

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

**April 8, 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, Sandra Anderson, Joe Baldwin, Jay Arrowood and Belle Coxe Mercado. 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 Councilman Joe Baldwin.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

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

**MINUTES OF March 25, 2008**

Councilman Bettis made a motion that the minutes of March 25, 2008 be received as written. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**“Animal Control Officers Appreciation Week”**

Mayor Danner presented a proclamation to Emory Gault and Captain Jolene Vancil of the Police Department in recognition of Animal Control Officers Appreciation Week.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**“National Telecommunicators’ Week”**

Mayor Danner presented a proclamation to Telecommunicators Katie Elliott and Lane Womack of the Police Department in recognition of National Telecommunicators Week. Officer Dan Hendrix was also present.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**  
**Employee Recognition**  
Certificate Presentation

Mayor Danner recognized the following employees for their service to the City of Greer. Each employee received a resolution, a certificate of achievement and a personnel day off with pay.

Phillip Dodd has served in the Police Department for five years;  
Al Kassin has served in the Building and Development Standards Department for five years;  
Terry Leibowitz has served in the Public Services Department for five years;  
Steve Anderson has served in the Police Department for ten years;  
Paul Brown has served in the Fire Department for ten years;  
Matt Hamby has served in the Police Department for fifteen years;  
Jim Guthrie has served in the Police Department for twenty years.

**PETITIONER**  
**Personal Pathways to Success**  
**Presented by Jay Blankenship, Director**

Personal Pathways to Success will provide all public school students in South Carolina with the resources to identify, explore and develop an education plan for their career and employment goals.

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

**Reminders**

**State Ethics Commission Statement of Economic Interest Forms** – Deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Alleyway Closure – Chamber of Commerce** – We will not have second reading tonight on the Alleyway Closure we approved by title only at the last meeting. On the advice of our City Attorney we are doing some additional research on the property, we do not anticipate any problems but we wanted to make sure everything was covered.

**One on One Meetings with Council Members** - Mr. Driggers thanked Council allowing the time and opportunity to meet with Council members on a one on one basis.

**Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee** – Met last week for the first time, it was a very good meeting. We are receiving a lot of feed back on that meeting, citizens are calling wanting to be involved with the different committees. The next meeting date is May 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **UPDATE**

**Construction Projects Update** – Facilities move; **Police Department Administration** is scheduled to move starting at 5:00 pm Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. **Courts Administration** personnel will move the following Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>. Open for operations on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. We are experiencing some furniture delivery problems, if the problem doesn't work itself out as planned we will the move Court Administration Saturday, Sunday and Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and open operations on Tuesday morning.

**Greer Trust** – I will meet next week with Greer Trust and provide an update on their involvement with this project and they will be given an opportunity to tour the building.

**Council Tour of Building** – I will provide a private tour for Council Members next Tuesday evening at 5:00pm.

The **City Hall** and **Park** site is continuing to track ahead of schedule.

Mr. Driggers stated he had no items to discuss in executive session.

Councilwoman Mercado asked what was going on with the lights at the **intersection of Poinsett & Main**. Mr. Driggers stated the lights are being installed and there will be a crosswalk at each intersection. Pedestrian signals will also be installed at each crosswalk. This intersection is no longer a timed intersection, pressure sensitive scales have been installed in the street. The traffic flow will now be regulated by traffic.

**Dedication Ceremony for Building** – Will be held Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. The State Attorney General, Henry McMaster will be the keynote speaker. Tours will be provided. The Community will be invited to tour the building that evening from 4:00pm till 7:00pm.

## **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

### **Board of Zoning Appeals**

Councilwoman Anderson made a motion to appoint Thomas McAbee to the District 3 seat on the **Board of Zoning Appeals**. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 7-2008**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE V, PURCHASING RULES AND PROCEDURES BY AMENDING SECTION 2-298 (9) AND ADDING SECTION 2-298 (10) (a)**

**THROUGH (c) AND SECTION 2-298 (11) AND ADDING (b)  
THROUGH (d).**

Mr. Driggers presented the ordinance.

Councilman Arrowood made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 7-2008. Councilwoman Anderson seconded the motion.

Discussion followed.

After a lengthy discussion Mr. Driggers recommended leaving in sentence (a) 9 The number and scope of conditions attached to the bid.

Mayor Danner stated we have a motion and second in regards to second reading of ordinance number 7-2008 with the amended language as noted.

Motion carried 6-1 with Councilman Baldwin voting in opposition.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 6-2008  
AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 5:18 DT  
DOWNTOWN GREER OVERLAY DISTRICT TO THE  
ZONING ORDINANCE.**

Phil Rhoads presented the ordinance.

Discussion followed.

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

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 8-2008  
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF  
PROPERTY OWNED BY CLARENCE F. AND SUSAN DILLARD AND  
LOCATED AT 677 ABNER CREEK ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED  
PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING  
CLASSIFICATION OF R-15 (RESIDENTIAL - SINGLE FAMILY) FOR  
SAID PROPERTY**

Phil Rhoads presented the ordinance. Neither the owner nor a representative of the property was present.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to approve First Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 8-2008. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 9-2008**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF**  
**PROPERTY OWNED BY RUBY JOHNSON AND CLARENCE F.**  
**DILLARD AND LOCATED AT 697 ABNER CREEK ROAD BY ONE**  
**HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING**  
**CLASSIFICATION OF R-15 (RESIDENTIAL - SINGLE FAMILY) FOR**  
**SAID PROPERTY**

Phil Rhoads presented the ordinance. Neither the owner nor a representative of the property was present.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to approve First Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 9-2008. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 10-2008**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF**  
**PROPERTY OWNED BY VIRGIL E. AND JOYCE A. SMITH AND**  
**JONI DIANE PHILLIPS AND PHILIP E. SMITH AND MARK A.**  
**SMITH AND LOCATED AT 752 ABNER CREEK ROAD BY ONE**  
**HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING**  
**CLASSIFICATION OF C-3 (HIGHWAY - COMMERCIAL) FOR SAID**  
**PROPERTY**

Phil Rhoads presented the ordinance. Neither the owner nor a representative of the property was present.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to approve First Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 10-2008. Councilman Baldwin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 11-2008**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF**  
**PROPERTY OWNED BY PAMELA S. GILLIAM AND LOCATED ON**  
**ABNER CREEK ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION;**  
**AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-15**  
**(RESIDENTIAL - SINGLE FAMILY) FOR SAID PROPERTY**

Phil Rhoads presented the ordinance. Neither the owner nor a representative of the property was present.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to approve First Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 11-2008. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

At the request of Phil Rhoads First Reading of Ordinance Number 12-2008 will be held over until the May 13<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Danner stated there are no stated items for Executive Session this evening.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Richard W. Danner, Mayor

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Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk