

TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE
Greenville Senior-Youth Center
152 SW ONSLOW STREET, GREENVILLE, FL 32331

SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Kornegay called the meeting to order at 6:40 P.M.
2. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mayor Ryan Kornegay
Vice Mayor Carl Livingston
Councilmember Barbara Dansey
Councilmember Kathleen Hamilton
Councilmember Chiquila Pleas (Zoom)

Absent:

Also Present:

Victoria Kingston, Town Manager (Zoom)
John Reid, Town Attorney
Kim Reams, Town Clerk

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Kornegay led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:
The agenda was presented for approval without any questions, comments, or concerns from council members.

ACTION: Councilmember Dansey moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Hamilton.

Councilmember	Yay	Nay
Mayor Kornegay	X	
Vice Mayor Livingston	X	
Councilmember Dansey	X	
Councilmember Hamilton	X	
Councilmember Pleas	X	

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: No Public comment was received.
6. NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Kornegay stated that as the subject of the complaints before the Town Council, he had a conflict of interest and was required by section 112.3143,

Florida Statutes, to abstain from discussion and voting on the matters before the Town Council He passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Livingston, and pursuant to the Greenville Rules of Procedure, Mayor Kornegay left the room during the discussion.

a. **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** *Related to Protected Disclosure* – **Town Attorney John Reid**

- Attorney Reid stated that all Councilmembers had received a copy of the investigative report prepared by John Czernis of Integrity Group. He advised the Town Council that, to maintain the protected nature of the disclosure, the allegations would not be read into the record in detail. Instead, each allegation would be considered individually, and the Town Council would determine whether the facts presented in the report supported or did not support each allegation.
- Specifically, Attorney Reid explained that section 112.3188(1), Florida Statutes, prohibited the disclosure of the complainant’s identity in perpetuity. He further explained that pursuant to section 112.3188(2), Florida Statutes, the information produced or derived by the investigation into this complaint was confidential and exempt and that the willful disclosure of such information constituted a criminal violation. Attorney Reid stated that the information would no longer be confidential and exempt once a final decision pertaining to the complaint was made by the Town Council.
- Attorney Reid explained that each allegation would require a motion followed by a vote of the the Town Council.
- **ALLEGATION 1:** The complainant alleged that the proposal for the Greenville Elementary School was submitted by an outside organization and not by the Town, which conflicted with the direction given by the Town Council.
 - Following brief discussion, Attorney Reid asked the Town Council whether the facts supported or did not support the allegation.

ACTION: Councilmember Dansey moved that the facts presented in the report did not support Allegation 1. Seconded by Councilmember Hamilton.

Councilmember	Yay	Nay
Mayor Kornegay		
Vice Mayor Livingston	X	
Councilmember Dansey	X	
Councilmember Hamilton	X	
Councilmember Pleas		X

- ALLEGATION 2: Attorney Reid explained that discussion of this allegation would not jeopardize the complainant’s confidentiality. He stated the allegation concerned potential conflict-of-interest issues involving the Mayor and DSR Public Health Foundation, Inc.
 - Attorney Reid explained that there are two organizations in question. DSR Public Health Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) Florida nonprofit, and Mayor Kornegay serves on its board of directors. DSR Consulting & Management LLC is a private limited liability company, and Mayor Kornegay has no connection to this organization.
 - Attorney Reid explained that Mayor Kornegay had voted on the Town entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with DSR Public Health Foundation, Inc. to operate the grocery store. The MOU explicitly stated that any financial transactions between the Town and DSR Public Health Foundation, Inc. would require a separate agreement.
 - Mayor Kornegay voted with the Town Council to award three contracts to DSR Consulting & Management LLC.
 - Attorney Reid explained that for a conflict of interest under section 112.3143, Florida Statutes, to exist that requires abstention, the individual must experience a “special private gain or loss” which means an “economic benefit or harm.” Since the MOU explicitly excluded any economic benefit, a conflict of interest did not exist.
 - Following discussion, Attorney Reid asked the Town Council whether the facts supported or did not support the allegation.

ACTION: Councilmember Dansey moved that the facts presented in the report did not support Allegation 2. Seconded by Councilmember Hamilton.

Councilmember	Yay	Nay
Mayor Kornegay		
Vice Mayor Livingston	X	
Councilmember Dansey	X	
Councilmember Hamilton	X	
Councilmember Pleas		X

- ALLEGATION 3: The complainant alleged that the MOU between the Town and DSR Public Health Foundation, Inc. was vague, left key terms undefined, and was not drafted by the Town Attorney.
 - Attorney Reid referred the Town Council to the investigative report regarding Allegation 3 which examined metadata of draft versions of the MOU, which showed that while the document originated with a third-party, the Town Attorney made extensive edits to the document.

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- Attorney Reid stated that this matter was like many contracts he reviews on behalf of the Town, which originate with another party's attorney and he later edits or approves.
- Attorney Reid said that if the Town Council wished for all contracts to originate with him, this would likely warrant corrective action or a policy change. He did warn, however, that such a requirement would significantly hinder the work of the Town, since many contracts and agreements originate with a contracting party..

ACTION: Councilmember Dansey moved that the facts presented in the report did not support Allegation 3. Seconded by Councilmember Hamilton.

Councilmember	Yay	Nay
Mayor Kornegay		
Vice Mayor Livingston	X	
Councilmember Dansey	X	
Councilmember Hamilton	X	
Councilmember Pleas	X	

- Following discussion of Allegations 1 through 3, Attorney Reid asked the Town Council whether any additional action should be taken to address or prevent similar issues in the future.
- Attorney Reid continued discussion regarding the remaining allegations.

- **ALLEGATION 4:** The complainant alleged that Mayor Kornegay and/or other parties used the Town seal, logo, and facilities without proper authorization.
 - Attorney Reid again directed Town Council to the investigative report which stated that the Town did not have any ordinance or policy related to use of the Town seal, logo, or facilities.
 - Attorney Reid said that there did not appear to be any cases when the seal was used without authorization, but that there were instances when the logo was used.
 - An example when the logo was used by a third party was for the farmer's markets held downtown.
 - Another event in question where the logo was used was for an event at the Senior-Youth Center where attorneys provided free legal advice to Greenville residents. Attorney Reid directed the Town Council to the investigative report which found that this event was sponsored by the Greenville Senior Citizens Council, a Town organization created in 2025 by the Town Council.

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- Attorney Reid said that there did not appear to be explicit permission for use of the logo for this event but the lack of a logo policy made it unclear whether a Town entity needed to seek authorization before use.
- Attorney Reid said the Town Council needed to decide whether the facts presented in the report supported this allegation.

ACTION: Councilmember Dansey moved that the facts presented in the report did not support Allegation 4. Seconded by Councilmember Hamilton.

Councilmember	Yay	Nay
Mayor Kornegay		
Vice Mayor Livingston	X	
Councilmember Dansey	X	
Councilmember Hamilton	X	
Councilmember Pleas		X

- **ALLEGATION 5:** The complainant alleged that key Town personnel and staff were excluded from meetings where decisions involving Town business were made.
- Attorney Reid referred the Town Council to the investigative report for review and determination regarding Allegation 5.

ACTION: Councilmember Dansey moved that the facts presented in the report did not support Allegation 5. Seconded by Councilmember Hamilton.

Councilmember	Yay	Nay
Mayor Kornegay		
Vice Mayor Livingston	X	
Councilmember Dansey	X	
Councilmember Hamilton	X	
Councilmember Pleas		X

- **ALLEGATION 6:** The complainant alleged that the Town Attorney failed to provide written legal opinions when requested by staff. The complaint alleged that these requests were made in writing, but the report did not identify these requests.
- Attorney Reid again referred the Town Council to the investigative report for review and determination regarding Allegation 6.

ACTION: Councilmember Dansey moved that the facts presented in the report did not support Allegation 6. Seconded by Councilmember Hamilton.

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Councilmember	Yay	Nay
Mayor Kornegay		
Vice Mayor Livingston	X	
Councilmember Dansey	X	
Councilmember Hamilton	X	
Councilmember Pleas		X

ACTION: Councilmember Dansey moved to extend the time-certain meeting by fifteen (15) minutes. Seconded by Councilmember Hamilton.

Councilmember	Yay	Nay
Mayor Kornegay		
Vice Mayor Livingston	X	
Councilmember Dansey	X	
Councilmember Hamilton	X	
Councilmember Pleas	X	

- Following the Town Council discussion, direction was given for Attorney Reid to bring back proposed policies regarding use of the Town seal and logo, as well as job descriptions for Charter Officers and Town staff.
7. **ADJOURNMENT:** Councilmember Dansey moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Pleas. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Minutes approved and adopted by the Town Council on 05/18/2026.