

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

February 26, 2008

**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, Joe Baldwin, Jay Arrowood and Belle Coxe Mercado. Councilman Wayne Griffin and Councilwoman Sandra Anderson were absent. 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 Reverend Jerry Madden of Praise Cathedral Church of God.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

MINUTES OF February 12, 2008

Councilman Bettis made a motion that the minutes of February 12, 2008 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 January 2008 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 January 31, 2008.

Revenues: \$ 6,775,404.00
Expenditures \$ 9,149,633.00

The City is currently 5% under budget for this time period.

PETITIONER

Lee J. Holtzclaw, Jr. – Canceled.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT **Ed Driggers, City Administrator**

UPDATE

"Cities Mean Business" – We are continuing to promote "Cities mean Business". We have been featured in the Spartanburg Herald Journal, Greenville Journal, and the Greenville News with an op ed piece from Mayor Danner related to our cities involvement in economic development and the importance our city plays in our business community. We have information on the "Cities mean Business" on our website as well as the cable channel and we are getting a good response from that. Later this week we will be involved in a round table with business leaders in our community.

State Ethics Reports – The ethics reports are available on line and can be filed on line. Your state ethics reports are due **April 15th**.

Haynesworth, Sinkler, Boyd – Our bond Attorneys produce information each year related to bond activity, we were featured in their latest publication. It featured our installment purchase process funding both the municipal complex and the police and courts facility. This was a statewide distribution and we have had a lot of calls and email from all over the state requesting additional information.

Staff Retreat – Your staff will be involved in planning next week; we are doing a follow up to your strategic planning session.

Construction Projects Update – Our projects continue to move well, we completed the paving and stripping of the **parking lot at Miller and Poinsett Streets**. That project is completed, they have asked us to let the parking lot set until Monday. We need to complete some inspections on the lot. We are moving forward on the sidewalks at the police and Courts building. We are looking for a color match for the existing refurbished sidewalks we did several years ago. The second floor at the **Police and Courts complex** is carpeted, we are waiting on the baseboard molding to be installed. Downstairs is completely different from the upstairs, we are continuing to install ceiling tile in that area. We are still on schedule for the move. The Police Department administration offices will begin their move 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 move everyone in the court building. We will follow the same format to get them relocated and setup ready for operations on Monday at 8:00 am. Our computer technology requires that we move one building at a time versus one department at a time. The caps will be placed on the **City Hall** building this week. We are on schedule at the City Hall building and the Park is on schedule as well. We are not sure of the exact date communications will be moved, we will know more tomorrow we have a meeting scheduled with the technology folks then. It should be a seamless move. They should move at relatively the same time frame as the police and court personnel.

Comprehensive Plan – We are moving forward with the comprehensive plan and one of the things we need to do is create a steering committee. We have asked if a representative of Council would be willing to serve on the committee, also we are asking Council members to identify people from our community that would have an interest in and a willingness to serve on the steering committee over the eighteen month period. Please let us know if you have any suggestions.

City Ball Field and City Gym Site – Unless we are told otherwise those facilities will be signed and referred to as “City Ball Field” and “City Gym”. We have not been given any official direction in that capacity. We will need action to tell us otherwise.

Mr. Driggers stated he had no items for discussion in executive session.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Danner asked Reno Deaton to update Council on the activities at Greer Development Corporation.

Reno Deaton – gave Council an update but could not release names of prospective businesses. Reno stated he felt we were in for a very good year.

Mayor Danner asked Communications Manager Steve Owens for Owens Outtakes.

Steve Owens – stated he assisted Channel 21 with a segment on the new City Hall last evening. It went very well.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS **Planning Commission**

Councilman Jay Arrowood made a motion to nominate Don Foster to serve on the District 1 seat of the Planning Commission. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 5-0.

No nominations were made for the District 3 seat on the **Board of Zoning Appeals**.

OLD BUSINESS

SECOND AND FINAL 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 stated we supplied two new maps to this annexation to clear up any issues relating to contiguity on the property.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to receive Second and Final Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 1-2008. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

SECOND AND FINAL 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

No new or additional information was provided.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to receive Second and Final Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 2-2008. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

SECOND AND FINAL 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.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to receive Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 4-2008. Councilman Baldwin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

**GREENVILLE COUNTY RECREATION DISTRICT PROPOSAL FOR
EAST RIVERSIDE PARK**

Requested by Gene Smith, Executive Director

Mr. Smith stated "Consideration is being given to dissolving the Recreation District, depending on legislation that may or may not happen." Mr. Smith asked that Council keep on the burner East Riverside Park and see what happens with their dissolution process. He stated a considerable amount of repair work will need to be complete at the park to bring it up to date, around seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000.). Mr. Smith stated "If we were to partner with the County and as long as I'm in my position I will assure you that we will work with Ann and Mr. Driggers." Mr. Smith stated he wanted to work together as partners.

Lengthy discussion followed.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 3-2008
AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING
CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY PRAISE
CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF GOD, LOCATED AT 3355 BRUSHY
CREEK ROAD FROM RM-2 (RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY)
TO S-1 (SERVICE DISTRICT).**

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance. He stated the Planning Commission met on February 18, 2008 and discussed the rezoning. It was unanimously approved.

Reverend Jerry Madden was present but did not speak.

Councilman Baldwin made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 3-2008. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Danner stated an Executive Session was not needed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk