

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

April 22, 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, Wayne Griffin, Jay Arrowood and Belle Coxe Mercado. Councilman Joe Baldwin arrived at 6:40, 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.

Mayor Danner reminded Council this is the last Council Meeting scheduled in this building. Council will meet in the new Municipal Court / Police Building for the next five meetings. July 22nd will be the first Council Meeting scheduled for the Council Chambers in the new Municipal Complex.

Invocation was given by Councilman Jay Arrowood.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 527

Mayor Danner introduced Boy Scout Troop 527 and their Leader Mark Steadman. They lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one signed up to speak during the public forum session.

MINUTES OF April 8, 2008

Councilman Arrowood made a motion that the minutes of April 8, 2008 be received as written. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Proclamation

Crestview Elementary Odyssey of the Mind "Dinostories" Team

Mayor Danner presented a proclamation to team members Taylor Carroll, Joshua Carson, Evan Kramer, Charles Ludlow, Christopher Ludlow, Ben Teal and coaches Sandi Carson and Mary Ludlow for taking top honors and placing first in their division in the State Odyssey of the Mind competition. They will now attend the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals. Margaret Thompson, Principal of Crestview Elementary was also present.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

"National Volunteer Week"

Mayor Danner presented a proclamation to Volunteer Dewey Tarwater in recognition of National Volunteer Week. National Volunteer week is April 27 – May 3, 2008.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Building and Development Standards, Engineering and Storm Water, Finance Report, Fire Department, Municipal Court, Parks & Recreation, Police Department and Public Services March 2008 Monthly Activity Reports were included in packet for informational purposes. Surplus and Confiscated Items Auction (attached) information for auction ending April 4th were also included.

David Seifert, Director of Finance and Information Technology, summarized the financial report.

Finance Report for the period ending March 31, 2008.

Revenues: \$ 11,404,934.00
Expenditures \$ 11,660,609.00

The City is currently 9% under budget for this time period.

Councilman Arrowood expressed his concern about fuels costs. Mr. Driggers stated the highest level of service would continue to be provided and he has discussed fuel cost savings with the department heads. He informed Council if fuel costs were in excess of the allotted line item amount, line items transfers would be done to cover the additional costs.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator

UPDATE

Construction Projects Update – Police Department Administration relocated last weekend everything went smoothly. **Courts Administration** and the remaining **Police** personnel will relocate this weekend. The employees in the building are invited to a celebratory breakfast Monday morning, April 28th at 7:30am. We hope that you will be able to join us Monday morning. The Magistrates office will also move this weekend. **City Hall** progressing ahead of schedule, we expect to move into that building the second week of July. The **Park** site is on schedule. The fountain is being installed now. We continue to be under budget and ahead of schedule on construction of buildings.

Calendar Events

Calendar Events - A list of Calendar events has been sent to your inbox.

Comprehensive Plan – Kick off meeting for Comprehensive Plan scheduled for Tuesday, May 6th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the new Court Room.

Mr. Driggers stated he has one Economic Development matter to discuss in executive session. No action will be required.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Greer Recreation Board of Trustees

No nominations were made for the District 4 seat. Suzette Durre's resignation will be effective May 1, 2008. Councilman Baldwin stated he hoped to have a nominee by the next Council Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 6-2008

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 5:18 DT DOWNTOWN GREER OVERLAY DISTRICT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance. Mr. Pace requested the following corrections of typographical errors on page 8 Item E, section (a) remove the word "unless" and section (c) remove the word "be".

Discussion followed.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 6-2008. Councilman Baldwin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

ACE ENVIRONMENTAL
Contract for Purchase of Equipment

Mr. Driggers presented a contract from Ace Environmental to purchase several pieces of equipment from the Public Services Department (attached).

Councilman Baldwin made a motion to consider the contract provided by Ace Environmental. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Discussion followed.

Councilman Baldwin amended his motion to restrict the monies made from the contract for use by the Public Services Department for capital purchases. Councilwoman Mercado amended her second.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

FIRST AND FINAL READING OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 4-2008
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREER, SOUTH
CAROLINA AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN MOUNTIAN
VIEW CEMETERY PLOT FEES.

Mr. Driggers and Bob Urness presented the Resolution (info attached).

Discussion followed.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 4-2008. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Mayor Danner recommended increasing the Resident fee to seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) and the Non-Resident fee to fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500.00).

Discussion followed.

Councilwoman Mercado amended her motion to increase the Non-Resident fee to fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500.00) and the Resident fee to seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00). Councilman Bettis amended his second.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

GREENVILLE COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
SUB RECIPIENT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Driggers stated he had no additional information (attached).

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to approve the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority Sub Recipient Funding recommendations. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Discussion followed.

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 Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

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

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

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk