

**City Council of the City of Greenville
2021 City Council Retreat**

**Monday, February 18, 2021
3:00 p.m.**

Greenville City Hall is currently closed to the public.

Virtual Meeting Viewing
<https://www.greenvillesc.gov/meeting>

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 welcomed the attendees and thanked everyone for their participation. Mayor White shared his appreciation for the City Manager and staff and their work and focus on projects during the past year.

Introduction and Retreat Overview

City Manager John McDonough advised the retreat will be recorded and available on the City's website. Mr. McDonough stated the retreat provides an opportunity to review accomplishments from the past year and to focus on the future of the community through strategic planning. Mr. McDonough also stated the retreat allows Council to provide comments and reflections on work they would like to see addressed. Mr. McDonough shared the next steps following the retreat will be approving Council's priorities by Resolution and working through the budget process which has already begun on the staff level.

Mr. McDonough provided a presentation acknowledging 2020 recognitions received by the City, city growth, building permits issued, multifamily housing units data, employment and unemployment data, economic engines, and economic opportunities. Mr. McDonough referred to Council's Top Ten Priorities developed during last year's retreat and presented the retreat schedule.

2021 City Infrastructure and Facilities Update

Mr. McDonough and Deputy City Manager Eden Freeman introduced the discussion regarding Public Works related infrastructure. Mr. McDonough stated the City currently owns about \$380 million in capital assets. Ms. Freeman stated the presentation provides a comprehensive look at the infrastructure condition and sets the stage for what the City is facing in the coming future.

Public Works Director Mike Murphy, Engineering Services Manager Dwayne Cooper, and Engineering Project Manager Nick DePalma provided information on city-owned roadway bridges, roadway pavement, existing sidewalks, ADA ramps, guardrails, underperforming intersections, stormwater infrastructure, traffic signals and communications, pavement markings,

signs, commercial utility undergrounding, and pavers and plazas. Mr. Cooper and Mr. DePalma also referred to SCDOT maintained roadway bridges, roadway pavement, existing sidewalks, signal infrastructure, and pavement markings.

Council recessed for a short break and returned to the meeting following the break.

Mr. McDonough stated that due to time, the parks and recreation infrastructure discussion would not be conducted. Mr. McDonough recommended presenting that information on Monday as a work session.

Mr. Murphy provided information regarding city-owned parking garages and building facilities, not including City Hall renovations. Mr. Murphy stated the total cost for replace/repair of building facilities is estimated at \$8,731,500, which would address immediate needs using available maintenance budget.

Mr. Murphy presented information entitled “Initial Construction and Ongoing Maintenance Summary,” as provided below. Mr. Murphy stated the goal is to bring all the recommendations provided to a standard of “good” and to maintain that level.

	Current Annual Investment	Annual Investment	Total Maintenance and Construction Needed
City of Greenville Roadway	\$ 8,600,000	\$11,400,000	\$524,650,000
SCDOT Roadway		\$ 9,100,000	\$296,000,000
City Facilities	\$ 2,900,000	\$ 2,100,000	\$ 9,431,500
Parks and Recreation		\$ 1,800,000	\$ 3,240,000
	\$11,500,000	\$24,400,000*	\$833,322,000

*\$15,300,000 when SCDOT assets are excluded

Ms. Freeman referred to a roadway summary slide in the presentation showing the financial breakdown and stated the goal of the presentation was to share the information with Council in an effort to assist them with determining priorities in preparation for budget discussions.

Council members discussed in general the maintenance and construction needs and provided comments and suggestions for consideration. Mr. McDonough recognized that the amount covers a large amount of deficiencies. Ms. Freeman stated staff is not recommending a tax increase, however, the information is provided for consideration and staff will return to Council with recommendations to begin the process of prioritizing.

With no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Camilla G. Pitman, MMC, Certified PLS
City Clerk

Meeting notice posted on February 16, 2021