Pollard recognized the following members of the Youth Commission and Teen Leadership Academy graduating as a part of the Class of 2026: Jackson Benton, Rishika Talati, Amelia Koch, Ngmenviel Kuuseg, Cady Shive, Caroline Clayton, Samantha Hartung, Thomas Bonnette, Charlotte Pascoe, Trinity James, and Cesia Tomas. Ms. Pollard also recognized attending members of the first cohort of the Teen Leadership Academy.

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 Brasington moved, seconded by Councilmember Gibson, to approve second and final reading of agenda items 11a, 11b, 11c and 11d of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- a. Ordinance to annex approximately 0.63 acre of real property on Redland Way and to provide the zoning designation of RH-C, House C District (Tax Map Numbers 0543150101400, and 0543150102100) (AX-12-2026)
- b. Ordinance to abandon a portion of public right-of-way on Wilton Street (AB-1-2026)

- c. Ordinance to appropriate an additional \$372,960 in the Miscellaneous Grants Fund and Wastewater Fund for South Downtown Sewer Improvements
- d. Ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article II, Division 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville to prescribe procedures and protocol for individuals addressing Council during City Council meetings, and to modify the order of business

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 approve easement agreements between the city of Greenville and Greenville Water System for the installation and maintenance of a water line and associated appurtenances over properties located on East Park Avenue (Tax Map Numbers 0039020100100 and 0039020100101)

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

- b. Ordinance to approve an easement agreement between the city of Greenville and Greenville Water System for the installation and maintenance of a water line and associated appurtenances over a property located on Fairforest Way (Tax Map Number M012030100116)

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

- c. Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville to provide a consistent definition of the Central Business District and updated references thereto

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

- d. Ordinance to appropriate \$29,054,519 for the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Capital Budget from the Fiscal Year 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Program

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

- e. Ordinance to provide for the adoption of a City Operating Budget, its execution and effect, for the Fiscal Period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027

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

- f. Ordinance to appropriate \$400,000 from the Capital Project Reserve Project in the Capital Projects Fund for the purchase and installation of modular public restrooms

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

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

None

17. STAFF REPORTS

City Manager Shannon Lavrin provided information on the following items:

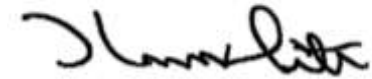
- a. First Reading of City Budget. Ms. Lavrin thanked Council for their affirmation of the proposed Annual Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program during first reading, stating that staff had worked hard to create a budget that was in accordance with GVL2040 and City Council priorities.
- b. Artisphere. Ms. Lavrin expressed appreciation to City staff, partners, volunteers, and the community for a successful Artisphere weekend. Ms. Lavrin noted that local Greenville artists Signe and Genna Grushovenko were presented with the Best in Show award. Ms. Lavrin also noted that Friday and Sunday each received the highest beverage sales in the festival's history, with Saturday performing second highest.
- c. Professional Municipal Clerks Week. Ms. Lavrin advised that Professional Municipal Clerks Week was held May 3 through May 9 and expressed appreciation to City Clerk Camilla Pitman, Deputy City Clerk Fiona Buchanan, and Administrative Assistant Jay Cook.
- d. National Police Week. Ms. Lavrin advised that National Police Week will take place May 10 through May 16, which recognizes officers who have given their lives in the line of duty and honors those in service. Ms. Lavrin noted celebratory and remembrance events occurring throughout the week.

18. Individuals Addressing Council regarding items not on the Agenda

Clarence Thornton, 114 Douthit Street, spoke to express concern regarding gentrification in Greenville.

Councilmember Dowe raised Points of Order regarding factual discrepancies in the statements made by Mr. Thornton and violating rules of decorum as specified in City Code Section 2-91.

19. ADJOURN. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.



KNOX H. WHITE, MAYOR



FIONA BUCHANAN
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

MEETING NOTICE POSTED AND MEDIA NOTIFIED ON MAY 8, 2026.