



CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL March 22, 2016

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

I. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING Mayor Rick Danner - 6:35 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 Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert

III. INVOCATION Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert

IV. PUBLIC FORUM No one signed up to speak

V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING March 8, 2016

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of March 8, 2016 be received as written. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Rick Danner and Greer City Council presented Travis Babb, Director of Development and Hannah Rainwater, Events Coordinator with a proclamation declaring the month of March 2016 as the Greer Community Ministries Meals on Wheels March for Meals Month.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- A.** Building and Development Standards, Finance, Fire Department, Municipal Court, Parks & Recreation, Police Department, Public Services and the Website Activity Report for **February 2016** 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 February 29, 2016. (Attached)

General Fund Cash Balance: \$10,423,777.

General Fund Revenue: \$14,080,368. General Fund Expenditures: \$12,341,742.

Revenue Benchmark Variance: \$1,521,443. Expenditure Benchmark Variance: \$252,126.

Overall Benchmark Variance: \$1,773,569.

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

Hospitality Fund Cash Balance: \$1,259,922.

Storm Water Fund Cash Balance: \$1,237,657.

VIII. PETITIONER

- A. John White introduced himself to Council. He is a candidate for State Senate in District 5.
- B. Miss Greater Greer Teen Berkley Bryant introduced herself to Council and spoke briefly on her platform "No Bullying".

IX. PRESENTATION

Steve Grant, Director of Building and Development Standards presented his Annual Report.

X. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

Council Annual Planning Retreat – Mr. Driggers thanked Council for taking the time to participate in the Annual Planning Retreat.

Allen Bennett Memorial Hospital Campus – Did a preliminary final inspection at Allen Bennett Memorial Hospital campus we are preparing for a final inspection. We anticipate within the next couple of days the construction trailer and fencing will be removed from the site. We are working with Public Services and the Police Department to secure the site and we will start to consider how the site will be marketed in the future.

Calendar Items:

5th Annual Public Safety Appreciation Dinner – is scheduled for Thursday, March 24th at 7:00 pm. All public safety personnel in the Greer Community are invited, please let us know if you would like to attend.

Statement of Economic Interest Reports – are due to the South Carolina Ethics Commission on or before March 30, 2016.

Amnesty Day – is scheduled for Saturday, April 30th. Residents of the City will be able to dispose of items that they normally are not able to leave at the curb. They should be taken to the Recycle Center on Buncombe Street between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm. Shredding will be available for city residents and their household/personal items, this is not for commercial collection.

House Bill 4967 and House Bill 5109 – David Seifert, Director of Finance and Information Technology informed Council there are two competing bills regarding business licenses before the Legislature now.

House Bill 4967 (Business License Compliance Reform Act) was put forth by two special interest groups in the state. This bill it is not treating all businesses fairly it creates an unfair advantage to certain businesses. It is not an equal and fair presentation to all businesses in the business license community. It jeopardizes the services that our residents are receiving and our businesses depend on. This bill severely cuts into our business license revenue and does not provide a way to replace that lost revenue. Some of the concerns in the bill outside of the revenue is that it does circumvent the regulatory processes we currently have in place. It would allow the state to issue the business license without the local cities being able to handle the regulatory processes. The Municipal Association of South Carolina is asking Mayors and Councilmembers to contact their legislators that may be sponsors of the bill and inform them of the negative consequences of this bill and ask them to remove their name as a sponsor.

House Bill 5109 (South Carolina Business License Tax Standardization Act) is a bill that approximately twenty business license officials across the state have been working on for about a year and a half with the Municipal Association of South Carolina in conjunction with the State Chamber of Commerce, certain members of the State Legislature and other stake holders. This bill streamlines the processes and standardizes across the state for all cities to create uniformity and consistent treatment of all businesses across the state and all cities making a more business friendly atmosphere for the state. It creates a consistent due date for all cities, for all business licenses across the state. About two years ago the Municipal Association of South Carolina put forth an effort to create a uniform business license application, this bill will require that all cities accept this uniform application. We were one of the first cities to accept the application. This bill will create a unified and consistent definition of Gross Income for all cities. The way businesses are classified in their rate schedule may differ from city to city this bill will create a uniform license rate structure. It will create an online payment portal to collect online payments for business licenses. The Municipal Association of South Carolina has dedicated money to build the portal and it will be available to all cities and all business to help streamline the payment process for business license across the state. We want to encourage our legislators to support this bill and to sign on as a sponsor.

Executive Session

Mr. Driggers stated he had 1 Legal matter (Settlement Information), 2 Contractual Matters (Property Purchases) and 2 Personnel matter (1 Police Department and 1 Building and Development Standards) for consideration during Executive Session.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 5-2016

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY JONATHAN E. BETTIS LOCATED AT 218 NORTH MAIN STREET FROM OD (OFFICE DISTRICT) TO RM-1 (RESIDENTIAL – MULTI FAMILY).

Glenn Pace, Planning and Zoning Coordinator stated there was no new information.

ACTION - Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 5-2016. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion.

Councilman Wryley Bettis recused himself from the vote due to familial and financial interest in the property. (recusal attached)

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 6-2016

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF A PORTION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY MARK III PROPERTIES, INC. LOCATED ON ALEXANDER ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-12 (CLUSTER, RESIDENTIAL – SINGLE FAMILY) FOR SAID

Glenn Pace, Planning and Zoning Coordinator asked Council to hold over the ordinance until the April 12th meeting.

ACTION - Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to table Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 6-2016. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 4-2016

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DILLARD CREEK SUBDIVISION STREETS, NAMELY HARKINS BLUFF DRIVE, HORTON GROVE ROAD, AND JAMESWOOD COURT INTO THE CITY OF GREER STREET SYSTEM

Steve Grant, Director of Building and Development Standards presented the resolution. He stated staff recommended Council consider the request to accept the above mentioned streets into the city.

ACTION - Councilman Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 4-2016. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

**B. First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 5-2016
ALLOCATION OF GREENVILLE COUNTY CDBG AND HOME FUNDS FOR
PROGRAM YEAR 2016**

Mike Sell, Assistant City Administrator presented the resolution. Ann Cunningham, Director of Parks and Recreation presented additional information.

Discussion held.

ACTION - Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert made a motion to approve the sub-recipient funding as recommended by the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion.

Additional discussion held.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 5-2016. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

C. City Auditorium

Ann Cunningham, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department requested permission to proceed with Phase One of Occupancy of the City Auditorium and provide up to but not to exceed \$100,000.00 from the Hospitality Fund.

ACTION - Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to approve the request to proceed with Phase One and provide up to but not to exceed \$100,000.00 from the Hospitality Fund. Councilman Lee Dumas seconded the motion.

Discussion held.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

**D. First Reading of Ordinance Number 8-2016
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF CERTAIN PERSONAL
PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF GREER**

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the ordinance.

ACTION - Councilman Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve the First Reading of Ordinance Number 8-2016. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Rick Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to receive information on one (1) **Legal** matter (Settlement Information), two (2) **Contractual** matters (Property purchases) and two (2) **Personnel** matter (1 Police Department and 1 Building and Development Standards).

ACTION - In (8:25 p.m.) - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to go into Executive Session to receive information as stated by the Mayor. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Danner stated during Executive Session they received the information as stated above and no action would be needed.

ACTION - Out (9:22 p.m.) – Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

9:23 P.M.



Richard W. Danner, Mayor



Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk

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, March 18, 2016.



PROCLAMATION

Mayor Danner and Greer City Council recognize

GREER COMMUNITY MINISTRIES MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels, March for Meals, urge every citizen to take time this month to honor the Meals on Wheels program, the seniors we serve, and the volunteers who care for them; and

WHEREAS, Greer Community Ministries program enriches an entire community and help combat senior hunger and isolation in Greer; and

WHEREAS, Greer Community Ministries Meals on Wheels program benefits 350 local residents on a weekly basis. Meals are prepared on site, delivered, and funded completely through community donations; and

WHEREAS, The City of Greer, as well as the surrounding community, are strong supporters of the Meals on Wheels mission and the desire to eradicate hunger and isolation among our most vulnerable residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, Mayor Rick Danner and Greer City Council declare the month of March 2016 as the Greer Community Ministries Meals on Wheels March for Meals month.

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

RICHARD W. DANNER
MAYOR

WITNESS

March 22, 2016

DATE



Financial Performance Summary

As of Month End February, 2016

Quick Look Indicators

	This Month	This Year	Balance
General Fund Cash Balance	↑	↑	\$ 10,423,777
General Fund Revenue	↓	↑	\$ 14,080,368
General Fund Expenditures	↑	↑	\$ 12,341,742
Budget Percentage (Over) / Under	↑	↑	9%
Revenue Benchmark Variance	↑	↑	\$ 1,521,443
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Overall Benchmark Variance	↑	↑	\$ 1,773,569
Hospitality Fund Cash Balance	↑	↑	\$ 1,259,922
Hospitality Fund Revenue	↓	↑	\$ 1,262,601
Hospitality Fund Expenditures	↓	↑	\$ 678,399
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance	↑	↑	\$ 1,237,657
Storm Water Fund Revenue	↓	↑	\$ 577,074
Storm Water Fund Expenditures	↓	↓	\$ 262,833

3-22-2016

I recuse myself from the vote by Greer City Council on a zoning change for the property at 218 N Main St due to a familial and financial interest in the property.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wryley Bettis". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Wryley Bettis
Greer City Council
District 5t