

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

Friday, February 14, 2020 – 8:30 a.m.

CITY COUNCIL: Mayor Knox White; Councilmember John M. DeWorken, Councilmember Lillian B. Flemming, Councilmember Kenneth C. Gibson, Councilmember Wil Brasington; Councilmember Russell H. Stall; and Councilmember Dorothy H. Dowe

CITY STAFF: City Manager John F. McDonough; City Attorney Michael S. Pitts;
City Clerk Camilla G. Pitman

City Manager John McDonough welcomed everyone to the second day of the City Council Retreat.

The following items were discussed throughout the day and provided in presentation, as included in Council's Agenda packet.

Planning for Quality Growth and Development

D. Short Term Rentals

Presented by Assistant to the City Manager Michael Frixen

Presented by Chris Stone, VisitGreenvilleSC

Council discussed the options presented regarding short term rentals and expressed concerns of short-term rentals affecting affordable housing. Council suggested hiring someone solely to pursue tax revenue owed by short term rental owners. Mr. McDonough asked for Council's thoughts regarding where the short-term rentals will be allowed and whether to enforce current rules or suspend them.

Improving Our Infrastructure Transportation

Presented by Public Works Director Mike Murphy

Presented by Engineering Services Manager Dwayne Cooper

a. Neighborhood Traffic Calming

Council discussed the need for more sidewalks, curbs, and better crosswalks throughout the City.

b. Roadway Infrastructure Enhancements

Council discussed potentially making changes to the N-Step Program and the number of miles within city limits which do not have sidewalks.

c. Traffic Management Center/Intelligent Transportation System

Council talked about the addition of more electronic speed limit warning signs throughout the City.

Break

Building a Better Public Transportation System

Presented by Public Transportation Director James Keel

Council discussed a Special Tax Purpose District to increase funding for more services from the public transportation and continuing its partnership with Greenville County to work on transportation.

Due to lack of time, this item was not presented.

Investing in Our Public Facilities

Enhancing our Business Environment and Economy

Presented by Business Development Manager Mike Panasko

Presented by Real Estate Development Manager Mary Douglas Hirsch

Council suggested Economic Development be given more tools for the recruitment of retail and business customers. Council discussed incentives for companies to locate to Greenville, if there is a list of companies currently being targeted for recruitment, and if diversity is being considered when recruiting these companies.

Providing Recreation and Cultural Enhancement Opportunities

Presented by Parks and Recreation Director Marlie Creasey-Smith

Presented by Senior Economic Development Project Manager Tracy Ramseur

Council discussed how art is selected for certain areas in the City; the maintenance of certain art installations, particularly murals; and promotion of art in the City. Council also talked about potential repairs for Community Centers and the importance of maintaining the programs offered by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Due to lack of time, this item was not presented.

Financial Outlook

Council Feedback and Discussions

Councilmember Brasington asked for a list of items coming out of the retreat. Mr. McDonough stated a list will be developed during the next week with the possibility of these topics being discussed at future Work Sessions.

With no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Lori O. Sondov, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

Meeting notice posted on February 11, 2020