

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

December 12, 2006

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

REGULAR SESSION

Greer City Council met in regular session with Mayor Rick Danner presiding. Council members present: Wryley Bettis, Sandra Anderson, Joseph Baldwin, Jay Arrowood and Belle Coxe Mercado. Councilman Wayne Griffin arrived a 7:07 pm. Also present: Ed Driggers, City Administrator, Tammela Duncan Municipal Clerk and various other staff and media.

Mayor Danner called the Regular Session to order at 6:36 p.m.

Invocation was given by Mayor Rick Danner.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke during public forum.

MINUTES OF November 28, 2006

Councilman Bettis made a motion that the minutes of November 28, 2006 be received as written. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 6-0. Councilman Griffin was absent.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Danner introduced Boy Scout Troop 527. They lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council recognized Councilman Ken Huckaby for eight years of dedicated service to the citizens of the City of Greer by representing District five on the Spartanburg County Council.

Mr. Huckaby spoke briefly.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Codes, Fire Department, Court, Police Department, Public Services, and Recreation reports for November 2006 were included in packets for informational purposes.

Phil Rhoads, Director of Buildings and Zoning, gave his annual report.

Discussion followed.

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

Finance Department:

Finance Report for the period ending November 30, 2006.

Revenues: \$ 1,486,814.00
Expenditures \$ 1,638,477.00

The City is currently 3% under budget for this time period.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT **Ed Driggers**

Reminder:

Paperless Agenda – Mr. Driggers reminded Council based on our implementation plan with the paperless agenda program, it is our intent that at the January (January 9, 2007) meeting we will be a completely paperless. If anyone has any questions or concerns please let us know. At the January meeting as well the desk will be wired so that you can bring your power supply and plug that in so that you do not have to rely on the battery.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Driggers stated he had one legal matter, three contractual matters, and one economic development matter to discuss in Executive Session. David Seifert stated he had one personnel matter to discuss.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

RECREATION ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DISTRICT / AT LARGE TRUSTEES

Councilman Griffin nominated Timmy Cooper for appointment to the Recreation Association Board of District / At Large Trustees for District 2. Councilwoman Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

No nominations were made for District 4. (Chris Cashwell's term expires 12/31/06)

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 8-2006 TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF GREER TO ASSUME A CLAIM DEDUCTIBLE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL INSURANCE RISK FINANCING FUND.

Mr. Driggers and David Seifert presented the resolution.

Councilman Bettis made a motion that First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 8 - 2006 be approved. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 9-2006 TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF GREER TO ASSUME A CLAIM DEDUCTIBLE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL INSURANCE TRUST WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND.

Mr. Driggers and David Seifert presented the resolution.

Councilman Baldwin made a motion that First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 9 -2006 be approved. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Councilman Baldwin stated " for any reason our first year if we had a lot of claims that money would come out of Fund Balance." Mr. Driggers stated yes it would.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 73-2006 AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY KAREN UPTON, LOCATED AT 106 CONNECTICUT AVENUE FROM RM-1 (MULTI- FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO O-D (OFFICE DISTRICT)

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance.

Representative of the owner Shirlee Rollins with Linda Dillard & Associates Realty spoke. Barry Chisholm (wants to purchase property) spoke briefly.

Councilman Bettis made a motion that First Reading of Ordinance Number 73-2006 be approved. Councilman Baldwin seconded the motion.

Discussion followed.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 75-2006
AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONVEYANCE
BY QUIT-CLAIM DEED OF PROPERTY OWNED BY
THE CITY OF GREER LOCATED ON JASON STREET
TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPARD

Mr. Driggers presented the ordinance.

Councilwoman Anderson made a motion that First Reading of Ordinance Number 75-2006 be approved. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Councilman Arrowood made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the matters as stated by the Mayor. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Mayor Danner stated that Council had discussed one legal matter, three contractual matters, one economic development matter and one personnel matter in Executive Session with no action needed.

Councilman Griffin made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilwoman Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Items related to Executive Session:

Councilman Griffin made a motion to authorize the Administrator to enter into a contract for the purchase undisclosed property. Councilwoman Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Councilman Arrowood made a motion to allow the Administrator to enter into a contract for purchase of a piece of property at an undisclosed location. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0 with Mayor Danner recusing himself from the vote. (recusal form attached)

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk