MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL
July 23, 2019

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

I. CALL TO ORDER OF THE REGULAR MEETING Mayor Rick Danner – 6:32 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.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Gabe Turner, Boy Scout Troop 795

III. INVOCATION Councilmember Jay Arrowood

IV. PUBLIC FORUM No one signed up to speak

V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING July 9, 2019

   ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of July 9, 2019
   be received as written. Councilmember Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

   VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

Finance
Susan Howell, Budget and Audit Manager presented the Financial Report for the period
ending June 30, 2019. (Attached)

   General Fund Cash Balance: $17,795,970.
   General Fund Revenue: $28,379,467.
   General Fund Expenditures: $24,871,117.
Revenue Benchmark Variance: $2,138,150.
Expenditure Benchmark Variance: $1,370,200.
Overall Benchmark Variance: $3,508,350.

The City is 4% under budget during this time period.

Hospitality Fund Cash Balance: $1,219,251.
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance: $1,632,084.

VII. PRESENTATION

B. Red Watson, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation presented highlights from their monthly activity report.

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

**MASC (Municipal Association of South Carolina) Annual Meeting** was held Thursday, July 18th through Sunday, July 21st in Greenville. It went extremely well. We had the opportunity to highlight much of the work we are doing here relative to the CenterG Project. The South Carolina Association of Mayors invited us to present to that group specific to our communications program and how we are engaging our community and keeping them informed throughout the construction process over the 18-month window.

**Legislative Report** I will forward a copy of the report in its entirety to Council. One that was most significant to us was a compromise, a bill we were able to get through relative to the local government fund. We have not been funded fully under the local government fund for a number of years and it was unlikely that the funding level would return to the original commitment that was made. A new formula was derived, presented through the House Ways and Means Committee ultimately adopted by both houses of the legislature and we have a new formula in place but we do believe it will give us some stability for a number of years so that we can better budget and budget more accurately what we would anticipate receiving through local government fund. Other issues we are watching more closely as we approach the next legislative session are bills that are filled dealing with business license tax, this is about 28% of our total revenues. We are keeping our elected officials in Columbia aware of our dependence on this.

IX. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

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

   No nominations were made.
X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 28-2019
AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A PORTION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY SEPA, ENTERPRISES, LLC. LOCATED ON FREEMAN FARM ROAD FROM C-3 (COMMERCIAL) AND I-1 (INDUSTRIAL) TO R-7.5 (RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT).

Brandon McMahan, Zoning Coordinator stated both parties have come to an agreement regarding the road closure issue and have completed the legal proceedings to close the road. The City Attorney recommended to staff that all liability for the City has been resolved.

ACTION – Councilmember Wayne Griffin made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 28-2019. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. First Reading of Ordinance Number 29-2019
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF ANY AND ALL INTEREST IN CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF GREER

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the request.

ACTION – Councilmember Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 29-2019. Councilmember Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

Brief discussion held.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION – In (6:59 p.m.)

(A) Personnel Matter – Public Services Department
(B) Contractual Matter – Banking Services

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) and a Contractual matter pertaining to Banking Services; as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70(a)(2). Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
Mayor Danner stated he would recuse himself from item number (2) during Executive Session.

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

**ACTION** - Out (8:13 p.m.) – Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Rick Danner recused himself from voting.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to transfer the City’s Banking Services to County Bank. Councilmember Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried 6-0.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

8:09 P.M.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk

Public Forum
Sign in

July 23, 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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As of Month End June, 2019
RECUSAL STATEMENT

Member Name: Rick Danner

Meeting Date: 7/23/19

Agenda Item: Section: Exec. Session / Item: #2 8/28 Session/Item Reg Business / Banking

Topic: Award of contract for Banking Services

The Ethics Act, SC Code §8-13-700, provides that no public official may knowingly use his office to obtain an economic interest for himself, a family member of his immediate family, an individual with whom he is associated, or a business with which he is associated. No public official may make, participate in making, or influence a governmental decision in which he or any such person or business has an economic interest. Failure to recuse oneself from an issue in which there is or may be conflict of interest is the sole responsibility of the council member (1991 Op. Atty. Gen. No. 91-37.) A written statement describing the matter requiring action and the nature of the potential conflict of interest is required.

Justification to Recuse:

☐ Professionally employed by or under contract with principal

☐ Owns or has vested interest in principal or property

☐ Other: 

Date: 7/23/19 Member: Mayor Rick Danner

Municipal Clerk: