



CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL April 28, 2015

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

I. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING Mayor Rick Danner - 6:31 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 and various other staff and media.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Girl Scout Troop 804
Memorial United Methodist Church

III. INVOCATION Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert

IV. PUBLIC FORUM No one signed up to speak

V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING April 14, 2015

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of April 14, 2015 be received as written. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL (WORKSHOP) MEETING April 21, 2015

ACTION - Councilwoman Judy Albert made a motion that the minutes of April 21, 2015 be received as written. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- A.** Mayor Rick Danner read a proclamation proclaiming May 2015 as Building Safety Month and encouraged citizens to participate in Building Safety Month activities. Ruthie Helms, Building Official accepted the proclamation. Also present from the department were Billy Campbell and Carl Howell.
- B.** Mayor Rick Danner and City Administrator Ed Driggers recognized Fire Chief Chris Harvey for his 38 years of dedicated service to the City of Greer. Chief Harvey served the Fire Department from April 14, 1977 until May 1, 2015. Chief Harvey was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Gift.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Building and Development Standards, Finance, Fire Department, Municipal Court, Parks & Recreation, Police Department, Public Services and the Website Activity Report for **March 2015** were included in the packet for informational purposes.

Finance

David Seifert, Director of Finance and Information Technology presented the Financial Report for the period ending March 31, 2015. (Attached)

The City is 10% under budget during this time period.

General Fund Revenue: \$14,389,774. General Fund Expenditures: \$12,736,878.
Revenue Benchmark Variance: \$1,146,056. Expenditure Benchmark Variance: \$752,083.
Overall Benchmark Variance: \$1,898,139.

General Fund Cash Balance: \$9,424,879.
Hospitality Fund Cash Balance: \$1,006,704.
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance: \$791,076.

VIII. PETITIONER

Mark Owens, President and CEO of Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce spoke briefly thanking Council for their continued support of Family Fest. The 31st Annual Family Fest will be held this Friday, May 1st starting at 6:00 pm until 10:00 pm and Saturday, May 2nd 10:00 am until 10:00 pm. We will have 96 vendors.

IX. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

Wellness Program – Mr. Driggers informed Council we were recently recognized at Live Well Greenville as a Silver designated Employer under the Healthy Place Work Program. This program recognizes Greenville County's Healthiest workplaces.

City Park Playground – Mr. Driggers informed Council the playground area at City Park will reopen tomorrow with a new state of the art surface area.

Vintage Market – was held two weeks ago on the promenade with 59 Vendors participating and a very large turnout.

Amnesty Day – The Green Team and the Public Services Department hosted Amnesty Day Saturday, April 25th. 247 Vehicles participated and 100 lbs. of drugs were turned into the Police Department for destruction. Additional information will be provided next month during the monthly reports.

Motown Tribute – was held last Friday. We partnered with the Phyllis Wheatly Center in Greenville. Councilman Wayne Griffin stated it was a big success and thanked Mayor and Council for their support. He also thanked individuals from the Recreation Department, the Police Department and the Greer Citizen.

Snow Street Property (ICOP) International Cathedral of Prayer – Mr. Driggers informed Council we would take possession of the property Friday, May 1st. He stated we will perform a final inspection Friday morning and securing the property. We will also make arrangements for Council to tour the site.

Randall Street and Depot Street – Mr. Driggers stated the Stormwater and Street paving project is complete. We installed sidewalks, curb and gutter, new storm drainage our partners at CPW (Commission of Public Works) upgraded the utilities in the area as well as widening Randall Street making allowance for on street parking. We also included decorative lighting tying it into City Parks as well. We will have striping of the street completed by Friday.

Certified Municipal Clerk – Mr. Driggers informed Council Mrs. Duncan has received her CMC (Certified Municipal Clerk) designation.

Greenville County Memorandum of Understanding – Mr. Driggers informed Council we have received a Memorandum of Understanding from Greenville County Sheriff's Office regarding Brookwood Drive, Ridgecrest Drive and Wedgewood Drive. He further explained portions of these streets were inside the City of Greer and other portions were in the County of Greenville. The memorandum of understanding gives the City of Greer Police Department the authority to provide traffic enforcement for the above named streets on the areas of the above named streets that are not currently in the city limits of Greer. Portions of the roads are in the City and portions of the roads are in the county. This agreement would allow our officers jurisdiction on all parts of those three streets. They will not respond to residences outside the city. Mr. Driggers recommended the city enter into this agreement.

Brief discussion held.

No objections were noted.

Fire Chief Dorian Flowers – Introduced himself to Council and spoke briefly.

Executive Session

Mr. Driggers stated he had one (1) **Economic Development** matter and one (1) **Contractual** matter for consideration in Executive Session.

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 10-2015

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTIES OWNED BY PAUL E. CHICKY LOCATED AT 1710 HOOD ROAD AND SOUTH BUNCOMBE ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF C-2 (COMMERCIAL) FOR SAID PROPERTIES

Glenn Pace, Planning and Zoning Coordinator stated the applicant has requested ordinance be tabled until the next meeting. Staff recommended to hold over until the next meeting.

ACTION - Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to table Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 10-2015. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 14-2015

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF GREER LOCATED AT 3511 BRUSHY CREEK ROAD FROM R-20 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT).

Glenn Pace, Planning and Zoning Coordinator presented the ordinance. He stated the Public Hearing was held March 16, 2015. No one spoke in favor or opposition to the request. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

ACTION - Councilman Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 14-2015. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Rick Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to receive information on one (1) **Economic Development** matter and one (1) **Contractual** matter.

ACTION - In (7:21 p.m.) - Councilwoman Judy Albert made a motion to go into Executive Session to receive information as stated by the Mayor. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Danner stated during Executive Session they received information on one (1) **Economic Development** matter and one (1) **Contractual** matter and no action would be needed.

ACTION - Out (7:56 p.m.) – Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

7:56 P.M.


Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk


Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Notifications:

Agenda posted in City Hall and email notifications sent to The Greenville News, The Greer Citizen, GreerToday.com and the Spartanburg Herald Journal Friday, April 24, 2015.



PROCLAMATION

Mayor Danner and Greer City Council recognize

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

WHEREAS, the City of Greer's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, water conservation, and resilience in the built environment that affect our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound; and

WHEREAS, our confidence is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians — building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, laborers and others in the construction industry — who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, these guardians—dedicated members of the International Code Council—use a governmental consensus process that brings together local, state and federal officials with expertise in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, play; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, water safety and conservation; energy efficiency and new technologies in the construction industry; and

WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Rick Danner, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2015 as Building Safety Month and encourage our citizens to participate in Building Safety Month activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND
AND CAUSED THIS SEAL TO BE AFFIXED



Handwritten signature of Rick Danner in blue ink.

RICHARD W. DANNER
MAYOR

Handwritten signature of Dannela V. Duncan in blue ink.

WITNESS

April 28, 2015

DATE

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Congratulations upon your retirement from the City of Greer.
Presented In Appreciation of Thirty Eight Years of Dedicated Service to the City of Greer

April 14, 1977 to May 1, 2015

CHRIS HARVEY

Given at Greer, South Carolina
this 28th day of April 2015.



City Administrator

Mayor



March 2015 Summary Financial Report



*Financial
Performance
Summary*

As of Month End March, 2015

Quick Look Indicators	This Month	This Year	Balance
General Fund Cash Balance	↑	↑	\$ 9,424,879
General Fund Revenue	↓	↑	\$ 14,389,774
General Fund Expenditures	↓	↑	\$ 12,736,878
Budget Percentage (Over) / Under	↑	↑	10%
Revenue Benchmark Variance	↑	↑	\$ 1,146,056
Expenditure Benchmark Variance	↑	↑	\$ 752,083
Overall Benchmark Variance	↑	↑	\$ 1,898,139
Hospitality Fund Cash Balance	↑	↑	\$ 1,006,704
Hospitality Fund Revenue	↓	↑	\$ 1,290,295
Hospitality Fund Expenditures	↓	↑	\$ 712,314
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance	↑	↑	\$ 791,076
Storm Water Fund Revenue	↓	↑	\$ 447,687
Storm Water Fund Expenditures	↓	↑	\$ 531,886