

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

October 14, 2008

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

REGULAR SESSION

Greer City Council met in regular session with Mayor Rick Danner presiding. Council members present: Jay Arrowood, Wayne Griffin, Joe Baldwin, Wryley Bettis and Belle Coxe Mercado. Councilwoman Sandra Anderson was 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 6:33 p.m.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Councilman Joe Baldwin.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke during the Public Forum Session.

MINUTES OF September 23, 2008

Councilman Bettis made a motion that the minutes of **September 23, 2008** be received as written. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Danner presented Sondra Sprenger, Chandler Creek Elementary School a proclamation proclaiming October 16, 2008 as "Lights on Afterschool Day".

PRESENTATION

Legislative Overview

Matthew Van Patton and Rebecca Ramos

Matthew Van Patton and Rebecca Ramos presented the 2008 End of the Year Legislative Report. (Attached)

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
Ed Driggers, City Administrator

Update:

Opening Events for Complex – During the Dedication Gala, Thursday night October 2nd, Ribbon Cutting and Dedication of Building, Friday, October 3rd and the Community Open House, Sunday, October 5th we had approximately one thousand (1,000.00) people come through this building during that weekend. It was a wonderful opportunity for your staff to spend some time showcasing this property.

Calendar Reminders:

City of Aiken – We are scheduled to leave Thursday morning, **October 16th** at 7:00am. We will meet in the Lobby area with representatives from the Chamber of Commerce; we will have approximately forth-five (45) to fifty (50) representatives of the community to participate.

Municipal Association Road Show – Thursday, **October 23rd** you should have received information directly from the Municipal Association. We will have representatives from the city attending in Spartanburg.

Victor Mill – We will participate with Spartanburg County in a Victor Community meeting, they are soliciting Brown Field Development dollars for the mill eradication. The meeting will take place Thursday, **October 30th** at 7:00pm the location will be forthcoming. Participation is critically important for Brown Field applications.

Information:

Comprehensive Plan – Is continuing to move forward. Mike Sell is managing that program for us; members of our staff are working with him on that. The Citizens Committee is giving us great input and the Steering Committee is receiving that information and moving forward. We are on schedule with that process.

Financial Situation in Columbia – We are monitoring the financial situation in Columbia very closely. As you were previously advised there was a three percent (3%) reduction in our aid to subdivision, which amounted to about eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00) or so. We are anticipating that we will receive an additional three percent (3%) reduction putting us around thirty-five to thirty-six thousand dollars (\$35,000.00 to \$36,000.00). Based on our budget and where we are, we are very confident that we will be able to handle that short fall of revenue by making some adjustments on the expenditure side. What we get a little more concerned about looking at the overall performance of the City, our building programs are down, and housing starts are down, we are very fortunate that our commercial starts are up. We are not alarmed that any adjustment that we may have to make on the revenue side cannot be accommodated for

on the expenditure side. Our department heads have already been made aware of that and we are continuing to monitor that regularly and depending on how those numbers fall we do not anticipate that we would need to make modifications to the overall budget.

Mr. Driggers stated he had one item of Economic Development to discuss in Executive Session. He requested Reno Deaton, Executive Director of Greer Development Corporation update council on this project.

NEW BUSINESS

GREER HERITAGE MUSEUM LEASE AGREEMENT Information Only

Mr. Driggers stated the information (Lease Agreement and the response) is provided as "Information Only" for this meeting and Ms. Joda Hiatt, Director of the Greer Heritage Museum will attend the October 28, 2008 meeting. The information is made available to you tonight to enable you to make a decision at the next meeting on how to move forward.

Brief discussion followed. Councilman Bettis requested Mr. Driggers obtain financial information for the museum.

FIRST AND FINAL READING OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 11-2008

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-1-170(C), CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, CONSENTING TO THE PLACEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GREER IN A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK OF SPARTANBURG AND UNION COUNTIES.

Mr. Driggers presented the resolution. Staff recommended approval.

Councilman Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 11-2008. Councilman Wayne Griffin seconded the motion

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

FIRST AND FINAL READING OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-2008

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT JUNIPER RIDGE STREETS, NAMELY JUNIPER LEAF WAY, HICKORY ROCK LANE, APPLING COURT, LONG PINEVIEW COURT AND WOODSPRING COURT INTO THE CITY OF GREER STREET SYSTEM

Mr. Driggers presented the resolution. Staff recommended approval.

Councilman Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 12-2008. Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 41-2008
AN ORDINANCE TO CORRECT A SCRIVENER'S
ERROR IN ORDINANCE NUMBER 22-2008

Mr. Driggers presented the ordinance.

Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 41-2008. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 42-2008
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF
PROPERTY OWNED BY CLISBY H. KRELL, JR AND DEBORAH KRELL
AND LOCATED ON MAYFIELD ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT
PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF RS
(RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance.

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

Councilman Joe Baldwin made a motion to approve First Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 42-2008. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 43-2008
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF
PROPERTY OWNED BY BROCK A. SLOAN AND BARBARA S. SLOAN
AND LOCATED AT 431 SOUTH SUBER ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED
PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING
CLASSIFICATION OF PD (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT) FOR SAID
PROPERTY

Glenn Pace requested to address Ordinance Numbers 43-2008, 44-2008, 45-2008 and 46-2008. Mr. Pace stated the applicant requested the ordinances be withdrawn from First Reading due to the economic conditions in the area with hopes to bring back at a later time. A clarification was made by the applicant to table the ordinances.

Councilman Joe Baldwin made a motion to table Ordinance Number 43-2008. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 44-2008
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH AND LOCATED AT 445 SOUTH SUBER ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PD (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT) FOR SAID PROPERTY

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Councilman Joe Baldwin made a motion to table Ordinance Number 44-2008. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 45-2008
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY ROSE SUBER AND LOCATED AT 421 SOUTH SUBER ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PD (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT) FOR SAID PROPERTY

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Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to table Ordinance Number 45-2008. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 46-2008
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY JOHN MAGNUSON AND LOCATED ON SWEDES RUN BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PD (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT) FOR SAID PROPERTY

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Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to table Ordinance Number 46-2008. Councilman Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to discuss one Economic Development matter.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the matter as stated by the Mayor. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0. (7:44)

Mayor Danner stated Council discussed one Economic Development matter in Executive Session with no action needed.

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

Motion carried unanimously 6-0. (8:02)

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk