MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL
March 12, 2019

MEETING LOCATION: Greer City Hall, 301 East Poinsett Street, Greer, SC 29651

I. CALL TO ORDER OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Rick Danner – 6:34 P.M.

The following members of Council were in attendance:
Jay Arrowood, Wayne Griffin arrived at 6:39 pm, Lee Dumas, Wryley Bettis and Jucy Albert.

Councilmember Kimberly Bookert was absent.

Others present: Ed Driggers, City Administrator, Mike Sell, Assistant City Administrator, Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk, Steve Owens, Communications Manager and various other staff and media.

Subject: Imma Nwobodu, Program Manager with Greenville County Redevelopment Authority presented the Greenville County Program Year 2019 Annual Action Plan for the City of Greer. (attachment)

Discussion held.

Mayor Danner opened the Public Hearing for public comment. No one chose to speak.

The Public Hearing adjourned 7:04 P.M.

II. CALL TO ORDER OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Rick Danner – 7:04 P.M.

The following members of Council were in attendance:
Jay Arrowood, Wayne Griffin, Lee Dumas, Wryley Bettis and Judy Albert.

Councilmember Kimberly Bookert was absent.

Others present: Ed Driggers, City Administrator, Mike Sell, Assistant City Administrator, Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk, Steve Owens, Communications Manager and various other staff and media.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Judy Albert
IV. INVOCATION

Councilmember Judy Albert

V. PUBLIC FORUM

No one signed up to speak

Mayor Danner invited Leadership Greer Class 39 to provide an overview of their current project.

Jeff Howard, President of Class 39 provided the following information: They are partnering with Chandler Creek Elementary School to provide sensory paths. Sensory paths will benefit all students, but especially children dealing with sensory processing disorders, ADHD, anxiety, and/or trauma. The outdoor sensory paths will be accessible to all children in the community after school hours.

VI. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

February 26, 2019

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of February 26, 2019 be received as written. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

VII. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

A. Mayor Rick Danner read a proclamation proclaiming the month of March 2019, as: Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in the City of Greer. Sue Martin, Executive Director of Hemophilia of South Carolina received the proclamation.

B. Mayor Rick Danner along with Lindsay Shaffer and Emma Hagg, Events Coordinators recognized the following Black History Month Essay Contest Winners:

First Place- Elise Van Zele  
Second Place- Luis Elizondo  
Third Place- Sara Lovegrove

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

Council Planning Retreat was held Tuesday, March 5th and Wednesday, March 6th. Mr. Driggers thanked Council for their time.

Spartanburg County Council – Mayor Danner and Mr. Driggers spent time with Spartanburg County Council last night during their workshop. Specifically looking at their reassessment process conducted in 2018. Information was received their Tax Assessor, Auditors, from the County Treasurer and their County Tax Collector as well as their County Administrator. They provided an overview of how the process works and the impact municipalities and other taxing districts have to the process. Spartanburg County has eighty-eight (88) taxing districts.
Employee Family Picnic – will be held Friday, April 12th at 6:00 pm in City Hall/Greer City Park. More information will be forthcoming. Please let us know of your attendance.

State Ethics Reports – Deadline is March 30th.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 8-2019
AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY T & H DEVELOPMENTAL, LLC LOCATED AT 103 LAKEVIEW DRIVE FROM R-12 (RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE, FAMILY DISTRICT) TO C-2 (COMMERCIAL DISTRICT).

Brandon McMahan, Zoning Coordinator stated there was no new or additional information.

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 8-2019. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Brief discussion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 6-2019
CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE

Reno Deaton, Executive Director of Greer Development Corporation presented the request.

ACTION – Councilmember Wayne Griffin made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 6-2019. Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

Brief discussion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 7-2019
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT FRANKLIN POINTE SUBDIVISION STREETS, NAMLY WILLOWBOTTOM DRIVE, BUCKLEBURY ROAD, TUCKBOROUGH

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STREET, WAYMEET DRIVE, SHIREBOURN LANE AND DEEPHALLOW PLACE INTO THE CITY OF GREER STREET SYSTEM

Steve Grant, City Engineer presented the request. Staff recommends approval.

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 7-2019. Councilmember Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried 5-1 with Councilmember Judy Albert voting in opposition.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION – In (7:29 p.m.)

(A) Personnel Matter
Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter pertaining to the Public Services Department; as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70(a)(1). Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

(B) Personnel Matter
Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter pertaining to the Police Department; as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70(a)(1). Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Danner stated during Executive Session they considered the above matters and no action was taken.

ACTION - Out (8:21 p.m.) – Councilmember Judy Albert made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

8:22 P.M.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk


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Public Forum
Sign in

March 12, 2019
6:30 pm

(a) Public Forum. During a period of thirty (30) minutes at the beginning of each city council meeting, referred to as a public forum, the presiding officer may recognize citizens of the municipality or others who have standing in the municipality, such as business owners, who wish to address council on matters pertaining to items on that meeting's agenda.

Sign-up for Public Forum. At least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the commencement of a city council meeting, a potential speaker, who is not already a petitioner appearing on the agenda and is not a previous petitioner speaking on the same subject, wishing to appear before council must place his or her name, address, and whether he or she is for or against an agenda item on the public forum list. This list shall be maintained by the municipal clerk. Sign ups for public forums will be on a first come, first served basis. The municipal clerk shall make the public forum list available for council and public inspection. No names will be added to the list once the list is given to the presiding officer and the public forum has begun. The presiding officer will give equal time to those for and against the agenda items that are to be discussed during a public forum.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR
GREENVILLE COUNTY PROGRAM YEAR 2019
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN / CITY OF GREER

The City of Greer participates in the Greenville County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and HOME Investment Partnerships Program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Greenville County Redevelopment Authority is preparing its Annual Action Plan for the 2019 program year (7/1/19-6/30/20).

A public hearing will be held at the Greer City Hall, located at 301 E. Poinsett Street, Greer, on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6:30 PM. Community development and housing needs and activities eligible for funding under the CDBG and HOME programs will be discussed. Public comment and proposals will be invited on the County's strategy for the City of Greer, including objectives and projected uses of funds. An estimated $269,940 in CDBG fund and $111,089 in HOME fund will become available in July. An estimated $70,000 in CDBG program income and $180,000 in HOME program income are also expected to become available through the program year. Comments are also invited on past and present housing and community development performance and needs. CDBG funds can be used to assist low and moderate income persons, prevent or eliminate slums and blight, or to meet an urgent community need where no other funding is available. HOME funds are used to increase the supply of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing for lower income persons.

Written comments may also be sent to John Castile, Executive Director, Greenville County Redevelopment Authority, 301 University Ridge, Suite 2500, Greenville SC 29601, until Friday, May 31st, 2019.