



## CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

### MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL February 28, 2017

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING** Mayor Rick Danner - 6:32 P.M.

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

Councilmembers Jay Arrowood and Kimberly Bookert were absent.

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 sign up to speak

**V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING** February 14, 2017

**ACTION** - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of February 14, 2017 be received as written. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion.

**VOTE** - Motion carried unanimously.

**VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**A. Black History Month Essay Contest Winners**

Mayor Danner and Ashlyn Stone, Events Supervisor announced the following winners:

High School

1<sup>st</sup> – Jack Woods, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade, Riverside High School

2<sup>nd</sup> – Elyse Hartzog, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade, Riverside High School

3<sup>rd</sup> – Connor Thomas, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade, Riverside High School

Middle School

1<sup>st</sup> – Sofia Owens, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Riverside Middle School

2<sup>nd</sup> – Elizabeth Mongo, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Riverside Middle School

3<sup>rd</sup> – Javan Fuller, Boiling Springs Middle School

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

**Finance**

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

General Fund Cash Balance: \$10,726,068.

General Fund Revenue: \$10,993,687.

Revenue Benchmark Variance: \$1,471,191.

Overall Benchmark Variance: \$2,659,551.

General Fund Expenditures: \$10,708,015.

Expenditure Benchmark Variance: \$1,188,360.

The City is 11% under budget during this time period.

Hospitality Fund Cash Balance: \$1,939,444.

Storm Water Fund Cash Balance: \$1,042,981.

**VIII. PRESENTATION**

- A. Dan Reynolds, Chief of Police and Captain Matt Hamby presented the Police Departments Annual Report. Chief Reynolds updated Council on the accomplishments of past 12 years.

**IX. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

**Activity Items:**

**City of Greer Municipal Service Award** – Mr. Driggers presented Chief Dan Reynolds with the City of Greer Municipal Service Award for the Police Departments "100 Deadly Days of Summer" campaign which was a partnership with WYFF 4.

**State Ethics Reports** – are due April 1, 2017.

**Safe Wise Report** – the City of Greer is listed among the top 20 as one of the Safest Cities in South Carolina.

**Brushy Creek Sidewalk Project** – plans were provided for informational purposes. During the next council meeting we will evaluate bids for a sidewalk demonstration project on Brushy Creek Rd. One item we will need to consider during your next meeting is an alternate we placed in the bid. We asked the bidders to provide a repair and replacement and new installation of sidewalk so that we will have a continuous sidewalk from Highway 14/Main Street to Kids Planet. The alternate we asked bidders to consider is taking all of the existing sidewalk out and providing all new sidewalk in its entirety from Highway 14 to Kids Planet. The plans have been provided for your review. There is a difference in price. I will provide this information again during the Planning Retreat next week as well. This item will appear on the next agenda.

**Downtown Street Scape Project** – Mr. Driggers stated additional information will be provided on the downtown street scape project during the planning retreat. In 2017 Greer Commission of Public Works will do most of the utility work that will be necessary and we anticipating possibly late 2017 but most likely 2018 we will follow the utility work with our street scape work.

**Giant Dude** – we are partnering with the artist to hold a naming contest for “Giant Dude”. The winner will receive a personalized Tube Dude fixture. Compliments of the artist with a value of up to \$2,000.00. City employees, along with their families and elected officials are not eligible to receive the prize or enter the contest.

#### **Calendar:**

Opening Day of Baseball – April 1<sup>st</sup> we will also dedicate the new facilities in Century Park.

**City Park Annual Maintenance** – Annual maintenance of the pond and renovation of the restrooms at Cannon Centre have been completed. The playground area has been completely resurfaced.

**Leaf Collection** – leaf season collection has been completed and wrapped up. It went very smoothly.

**Council Planning Retreat** – is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm & Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. A written communication will be provided to you tomorrow.

**Pro Trump Rally** – a private party has reserved the amphitheater to hold a Pro Trump Rally from noon until 3:00pm Saturday, March 3, 2017.

**Summer Programs** – information was provided to Council regarding the Moonlight Movies series, the Food Trucks roll out, Tunes in the Park and Freedom Blast (June 24<sup>th</sup>).

#### **Executive Session**

Mr. Driggers stated he had one (1) contractual matter (potential property purchase) for consideration during Executive Session.



**X. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**A. Elections Commission**

Alvetia Williams term expired 12/31/2016  
No nominations were made.

**XI. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 2-2017**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY ELLS HOLDINGS, LLC LOCATED ON WADE HAMPTON BOULEVARD AND TRYON STREET FROM C-3 (HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) TO DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT).**

Ed Driggers, City Administrator stated there was no additional information for this request. Representatives were present.

**ACTION** - Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 2-2017. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 7-2017**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTIES OWNED BY HUONG T. TRAN AND MAI THO P. TRAN LOCATED AT 813 NORTH MAIN STREET FROM R-12 (RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT - SINGLE FAMILY) TO C-2 (COMMERCIAL DISTRICT).**

Ed Driggers, City Administrator stated there was no additional information for this request.

**ACTION** - Councilwoman Judy Albert made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 7-2017. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Rick Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to receive information on (1) Contractual matter (potential property purchase).

**ACTION** - In (7:38 p.m.) - Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to go into Executive Session to receive information as stated by the Mayor. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Danner stated during Executive Session they received the information as stated above.

**ACTION** - Out (7:51 p.m.) – Councilwoman Judy Albert made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

7:51 P.M.

  
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Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk

  
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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, February 24, 2017.





# Financial Performance Summary

As of Month End January, 2017

<b>Quick Look Indicators</b>	<b>This Month</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Balance</b>
General Fund Cash Balance	↑	↑	\$ 10,726,068
General Fund Revenue	↑	↑	\$ 10,993,687
General Fund Expenditures	↓	↑	\$ 10,708,015
Budget Percentage (Over) / Under	↑	↑	11%
Revenue Benchmark Variance	↑	↑	\$ 1,471,191
Expenditure Benchmark Variance	↑	↑	\$ 1,188,360
Overall Benchmark Variance	↑	↑	\$ 2,659,551
Hospitality Fund Cash Balance	↑	↑	\$ 1,939,444
Hospitality Fund Revenue	↑	↑	\$ 1,196,727
Hospitality Fund Expenditures	↑	↓	\$ 255,098
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance	↑	↓	\$ 1,042,981
Storm Water Fund Revenue	↑	↓	\$ 154,226
Storm Water Fund Expenditures	↑	↓	\$ 142,801