CALL TO ORDER OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Rick Danner – 6:33 P.M.

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

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

Subject: **IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Greer, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Carolina, will hold a public hearing for consideration of an ordinance to close a portion of the city-owned road known as Victor Ave Extension pursuant to Resolution 6-2019 on April 23, 2019 at 6:30 pm at Greer City Hall. The portion of Victor Ave Extension to be abandoned and closed is identified as “88,819 square feet/2.039 acres” and more particularly described on a survey dated October 8, 2018 that is included as an attachment to Resolution 6-2019, a copy of which is on file with the City of Greer. The portion of the road to be closed is bordered on all sides by properties owned by Greenville Spartanburg Airport District and identified by Spartanburg County Tax Map Nos. 5-18-00-029.01 and 5-18-00-018.03.

Mayor Danner opened the Public Hearing for public comment. The following individuals spoke:

Donald Story, 5 Mary Street shared his concerns regarding emergency medical services access.
Mary Jo Garrow, 202 Crestwood Drive asked questions of Council and the audience.
Joe Garrow, 202 Crestwood Drive shared his concerns regarding emergency medical services access.
Curtis Hipp, 165 Victor Avenue Extension spoke in opposition.
Andrew Wachure, 225 Victor Avenue Extension spoke in opposition.
Sharon Hutchinson, 170 Victor Avenue Extension shared her concerns with roads conditions and noise.
Jim Radford, 217 Blue Ridge Drive spoke in opposition.
Jim Laye, 201 Crestwood Drive shared his concerns regarding emergency medical services access.
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Sandra Laye, 102 Crestwood Drive shared her concerns regarding the noise level, decrease in property value, an increase in taxes and emergency medical services access.
Reno Deaton, Greer Development Corporation spoke in favor.
Steve Roach, 108 Ashland Drive shared his concerns road conditions, traffic and noise.
Charles McAfee, 315 Foster Circle shared his concerns regarding road conditions, traffic and decrease in home values.
Samuel James, no address provided, shared his concerns regarding traffic and noise.
Tracy Galloway, 202 Timberlane Road shared her concerns regarding traffic.
Jennifer Griffith, Lanford Street shared her concerns regarding traffic and emergency medical services access.
Roy Merin, 100 Timberlane Road spoke in opposition.
Becky White, Cannon Avenue spoke in opposition.
Larry Padgett, Peoples Baptist Church shared his concerns regarding access to his church, traffic and decrease in value of homes.
Danny Gambrell, 106 Hickory Lane shared his concerns regarding the creeks (flooding).
Richard Coleman, 1070 Gilliam Road spoke in opposition.
Charles McAfee, 315 Foster Circle shared his concerns regarding the train and traffic.

Mayor Danner asked if anyone else would like to speak.
Paula Van Patton, 710 Victor Hill Road shared her concerns regarding the train delaying traffic and access to Highway 29 and the City of Greer.
Todd Pressley, 143 Victor Avenue Extension shared his concerns regarding the removal of trees placed to absorb an emergency landing (airplane).

Mayor Danner asked a second time if anyone else would like to speak and offered a third time.
Virginia Sumner, 441 Chapel Road shared her concerns with traffic and road conditions.

Mayor Danner stated the Public Hearing is concluded.

The Public Hearing adjourned 7:29 P.M.

II. CALL TO ORDER OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Rick Danner – 7:42 P.M.

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

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Wayne Griffin
IV. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Wayne Griffin

V. **PUBLIC FORUM**

No one signed up to speak

VI. **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**

**ACTION** — Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of April 9, 2019 be received as written. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

**VOTE** - Motion carried unanimously.

VII. **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

A. Mayor Rick Danner presented Joada Hiatt with a Key to the City stating the following “In recognition of her selfless work at the Jean M. Smith Library and the Greer Heritage Museum, for preserving the City of Greer’s rich history as both an author and a storyteller, and for sharing her trusted counsel as a member of the city’s Board of Architectural Review” Mayor Rick Danner and Greer City Council do hereby honor Joada P. Hiatt with the key to the City of Greer on this day, April 23, 2019.”

B. Mayor Rick Danner recognized the Greer Development Corporation for the following: The Greer Development Corporation, the City of Greer’s economic development group, is excited to announce its 2018 Greer Station Gift Guide received a Silver Wing Award of Excellence in the Single-Issue Publication category at the South Carolina chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (SCPRSA)’s annual Mercury Awards ceremony. Katie Howell accepted the Certificate of Recognition.

VIII. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Building and Development Standards, Finance, Fire Department, Municipal Court, Parks & Recreation, Police Department, Public Services and the Website Activity Reports for March 2019 were included in the packet for informational purposes.

**Finance**

Susan Howell, Budget and Audit Manager presented the Financial Report for the period ending March 31, 2019. (Attached)

General Fund Cash Balance: $17,658,036.
Overall Benchmark Variance: $392,915.

The City is 9% under budget during this time period.

Hospitality Fund Cash Balance: $2,202,323.
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance: $1,673,866.
IX. PRESENTATION

Dorian Flowers, Fire Chief presented his Annual Report.

Councilman Dumas returned to the Council Chambers. (7:54pm)

X. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

**Eggtastic** was held Saturday, April 21st at Century Park. Over 2000 people participated.

**International Festival** will be held Saturday, April 27th at City Park from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm. We have 26 Countries represented.

**Spring Cleaning Day** will be held Saturday, April 27th from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm at the Recycling Center. A shred truck will also be present.

**Family Fest** will be held Friday, May 3rd and Saturday, May 4th in downtown, due to construction some of the activity will be relocated to City Park.

**Skipper Burns** - we will host a reception prior to the May 28th Council Meeting in honor of Skipper Burns upon his retirement. The reception will be from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm in the Lobby of City Hall.

**CenterG** – moving along well, we are on schedule. The pavers for the 300 block have arrived and are being installed now. We anticipate opening the 300 block, it will have limited access because we have Norfolk Southern Rail Road this is closed for construction by the railroad themselves. We will open the area and removed the barricades and barriers allowing folks to moved about in that section.

We continue the work in the 200 block, most of the work is storm drainage. Water and sewer tie ins by CPW (Commission of Public Works). We are working on the west side now up to Victoria Street and will move to the east side when finished. We are on schedule.

**Parking Garage** – We are finalizing design work with the parking garage project. Met with RBA Architects from Charlotte last week. We did a virtual meeting with them reviewing our design plans now moving toward the civil drawings. Moving well and on schedule. We are coordinating this work with the partners at Sycamore Investment, the developer of the hotel site. Our delay on that site is because work is continuing to take place. Work continues to take place daily, CPW continues to make the tie ins for water, sewer, gas, and electric. All of that area is going to underground utilities. I believe at the end of business today we will have three (3) of the businesses switched over from overhead utilities to underground utilities. We are making the switchovers as it is convenient for those businesses. Once that work is completed, they will withdraw from that site and demolition contractor will mobilize on the site. Their demolition contractor is...
the same contractor that will be doing their site work. So, their will be one mobilization once they are their we will start to see the site prepared. The demolition of the existing structures and then moving straight into site prep.

XI. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

A. Board of Architectural Review
   Historian - Joada Hiatt is resigning effective April 26th her term expires 6/30/2021.

   No nominations were made.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Purchase Approval Request
   Seeking approval for the purchase of a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for the dispatch center.

   Lt. Kara Blackwell, Police Department presented the request. Total cost is $61,744.02. In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws Section 23-47-65 (C)(1)(b), we will submit the entire amount for reimbursement by the state’s E-911 office. The state will reimburse the City of Greer approximately $49,395.22 which is 80% of the total expense. Therefore, the approximate total cost to the City of Greer for the PSAP furniture upgrade is $12,348.80. (attachment)

   ACTION – Councilmember Wayne Griffin made a motion to approve the purchase of the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

   VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. First Reading of Ordinance Number 13-2019
   AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE AND CONVEYANCE OF A PORTION OF A CITY OWNED STREET

   Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the request. Staff requested Council holdover the ordinance until several issues could be addressed.

   Discussion held.

   ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to hold over First Reading of Ordinance Number 13-2019 until further notice. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

   VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.
C. Seeking Approval of Grant Application Recommendations
The Greer Accommodations Tax Committee met Thursday, April 18, 2019, to discuss the applications received for grants from the State Accommodations Taxes received for fiscal year June 30, 2018. The Committee respectfully submits the attached recommendations for Council's consideration and approval.

David Seifert presented the following:

The Accommodations Tax Committee of the City of Greer respectfully submits the following recommendations to the Council of the City of Greer for the funding of applications for grants from Accommodations Tax Grant Funding Program for fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. If the recommendations are approved, there will be remaining funds of $28,394.37 available for allocation and distribution to qualified events and projects.

Staff intends to reopen an application period to allow for additional opportunities of funding for qualified entities. (attachment)

Funding Available
$59,593.85

Applications Received Project Amount Recommendation
Greer Farmers Market Advertising $5,000.00 - Denial
Greer Station Association Brochures, Advertising $500.00 - Denial
Foothills Philharmonic Advertising, 2019 $3,937.50 - Denial
Foothills Philharmonic Advertising, 2020 $4,312.00 - Approve Funding
Greer Parks and Recreation Center for the Arts LED and Outdoor Displays $4,500.00 - Approve Funding
Greer Parks and Recreation Center for the Arts Wayfinding Signage $12,387.48 - Approve Funding
Greer Cultural Arts Council Advertising $10,000.00 - Approve Funding

Remaining Funds Available
$28,394.37

ACTION – Councilmember Kimberly Bookert made a motion to approve the requests as stated. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

Discussion held.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

D. Seeking Approval to Award Banking Services
The City released a Request for Proposals for a contract for Banking Services on March 10, 2019. The City received four responses to our RFP. These proposals have been evaluated and staff is prepared to make a recommendation to Council for awarding the contract. Please note that one or more of the banks have requested and invoked the privacy protection allowed under state law as it relates to proprietary information. Because of this, a summary of the RFP
responses is not provided attached to the agenda, but will be provided at the Council meeting. Upon execution of the contract it will be available for public inspection.

Item was held until after Executive Session.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION – In (8:36 p.m.)

(A) Contractual Matter
Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a Contractual Matter pertaining to Banking Services; as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70(a)(2). Councilmember Lee Dumas seconded the motion. Mayor Danner Recused himself from the vote and Executive Session. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne Griffin stated during Executive Session they considered the above matter and no action was taken.

ACTION - Out (9:45 p.m.) – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

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ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to accept the RFP (Request for Proposal) as presented for CresCom Bank. Councilmember Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

9:47 P.M.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

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# Financial Performance Summary

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