

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

February 12, 2008

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

PUBLIC HEARING

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

Mayor Danner called the Public Hearing to order at 6:31 p.m.

Subject: **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2-2008**

**ALLOCATION OF GREENVILLE COUNTY CDBG AND
HOME FUNDS FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2008**

Martin Livingston, Executive Director of the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority presented the allocations of the Greenville County Community Development Block Grant and HOME Funds for program year 2008. No one spoke in favor or opposition to the proposed allocations. (Information attached)

Discussion followed.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

REGULAR SESSION

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

Mayor Danner called the Regular Session to order at 6:41 p.m.

Invocation was given by Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

MINUTES OF January 22, 2008

Councilman Bettis made a motion that the minutes of January 22, 2008 be received as written. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

"CITIES MEAN BUSINESS"
Proclamation Presentation

Mayor Danner presented the proclamation to Reno Deaton, Greer Development Corporation.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Dan Reynolds, Chief of Police presented his annual departmental report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator

UPDATE

Construction Projects Update – We continue to be ahead of schedule on the **Police and Courts complex**. We have scheduled move dates. The Police Department will begin their move by closing their administrative offices Thursday, April 17th at 5:00 pm, offices will remain closed Friday. We will have from Thursday at 5:00pm until Monday at 8:00 am to have all operations relocated. The following Thursday, April 24th we are scheduled to shut down all Court operations at 5:00 pm and we will follow the same format to get them relocated and setup ready for operations on Monday at 8:00 am. If for some reason this schedule does not work we will relocate Police and Courts on April 24th. We are scheduled to vacate these premises (Court Building) on April 30th and we have given notice to our landlord. We are scheduled to complete the exterior work around that building, the parking lot construction, sidewalk being poured and the traffic lanes on Main Street being opened up by the end of February. The Police and Courts complex is about six weeks ahead of schedule and this means we will be able to reduce

the general conditions expenses of this project. The **City Hall** site is on schedule and we are anticipating that we will be locating in that site in mid July. The caps to the two towers will be placed on February 25th. The **Park** site is moving forward we expect that site to open up about six to eight weeks behind the City Hall Building. We anticipate the grand opening to be held late August or early September.

As a follow up to our **Strategic Planning Retreat** I appreciate your participation in the retreat our staff is very enthusiastic about the things that came out of it. Mike Sell is compiling all of the information from the retreat and placed into a Strategic Plan with time lines. We will assign responsibilities to the plan. We will do a three month review, a six month report card and an in-depth review three months later and then an annual follow-up.

CALENDAR REMINDERS:

State Ethics Reports – Your state ethics reports are due **April 15th**. They should have been provided to you, if you have not received those they are be available on line.

Legislative Action Day in Columbia – Wednesday, February 20th we will spend the entire day in Columbia. We will meet with members of our Legislative Delegation and we have made arraignments to meet with our Legislators later that day.

Greer in Columbia Day – Wednesday, February 20th is also Greer in Columbia Day. Our Chamber of Commerce will also be in Columbia that day meeting with our local legislators on issues that are important to the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Driggers stated he had one personnel matter and three legal matters (the legal matters will not require action) 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 District 1 seat on the **Planning Commission**.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was conducted.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST AND FINAL READING OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 2-2008
ALLOCATION OF GREENVILLE COUNTY
CDBG AND HOME FUNDS FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2008

Mayor Danner stated information was presented during tonight's public hearing. Information attached.

Councilman Griffin made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 2-2008. Councilman Baldwin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT TO SECURE CDBG FUNDS
SPENT ON THE CITY PARK PROPERTY.**

**Promissory Note, Mortgage and Subsidy Agreement between
Greenville County Redevelopment Authority and the City of Greer.
Information attached.**

Mr. Driggers presented the request. (Information Attached)

Councilman Baldwin made a motion to approve the agreement presented by Greenville County Redevelopment Authority to secure the CDBG Funds. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

**BID SUMMARY
Stevens Field and City Ball Field
Presented by Ann Cunningham, Director of Parks and Recreation**

Mrs. Cunningham disseminated corrected budget information to Council. (Information attached)

Stevens Field

Councilman Joe Baldwin made a motion to accept the low bid for renovations to Stevens Field to Hatfield Builders in the amount of \$940,000. and the low bid for fencing for Stevens Field to Seegars Fencing in the amount of \$17,853. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Discussion followed.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Councilman Baldwin made a motion to award the only bid for lighting for Stevens Field to the Lighting Company in the amount of \$165,689. if sufficient funds are available at the end of the project. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

City Ball Field

J.C. Wilkie Construction stated they did not bid the job correctly and asked to be removed from the bid. Hatfield Builders no longer qualified for the bid once the construction of the building was removed from the bid and asked to be removed from the bid. Mrs. Cunningham stated the construction of the buildings was removed from the bid for budgetary purposes.

Mr. Driggers recommended forgiving both bid bonds for Hatfield Builders and J.C. Wilkie.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to accept the lowest qualifying bid for the City Ball Field for Ball Field and Basketball Courts to Loftis Corporation in the amount of \$345,000. and the low bid for sports field lighting and site electrical to the Lighting Company in the amount of \$76,502. and the low bid for ball field entrance and fencing to Seegars Fencing in the amount of \$69,500. and the low bid for ball field playing surface and irrigation system to Wilson & Associates in the amount of \$61,085. Councilman Baldwin seconded the motion.

Discussion followed.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

RELEASE BIDDERS FROM BID BOND

Councilman Baldwin made a motion to return the bid bonds to the two disqualified bidders (J. C. Wilkie and Hatfield Builders) in this project. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Discussion followed.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 1-2008
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF
PROPERTY OWNED BY MICHAEL W. AND HELEN E. ATKINS
AND LOCATED AT 252 BURNS ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED
PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING
CLASSIFICATION OF RS (RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN) FOR
SAID PROPERTY

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance.

Councilman Baldwin made a motion to approve First Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 1-2008. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Neither the owner of the property nor a representative was present.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 2-2008
**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF
PROPERTY OWNED BY ANITA M. COLBERT AND LOCATED
AT 2802 OLD WOODRUFF ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED
PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING
CLASSIFICATION OF S-1 (SERVICE DISTRICT) FOR SAID
PROPERTY**

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance.

Councilman Baldwin made a motion to approve First Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 2-2008. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Neither the owner of the property nor a representative was present.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 4-2008
**TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING
TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$216,000) CITY
OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA, GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND,
SERIES 2008; TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE
PROCEEDS SHALL BE EXPENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT
THEREOF; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.**

Mr. Driggers presented the ordinance.

Councilman Griffin made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 4-2008. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

**PARTNERSHIP WITH GREEVILLE COUNTY TO
PAVE MOUNT VERNON ROAD AND BUNCOMBE ROAD.**

Mr. Driggers presented the letter from Greenville County Transportation & Infrastructure Engineer, Hesha N. Gamble. (Information attached)

Lengthy discussion followed.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to inform Greenville County we would be willing to pave Buncombe Road from Poplar Drive to Suber Road and Mount Vernon from Park Hill to Memorial Drive Ext. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Discussion followed.

Councilman Bettis and Councilman Griffin amended their motion to reflect paving Buncombe Road from Poplar Drive to Suber Road and Mount Vernon Road from the entrance to Peachtree Drive closest to Park Hill to Memorial Drive Ext.

Motion carried 5-1 with Councilman Joe Baldwin voting in opposition.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Councilman Bettis 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 6-0.

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

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

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk