

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

May 27, 2008

**MEETING LOCATION: 100 South Main 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, Joe Baldwin, Jay Arrowood and Belle Coxe Mercado. Councilwoman Sandra Anderson arrived at 6:48. Also present: Ed Driggers, City Administrator, Mike Sell, Assistant City Administrator, Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk and various other staff and media.

Mayor Danner called the Regular Session to order at 6:34 p.m.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Mayor Rick Danner.

PUBLIC FORUM

John Bacot, 730 Sugar Pine Court, Greer, 29651, Co-Owner of Yellow Cab of Greenville, shared his concerns with the proposed Greer Cab Co. He stated there is a ten dollar (\$10.00) minimum to come to Greer not twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) as stated in the last meeting. He was concerned the fees proposed by Greer Cab Co. to the Public Services Commission were excessive. He stated three dollars (\$3.00) per mile would be not only the highest in the State but the Country as well. He stated the seventy-five cents (\$.75) waiting time was forty-five dollars (\$45.00) an hour. That would be in the top ten highest in the Country. He gave examples of fares for different trips. He shared his concerns with the hours of operation, not being available twenty-four (24) hours a day seven (7) days a week, not having a taxi available after ten (10:00 pm) O'clock and the lack of a management level in the company. He stated Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity were given to Full Service Cab Companies. He also stated "every other City in the State requires cab companies to pick an exclusive color scheme that is not like surrounding Cities." (Attachment)

MINUTES OF May 13, 2008

Councilman Bettis made a motion that the minutes of May 13, 2008 be received as written. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

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. The Planning Commission minutes for May 19, 2008 were also included.

Bob Urness, Staff Accountant, summarized the financial report.

Finance Report for the period ending April 30, 2008.

Revenues: \$ 2,058,411.10 (7% under Budget)
Expenditures: \$ 1,580,468.01 (8% under Budget)

The City is currently 8% under budget for this time period.

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

UPDATE

MASC Summer Meeting – Reminder – I need your MASC Meeting information by tomorrow morning. Out of the one hundred and thirty-five (135) municipalities in the lottery draw we came in at slot number eighteen (18). We will make the accommodations reservations in the morning with them but they are also requiring the event registration information as well. If we do not have the information we will make the assumption that you do not plan to attend these events. All of the reservations/registrations are non refundable. We are looking forward to Mayor Danner being installed this year as the President of the Municipal Association of South Carolina at this meeting.

Budget – Mr. Driggers presented options for Council to consider regarding the budget. Council requested a Budget Workshop to be held Tuesday, June 3rd at 6:30 pm. First reading of the budget ordinance to be held during the regularly scheduled Council Meeting Tuesday, June 10th. Public Hearing and second reading during the regularly scheduled Council meeting Tuesday, June 24th. Budget packages and the transmittal letters will be brought Tuesday night to the budget workshop.

Construction Projects Update – Court / Police building – We held the Open house for the Court / Police Building last week. We are estimating the crowd for the open house and the dedication ceremony was approximately three hundred (300) folks. We

are still working with the general contractor on issues. If you notice something please let us know so we can have it taken care of. **City Hall** – continuing to move forward. We will accept the building for the punch list process June 23rd. We are scheduled to move into that location July 10th. The **Park** site is on schedule. We hope to take possession for the Park mid to late September. We are having some considerable issues with the quality of dirt on that site. Particularly in the pond area. We have a natural spring in that area and the more we dig the muddier it gets. We are not surprised but we have to get to some stable dirt at some point so the walls can be constructed. We are spending a lot of money on the excess removal of the bad dirt. It is requiring additional resources and we are beyond the dollars allotted in the contract for the park and we are using dollars out of our contingency for removal of that dirt. We are monitoring this closely. We will let you know if we start approaching our contingency limits.

Mr. Driggers had no matters to discuss in executive session.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Zoning Appeals

No nominations were made for the District 1 seat.

OLD BUSINESS

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-2008 AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY JLN INVESTORS, INC., LOCATED AT 1467 AND 1501 HIGHWAY 101 SOUTH FROM I-1 (INDUSTRIAL) TO C-3 (HIGHWAY - COMMERCIAL).

Glenn Pace, Planning and Zoning Coordinator requested to hold this ordinance over until the June 10th meeting to obtain additional information.

Councilman Baldwin made a motion to carry over second reading of Ordinance Number 12-2008 until June 10th. Councilwoman Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 14-2008 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT, SERIES 2008A IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$885,000 RELATING TO THE FINANCING OF VARIOUS ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; AUTHORIZING THE

EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE LEASE AGREEMENT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

Mr. Driggers presented the ordinance.

Discussion followed.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to approve Second Reading of Ordinance Number 14-2008. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 13-2008

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE FOR ADMINISTRATION; BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS DEPARTMENT; ENGINEERING AND STORMWATER DEPARTMENT; FINANCE DEPARTMENT; FIRE DEPARTMENT; MUNICIPAL COURT; PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT; POLICE DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Driggers, City Administrator, Phil Rhoads, Director of Building and Development Standards, Scott Keeley, Fire Marshall, Don Holloman, City Engineer and Ann Cunningham, Director of Parks and Recreation presented the ordinance.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Councilman Griffin suggested placing this matter on the agenda for the workshop to be held June 3rd. Council was in agreement. A Public Hearing will be held June 10th for this matter.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 15-2008

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF GREER CODE OF ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 22, CITY OWNED CEMETERIES BY ADDING SECTION 22-1(a), SECTION 22-2(a), AND SECTION 22-6 THROUGH SECTION 22-17 AND AMENDING SECTION 22-2(b) AND SECTION 22-3.

Mr. Driggers, City Administrator and Bob Urness, Staff Accountant presented the ordinance.

Discussion followed.

Councilman Arrowood made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 15-2008 striking through the word "streets" in Section 22-13. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 16-2008
AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY JOHN GOUGH, LOCATED AT 703 EAST POINSETT STREET FROM RM-1 (RESIDENTIAL – MULTI FAMILY) TO O-D (OFFICE DISTRICT).

Glenn Pace, Planning and Zoning Coordinator presented the ordinance. He stated the Planning Commission met on May 19, 2008 and discussed the rezoning. No one spoke in favor or opposition to the ordinance. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

Brief discussion followed.

Neither the owner nor a representative was in attendance.

Councilwoman Anderson made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 16-2008. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 17-2008
AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, LOCATED AT 100 DUKE STREET FROM R-12 (RESIDENTIAL – SINGLE FAMILY) TO I-1 (INDUSTRIAL).

Glenn Pace, Planning and Zoning Coordinator presented the ordinance. He stated the Planning Commission met on May 19, 2008 and discussed the rezoning. No one spoke in favor or opposition to the ordinance. Staff recommended denial after further discussion with Jerry Balding of Commission of Public Works the Planning Commission recommended approval.

Neither the owner nor a representative was in attendance.

Councilman Baldwin made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 17-2008. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 18-2008
AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY ERICK AND EILEEN SWANSON, LOCATED AT 305 WEST POINSETT STREET FROM RM-1 (RESIDENTIAL – MULTI FAMILY) TO C-2 (COMMERCIAL).

Glenn Pace, Planning and Zoning Coordinator presented the ordinance. He stated the Planning Commission met on May 19, 2008 and discussed the rezoning. No one spoke in favor or opposition to the ordinance. Staff recommended approval, Planning Commission recommended approval.

Discussion followed.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 18-2008. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Neither the owner nor a representative was in attendance.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 19-2008
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 90, UTILITIES BY ADDING ARTICLE 6, STORM SEWER SYSTEM ILLICIT DISCHARGE AND CONNECTION TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE SURFACE WATER QUALITY AND PROHIBIT ILLICIT CONNECTIONS AND DISCHARGES TO THE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM

Don Holloman, City Engineer and Lillian Handley, Stormwater Engineer presented the ordinance.

Discussion followed.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 19-2008. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 20-2008
AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL CODES RELATING TO INSPECTION ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY

**OF GREER, GREENVILLE COUNTY AND SPARTANBURG
COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND ENFORCEMENT OF
BUILDING PROVISIONS AS PROVIDED IN SAID CODES**

Phil Rhoads, Director of Building and Development Standards presented the ordinance.

Brief discussion followed.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 20-2008. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Danner stated he had one contractual matter to discuss in Executive Session.

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 7-0. (8:37 pm)

Mayor Danner stated that Council discussed one contractual matter in Executive Session.

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

Motion carried unanimously 7-0. (8:55 pm)

Councilman Baldwin made a motion to authorize Mayor Danner to enter into contractual negotiations with the City Administrator for the renewal of his contract. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk