

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF GREER
SOUTH CAROLINA**

November 27, 2007

**MEETING LOCATION: 1306 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650**

REGULAR SESSION
6:30 PM

Greer City Council met in regular session with Mayor Rick Danner presiding. Council members present: Wryley Bettis, Joseph Baldwin, Jay Arrowood and Belle Coxe Mercado. Councilman Wayne Griffin arrived at 6:37 and Councilwoman Sandra Anderson arrived at 6:38. Also present: Ed Driggers, City Administrator, Mike Sell, Assistant City Administrator, Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk, Steve Owens Communications Manager and various other staff and media.

Mayor Danner called the Regular Session to order at 6:32 p.m.

Invocation was given by Councilman Wryley Bettis.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one signed up to speak during the Public Forum session.

MINUTES OF November 13, 2007

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion that the minutes of November 13, 2007 be received as written. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Building and Development Standards, Engineering and Storm Water, Finance Report, Fire Department, Municipal Court, Parks & Recreation, Police Department and Public Services October 2007 were included in packet for informational purposes.

David Seifert, Director of Finance and Information Technology, stated the following:

Finance Department: Finance Report for the period ending October 31, 2007.

Revenues: \$ 2,586,960.00
Expenditures \$ 4,985,895.00

The City is currently 4% under budget for this time period.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
Ed Driggers, City Administrator

Construction Projects Update – The Police / Courts facility is approximately four to six weeks ahead of schedule and under budget. We are on schedule for the City Hall Building and under budget as well. We have had a couple of change orders that has reduced the budgeted amount. An enormous amount of work has taken place at the Park site. We have relocated the sewer line and the storm water line.

Calendar –

Topping Out Ceremony for the City Hall building will be held this Friday morning from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Tree Lighting Ceremony this Friday at 6:00 pm in front of the Fire Department. Poinsett Street will be blocked off.

Open House in the downtown area Friday evening from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Christmas Parade this Sunday afternoon.

Employee Appreciation Breakfast next Friday, December 7th at Praise Cathedral at 7:30am.

Swearing In Ceremony- Two years ago we held the swearing in ceremony at the first meeting of the New Year. If you would like something different please let me know otherwise we will follow protocol and hold the swearing in January 8th at 6:30.

Strategic Planning Session - Please check your calendar for January 24th and 25th, this is a Thursday and Friday. If you have a conflict please let me know as soon as possible.

Mr. Driggers stated he had one economic development matter concerning a project, one personnel matter concerning a grievance filed by one of our employees and one legal matter concerning a current litigation against the city with an update, those are the matters I need to discuss in executive session.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

No nominations were made for the District 3 seat on the **Board of Zoning Appeals** or the **Planning Commission** At-Large seat.

OLD BUSINESS

SECOND READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 51-2007

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY BELINDA A. MCKINNEY AND LOCATED AT 141 DILLARD DRIVE BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PD-R (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-RESIDENTIAL) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Glenn Pace stated this property is an expansion of a planned development project. Planning Commission passed 5-0 with Mr. Benson abstaining. No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the ordinance.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to approve Second Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 51-2007. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-1 with Councilman Wayne Griffin voting in opposition.

SECOND READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 52-2007

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY BELINDA A. MCKINNEY AND LOCATED ON DILLARD DRIVE BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PD-R (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-RESIDENTIAL) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Glenn Pace stated this property is an expansion of a planned development project. Planning Commission passed 5-0 with Mr. Benson abstaining. No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the ordinance.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to approve Second Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 52-2007. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-1 with Councilman Wayne Griffin voting in opposition.

SECOND READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 53-2007

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY JUNE T. GRANT AND LOCATED AT 304 BRANNON AVENUE BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION;

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

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance. Planning Commission passed 6-0. No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the ordinance.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to approve Second Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 53-2007. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-1 with Councilman Wayne Griffin voting in opposition.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 55-2007
AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE THE CITY OF
GREER PARKS AND RECREATION ORDINANCE
CHAPTERS 66-31 THROUGH 66-33.**

Councilman Bettis made a motion to approve Second Reading of Ordinance Number 55-2007. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 56-2007
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREER,
SOUTH CAROLINA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 19-2007 SO AS
TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A TAXABLE TAX
ANTICIPATION NOTE; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND
DELIVERY OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATES; AND
OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.**

Councilman Bettis made a motion to approve Second Reading of Ordinance Number 56-2007. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-1 with Councilman Joseph Baldwin voting in opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

**FIRST AND FINAL READING OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-2007
A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE RAILROAD
RELOCATION EFFORT IN DOWNTOWN GREER**

Mr. Driggers presented the resolution.

Matthew Van Patton spoke briefly.

Councilman Arrowood made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 12-2007. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

FIRST AND FINAL READING OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 13-2007
**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT RICHGLEN PHASE TWO
STREETS, NAMELY GLENAIRE DRIVE AND GLENFIELD
COURT INTO THE CITY OF GREER STREET SYSTEM**

Mr. Driggers presented the resolution.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 13-2007. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 50-2007
**AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT PROVISIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE
CITY OF GREER**

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance. Planning Commission approved request 6-0.

Councilman Baldwin made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 50-2007. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 54-2007
**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF
PROPERTY OWNED BY VICTORIA INTEREST, LLC, LOCATED ON
BRUSHY CREEK ROAD FROM I-1 (INDUSTRIAL) TO C-2
(COMMERCIAL) AND O-D (OFFICE DISTRICT).**

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance. He stated he will hold second reading based on the applicant's request for two separate zonings. Upon receiving the plat showing three separate tax parcel numbers the ordinance will be brought to Council for Second Reading approval of the separate tax parcel numbers with requested zoning. (Front parcels zoning request - commercial, back parcel zoning request - office district).

Representative of the property – Chuck Langston with Langston Black Real Estate spoke briefly.

Councilman Baldwin made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 54-2007. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 57-2007
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DEED CONVEYING REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF GREER TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BRIDGE ON HAMMETT BRIDGE ROAD OVER THE ENOREE RIVER

Mr. Driggers presented the ordinance and recommended approval.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 57-2007. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to discuss one economic development matter, one personnel matter and one legal matter.

At 7:21 pm Councilman Arrowood made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the matters as stated by the Mayor. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Mayor Danner stated that Council had discussed one economic development matter, one personnel matter and one legal matter in Executive Session. Action will be taken on one matter considered in Executive Session.

At 10:01 pm Councilman Griffin made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

(Councilman Joseph Baldwin left the meeting during Executive Session.)

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to reject the recommendation of the Grievance Committee. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk