

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

**Monday, February 22, 2021
3:00 p.m.**

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Remote Viewing Location:
Greenville Convention Center, 1 Exposition Drive

MINUTES

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

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

Parks and Recreation Infrastructure

Events and Cultural Affairs Director / Interim Parks and Recreation Director Angie Prosser and Business and Projects Administrator Megan Young provided a presentation on the infrastructure needs for parks and recreation. Ms. Young discussed the needs of athletic courts, community centers, ADA compliance, park shelters, fences and barriers, pedestrian bridges, playground structures, parking lots, irrigation, trails, and Zoo capital needs including buildings, exhibits, and grounds. Ms. Young also provided a summary of the costs for the projects discussed.

Councilmember Stall asked if conversations have been held with the Greenville Zoo Foundation regarding their commitment to assisting with funding part of the Zoo's operation. Deputy City Manager Eden Freeman responded she had a conversation with the Foundation Board Chair this morning confirming its commitment to raising capital needed for the Zoo.

Councilmember Dowe asked about root damage on the pathways. Ms. Young responded there are creative solutions now available to address the issues without harming the trees. Ms. Young stated they are currently addressing issues internally and are considering alternatives. Councilmember Dowe referred to work in Cleveland Park and asked if the City is under contract regarding the exercise stations. Ms. Young responded the contractor came back and replaced the stations at no charge under warranty due to issues that were occurring.

Councilmember Dowe asked about the use of funds from the National Parks Program (NPP) and hospitality taxes. City Manager John McDonough responded the NPP comes from Greenville County and the City has expressed its position on the importance of receiving the funding. Mr. McDonough stated the NPP funding has resulted in several significant improvements during the

past five years. Mayor White agreed and recognized improvements that have been addressed by hospitality funds as well.

Councilmember Brasington asked if there is an accepted ratio which helps the City manage the amount of deferred maintenance for infrastructure investment. Office of Management and Budget Director Matt Efirm responded he is not familiar with a financial ratio and that the City has paid for improvements as funding is available.

In closing, Mr. McDonough stated the presentation is provided as a measuring stick to assist Council in the budget process for FY2022.

With no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Lori Sondov, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

Meeting notice posted on February 19, 2021