A workshop of the Greenville City Council was held on Monday, June 10, 2019, in Conference Room 337, located on the third floor at City Hall, with Mayor P.J. Connelly presiding. Mayor Connelly called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Those Present:
- Mayor P.J. Connelly, Mayor Pro-Tem Rose Glover, Council Member Monica Daniels, Council Member Will Bell, Council Member Rick Smiley, Council Member William Litchfield, Jr., and Council Member Brian Meyerhoeffer, Jr.

Those Absent:
- None.

Also Present:
- City Manager Ann E. Wall, City Attorney Emanuel McGirt, Assistant City Manager Michael Cowin, Assistant City Manager Ken Graves, Administrative Assistant Valerie Shiuwegar

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Council Member Smiley made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Meyerhoeffer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**PITT COUNTY FARM AND FOOD COUNCIL PRESENTATION**

Ms. Doris Connell, Coordinator of Pitt County Farm and Food Council, and Ms. Corina Rochere, Board Chair, presented information to the City Council about the Farm and Food Council. It was established in 2017 to address health and food insecurity issues in Pitt County as well as provide education and support farming agriculture. Based off of community feedback, the Board identified the ability to locate resources such as food pantries, hot meals, community gardens, and summer feeding programs as a key need. The Board worked to create a food finder app that will connect Pitt County residents to these food resources. The Council has been visiting municipalities in Pitt County to increase awareness of the app. They have also published the information on the County’s website and pushed the information out to other agencies such as Pitt County Schools, the Department of Social Services, and the Pitt County Commissioners.
PRESENTATION ON PITT COUNTY PROPERTY REVALUATION

Mr. Sam Croom, Pitt County Tax Administrator, presented information to the City Council on the Pitt County Property Revaluation. He stated that the state mandates a property reappraisal at least every 8 years. Pitt County is on a four-year cycle. The updated values will take effect in January 2020. He stated that the aim of the process is to maintain a fair assessment, but the market transition can be a challenge. He stated that the appraisal is done in-house in Pitt County by staff certified by the State with years of experience. He stated that all real properties will be reappraised but this does not include personal property such as vehicles and boats, which are done on an annual basis. If an owner disagrees with their reappraisal, they can challenge the findings, but must bring documents and information for the appraisal office to consider. The matter may be escalated to the Property Tax Commission and Court of Appeals. Taxes will be due September 1, 2020 with new bills going out July 2020. An updated tax base will be available to municipalities February 2020 – April 2020. He noted that the value of the previous revaluation is typically included, and owners can request a history of their values from the Tax Office.

PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF THE CITY’S AMPLIFIED SOUND ORDINANCE

Police Chief Mark Holtzman presented a follow-up on the proposed modifications to the amplified sound ordinance that was presented to the City Council at the May 2019 Workshop. Major changes to the current ordinance include:

- Removing the sound limit for large to events which will allow larger events with permit approval
- Requiring permits for establishments providing amplified entertainment
- Implementing security requirements if the location experiences certain criminal activity

Chief Holtzman stated that the current sound limits for residential and businesses will remain 60dB from 11 p.m. – 7 a.m. He stated that the current outdoor amplified sound limits with a permit to exceed will remain at 80 dB. He stated that the security ratio requirement for outdoor amplified permits would be adjusted from 1:50 to 1:100. He stated that staff recommends adding an amplified sound permit for large outdoor events with 500+ people. He stated that although there is not a decibel limit included, regulations would be approached through a health and safety standpoint to make sure that it is not a public nuisance. He stated that staff recommends adding a permit requirement for indoor amplified sound and requiring a ratio of licensed security or police officers at 1:100. He stated that this proposed provision would allow advance notice of events to the police department. He noted that the current ordinance does not have a security officer requirement. He stated that staff is recommending adding an additional security “if/then” requirement mandating establishments to maintain a security ratio of 1:100 if those locations experience certain criminal
activity. He stated that the City would be able to define the criminal activity, the “if” factor, and determine the necessary security ratio.

The City Council stated that they would like to see the City elevate its current security training program to meet the required standard or opt out of the training altogether. They requested that staff consider whether this would be a broad standard for the City or if there would be different criteria for different districts.

Chief Holtzman stated that staff would draft language and bring it to the City Council for their consideration at the August 2019 meeting.

**PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO ORDINANCE ENTITLED “SMOKING REGULATED IN MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES”, CITY CODE SECTION 12-1-13**

City Attorney McGirt stated that the proposed revisions would prohibit smoking and e-cigarettes in City buildings and City vehicles, like buses and parks. It would also ban smoking on sidewalks in the Uptown area. He stated that the proposed revisions would require proper signage and would be enforced by oral and written notice. Fines could be issued up to $50.00. He stated that staff recommends:

- Expand the City Code to ban smoking and e-cigarettes on City property including City parks and City vehicles.
- Consider banning smoking in all public places within the city (policy call)
- Find out if the Public Health Director will inquire into a County-wide rule banning smoking on all or certain public sidewalks and state why that addresses a health concern.

The City Council expressed support of banning smoking and e-cigarettes in City parks and in City vehicles. They requested additional information defining City property.

**City Council Member Smiley made a motion to amend the agenda to add a presentation on the 2020 Census. Council Member Meyerhoeffer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

**PRESENTATION ON THE 2020 UNITED STATES CENSUS**

Chief Planner Chantae Gooby stated that the Census is an important process because of the impact that it has on local economics, representation, and planning. She stated that Greenville had a population of 93,137 for the 12th most populated city in North Carolina in 2018. She stated that a study conducted in 2015 reflected an economic impact in the State of $1,623.00/person and the average person per household in Greenville was 2.3, totaling up to a gain of $1 million per 267.9 households annually. She stated that the State demographer anticipates $200 per person in State
funding annually. She stated that the State had gained 1 seat in the House of Representatives, increasing representation. She stated that the information gained from the Census is also valuable for development. She stated that census forms will go out on April 1, 2020 and Census workers will begin going out into the community starting May 2020 to catch any responses that were not received to present a final report to the President in December 2020.

Staff stated that the Census counts everyone that is a resident in the City as of April 1, including university students living in the city. Staff asked that the City Council help the City encourage the community to participate in the upcoming Census.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the City Council, motion was made by Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Daniels to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Connelly adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

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