



CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL April 25, 2017

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

I. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING Mayor Rick Danner - 6:34 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 Mayor Rick Danner

III. INVOCATION Mayor Rick Danner

IV. PUBLIC FORUM No one signed up to speak

V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING April 11, 2017

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of April 11, 2017 be received as written. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

A. In recognition of eleven years of dedicated service to the City of Greer Mayor Rick Danner and Greer City Council presented Hazel Poston with a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift upon her retirement May 1, 2017.

B. Mayor Rick Danner and Greer City Council presented Officer Sarah Anderson with a gift in recognition of her receipt of the J. P. Strom Awards from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy. Officer Anderson graduated first in her class.

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 **March 2017** were included in the packet for informational purposes.

Finance

David Seifert, Chief Financial Officer presented the Financial Report for the period ending March 31, 2017. (Attached)

General Fund Cash Balance: \$12,986,177.

General Fund Revenue: \$16,550,824.

General Fund Expenditures: \$14,030,028.

Revenue Benchmark Variance: \$1,717,577.

Expenditure Benchmark Variance: \$1,143,095.

Overall Benchmark Variance: \$2,860,672.

The City is 13% under budget during this time period.

Hospitality Fund Cash Balance: \$1,980,509.

Storm Water Fund Cash Balance: \$1,151,922.

Public Services

John (Skipper) Burns, Director of Public Services provided highlights from his March 2017 Activity Report.

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

Hail Storm – to date we have issued 995 repair permits. We are working diligently making sure we have licensed contractors in our community who provide fair service to the residents of our community.

International Festival – was held Saturday, April 22nd in City Park. We estimate approximately four thousand (4000) people were in attendance. Twenty (20) vendors participated as well as twenty (20) performers.

Tube Dude – will be here this week to deliver the first eight (8) commissioned pieces. Installation will begin next week. You will see those appear in the community next week. We have the option to commission eight (8) more pieces if we choose.

Sidewalk Project – we have approximately seventy (70) feet of sidewalk on Moore Street to finish. Brushy Creek Road sidewalk project should be finished this week as well.

Fire Department – is engaging in a strategic planning process for their department.

Police Department – Citizens Police Academy graduated a class last week. This program continues to grow and thrive in the community.

Caliber Ridge – is 100% occupied.

Spartanburg Police Officer – a Spartanburg Police Officer lost his life last week in a traffic accident. Our Police Department donated \$5000.00 to the Officer's family from the Softball Tournament they hold every year to assist families of fallen officers.

Family Fest – will be held Friday and Saturday, May 5th and 6th in downtown Greer. We are a sponsor of this event. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Executive Session

Mr. Driggers stated he had no items for consideration during Executive Session.

Mayor Danner thanked the Events Staff for their efforts during the International Festival.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 6-2017

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-1-170(C), CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, CONSENTING TO THE PLACEMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GREER IN A JOINT INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK OF SPARTANBURG AND CHEROKEE COUNTIES.

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

ACTION - Councilman Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 6-2017. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 7-2017

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING 1316 WEST WADE HAMPTON BOULEVARD AS AN ABANDONED BUILDING SITE IN CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

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

ACTION - Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 7-2017. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

C. First Reading of Ordinance Number 12-2017

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF A PORTION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY BURDETTE & BRUCE PROPERTIES, LLC LOCATED AT 519 MILFORD CHURCH ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND

TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PD (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Kelli W. McCormick, AICP presented the request.

ACTION - Councilman Lee Dumas made a motion approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 12-2017. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

D. Review and Approval of Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee Recommendations

David Seifert, Chief Financial Officer presented the request. The committee recommended approving the following projects: HereInGreer.com in the amount \$10,000.00, Greer Children’s Theater/Greer Cultural Arts in the amount of \$4000.00 and Continued Renovation of Center for the Arts in the amount of \$11,250.00. (attachment)

ACTION - Councilwoman Judy Albert made a motion to approve HereInGreer.com in the amount \$10,000.00, Greer Children’s Theater/Greer Cultural Arts in the amount of \$4000.00 and Continued Renovation of Center for the Arts in the amount of \$11,250.00. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

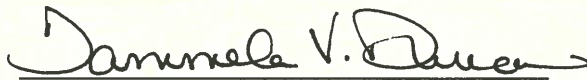
VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Rick Danner stated an Executive Session was not needed.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

7:13 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 21, 2017.



Financial Performance Summary

As of Month End March, 2017

Quick Look Indicators	This Month	This Year	Balance
General Fund Cash Balance	↓	↑	\$ 12,986,177
General Fund Revenue	↓	↑	\$ 16,550,824
General Fund Expenditures	↓	↑	\$ 14,030,028
Budget Percentage (Over) / Under	↑	↑	13%
Revenue Benchmark Variance	↑	↑	\$ 1,717,577
Expenditure Benchmark Variance	↑	↑	\$ 1,143,095
Overall Benchmark Variance	↑	↑	\$ 2,860,672
Hospitality Fund Cash Balance	↓	↑	\$ 1,980,509
Hospitality Fund Revenue	↑	↑	\$ 1,514,999
Hospitality Fund Expenditures	↑	↓	\$ 535,657
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance	↑	↓	\$ 1,151,922
Storm Water Fund Revenue	↓	↓	\$ 290,455
Storm Water Fund Expenditures	↓	↓	\$ 172,599