

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

**July 8, 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, Sandra Anderson, Joe Baldwin, Jay Arrowood and Belle Coxe Mercado. Also present: Ed Driggers, City Administrator, Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk, Mike Sell, Assistant City Administrator, Steve Owens, Communications Manager and various other staff and media.

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

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Councilman Joe Baldwin.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 216**

Mayor Danner recognized Boy Scout Troop 216 and they lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**Kenneth Ponder**, 1613 Old Highway 14 South spoke in opposition to Annexation Ordinance Number 31-2008 (1619 Old Highway 14 South). He presented Council with a petition signed by one hundred ninety two (192) residents of the Pleasant Grove Community.

**David Smith and Jimmie Talley**, 322 Hampton Ridge Dr., requested funding assistance with AAU Youth Track Team while attending the Junior Olympics. Mayor Danner suggested Mr. Smith and Mr. Talley contact the City Administrator for guidelines to request funding.

## **MINUTES OF June 24, 2008**

Councilman Bettis made a motion that the minutes of **June 24, 2008** be received as written. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

### **PETITIONER** **Greentown Residents**

Margarette Turner, 213 Harris Street shared her concerns with drugs and prostitution in the Greentown area. Mayor Danner suggested he, Councilman Griffin, Mr. Driggers, and Mrs. Turner schedule a meeting to discuss a plan of action to engage the citizens of that area in and move forward.

### **PETITIONER** **Greer Cultural Arts**

Diana Wood, 112 Rich Glen Way (President of Greer Cultural Arts) requested the use of the Horace McKown Center to conduct feasibility study to determine if the facility will meet the needs for a Cultural Arts center. Mayor Danner thanked Mrs. Wood and the Cultural Arts Board for their efforts in the City.

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

Relocation of **City Hall, Building and Development Standards, Fire Marshall, Assistant Fire Marshall, Planning and Zoning, GIS Operations, Nuisance Abatement Officer, City Engineer and Stormwater Department.** Each of these departments will close at 3:00 pm this Thursday. We've issued notification to local media and posted all of our buildings. Those individuals will be joining me for an orientation at the new building Thursday afternoon, when we leave there we will come back to our current locations to finalize the packing process. We will spend most of Thursday evening in that process; we will have a professional moving company that will physically relocate furniture, fixtures as well as files and equipment all day on Friday. At the end of the day Friday staff will meet at the building and unpack and set up in that building. We will open Monday morning at approximately 9:00 am. Our staff will gather at 7:30am for a staff dedication / breakfast. We expect to open up with no interruption to service what so ever. There will be a major interruption to service this coming Friday again we've issued notice to our community through our media outlets that will be taking place. Because we are physically relocating all of our computer systems, all of our communications; including telephone, computers, faxes, and all electronic communications will be down during the night on Thursday and we will be bringing that system back up mid morning through mid afternoon on Friday. All of our data is centrally located at City Hall. There will not be communications at our remote locations

as well. Court, Police, Fire, Public Services and Recreation will open for business as normal but will be without communications until the system is brought back up. The first line brought back up will be 848-2150 – City Hall. All of our operations are equipment with cell phones and we will transfer call to them as we are able. There will be absolutely no interruption in Emergency Operations. 911 will continue to operation on a normal schedule. They do not utilize the same system we do. All operations will be tested and in place for normal operations on Monday as we resume business on the 14<sup>th</sup>. All systems are a go. The **Park** remains under construction. The Park is tracking a mid to late September opening.

We will have one more Council Meeting at this location.

Mr. Driggers stated he had one contractual matter to discuss in Executive Session with no action requested.

Mr. Driggers added he and Ann Cunningham (Director of Parks and Recreation) have been in discussion on the request made by the Arts Council, with Council's permission or at your direction we certainly would be prepared to address concerns and issues if you choose to add that to your agenda this evening.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **REQUEST TO ADD AN ITEM OF NEW BUSINESS TO THE AGENDA**

Councilwoman Sandra Anderson made a motion to add an item (Cultural Arts request) of New Business to the agenda. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

### **FIRST AND FINAL READING OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 5-2008** **A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING** **THE CITY OF GREER STRATEGIC PLAN.**

Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 5-2008. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

### **FIRST AND FINAL READING OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 6-2008** **A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE CITY OF** **GREER MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAC) AND** **RELATED MATTERS**

Councilman Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 6-2008. Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0. Councilman Wayne Griffin stepped out of the room during the vote.

**FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 22-2008**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY 101 @ 296, LLC AND LOCATED AT 2840 HWY 101 SOUTH BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-S (RESIDENTIAL - SUBURBAN) FOR SAID PROPERTY**

Glenn Pace and Mr. Driggers presented information relating to Ordinance Number 22-2008 through Ordinance Number 30-2008.

Neither the owner nor a representative was present.

Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado made a motion to approve First Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 22-2008. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

**FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-2008**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY 296 @ KIST ROAD, LLC AND LOCATED AT 8315 REIDVILLE ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-S (RESIDENTIAL - SUBURBAN) FOR SAID PROPERTY**

Glenn Pace and Mr. Driggers presented information relating to Ordinance Number 22-2008 through Ordinance Number 30-2008.

Neither the owner nor a representative was present.

Brief discussion followed.

Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado made a motion to approve First Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 23-2008. Councilman Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

**FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 24-2008**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY 296 @ KIST ROAD, LLC AND LOCATED ON HWY 101 SOUTH BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-S (RESIDENTIAL - SUBURBAN) FOR SAID PROPERTY**

Glenn Pace and Mr. Driggers presented information relating to Ordinance Number 22-2008 through Ordinance Number 30-2008.

Neither the owner nor a representative was present.

Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado made a motion to approve First Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 24-2008. Councilman Joe Baldwin seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

**FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 25-2008**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY CHARLES EDWIN AND MARTHA D. SMITH AND LOCATED ON HWY 101 SOUTH BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-S (RESIDENTIAL - SUBURBAN) FOR SAID PROPERTY**

Glenn Pace and Mr. Driggers presented information relating to Ordinance Number 22-2008 through Ordinance Number 30-2008.

Neither the owner nor a representative was present.

Councilman Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve First Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 25-2008. Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

**FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 26-2008**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY DOLLY S. DAILEY AND LOCATED AT 500 SNOW ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-S (RESIDENTIAL - SUBURBAN) FOR SAID PROPERTY**

Glenn Pace and Mr. Driggers presented information relating to Ordinance Number 22-2008 through Ordinance Number 30-2008.

Neither the owner nor a representative was present.

Councilwoman Sandra Anderson made a motion to approve First Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 26-2008. Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

**FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 27-2008**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY CLARENCE E. HIPPI AND LOCATED AT 490 SNOW ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-S (RESIDENTIAL - SUBURBAN) FOR SAID PROPERTY**

Glenn Pace and Mr. Driggers presented information relating to Ordinance Number 22-2008 through Ordinance Number 30-2008.

Neither the owner nor a representative was present.

Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 27-2008. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

**FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 28-2008**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY LINDA AND MATTHEW B. SLATON, JENS W. SLATON, JOSHUA LUNCEFORD SLATON AND ZACHARY WILLIAM SLATON AND LOCATED ON BURNS ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-S (RESIDENTIAL - SUBURBAN) FOR SAID PROPERTY**

Glenn Pace and Mr. Driggers presented information relating to Ordinance Number 22-2008 through Ordinance Number 30-2008.

Neither the owner nor a representative was present.

Councilwoman Sandra Anderson made a motion to approve First Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 28-2008. Councilman Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

**FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 29-2008**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY JAMES P. BROCKMAN AND LOCATED AT 8396 REIDVILLE ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-S (RESIDENTIAL - SUBURBAN) FOR SAID PROPERTY**

Glenn Pace and Mr. Driggers presented information relating to Ordinance Number 22-2008 through Ordinance Number 30-2008.

Neither the owner nor a representative was present.

Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado made a motion to approve First Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 29-2008. Councilwoman Sandra Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

**FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 30-2008**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY GREENVILLE CIVIC CENTER REAL ESTATE, LLC AND LOCATED AT 155 LAKE PLACE BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-S (RESIDENTIAL - SUBURBAN) FOR SAID PROPERTY**

Glenn Pace and Mr. Driggers presented information relating to Ordinance Number 22-2008 through Ordinance Number 30-2008.

Neither the owner nor a representative was present.

Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 30-2008. Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

**FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 31-2008**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY BRENT JONES AND PHIL DURHAM AND LOCATED AT 1619 OLD HIGHWAY 14 BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF S-1 (SERVICE DISTRICT) FOR SAID PROPERTY**

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance.

Discussion followed.

Councilman Joe Baldwin made a motion to approve First Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 31-2008. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

Neither the owner nor a representative was present.

Additional discussion followed.

Motion carried 4-3 with Councilman Wayne Griffin, Councilwoman Sandra Anderson and Councilman Jay Arrowood voting in opposition.

**FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 32-2008**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY IRENE HADD AND MILDRED McALISTER AND LOCATED AT 150 McCLURE SMITH ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF I-1 (INDUSTRIAL) FOR SAID PROPERTY**

Glenn Pace and Mr. Driggers presented the ordinance.

Neither the owner nor a representative was present.

Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 32-2008. Councilwoman Sandra Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 33-2008**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM B. SMITH AND LOCATED AT 125 REID ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-S (RESIDENTIAL - SUBURBAN) FOR SAID PROPERTY**

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance.

Discussion followed.

Someone was present but did not speak.

Councilwoman Sandra Anderson made a motion to approve First Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 33-2008. Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**RETIREMENT HEALTH PLAN**

Mr. Driggers requested this item be held over until the next Council Meeting. Council had no objection.

**PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION OF GREENVILLE COUNTY RECREATION  
DISTRICT WITH GREENVILLE COUNTY**

While I was at the City Manager's meeting I had the chance to spend time with the City of Greenville, the City of Simpsonville, the City of Mauldin and the City of Fountain Inn. We met separately and at length discussion on what we vision this impact may or may not be to our respective municipalities. We were advised that there is a Public Hearing schedule for this Thursday night concerning that matter. It is being held by the Recreation District themselves. The legislation allowing this consolidation details the process that must be used. One of those is that the Recreation District must hold a Public Hearing. It also requires that the Legislative Delegation must approve by a two thirds vote the consolidation plan of the district and the county. That was on the agenda scheduled for next Monday, yesterday morning I had an opportunity again to meet with those same individuals for the municipalities we met along with Gene Smith, the Director of the Recreation District and we indicated what our concerns were, the impact to the tax payers of our respective municipalities if there was indeed an assignment of millage to the incorporated residents for this program and indicated that we would have no alternative but to oppose any plan because there been absolutely no opportunity for us to be involved in the process. Mr. Smith agreed completely and said that the issue at hand was that there is a "Sunset Clause" on the state legislation that says that this has to be done by December 31, 2008 or it cannot be done. The issue of getting it before the legislative delegation was a matter that they meet quarterly and the meeting was scheduled for Monday of next week. We did a conference call between Mr. Smith and the managers and we talked to Senator Fair who is the Chairman for the delegation it was his belief and our request as well that it was best that that item not be placed on their agenda for next Monday night. That has been removed for their agenda for next Monday. County Council takes the month of July off so they will be meeting in August and we have every reason to believe that this will be a matter that very likely could be on their agenda. Where we are in having discussions with the Recreation District on how this may impact the Municipality of Greer is that the recreation district has acknowledged that it is in the best interest of all programming that we sit down at the table and talk about what is the impact to Greer as a result of this, what can the recreation district possibly do to benefit the residents of our community. Is there any percentage of those dollars that may come back to us, is there a way we can opt out of the program? Everything is really on the table but what we have now is we have time and opportunity to have discussion with the recreation district about how this plan really unfolds, what it means to the residents in the incorporated areas of the County, how we are impacted, what the plans are in the County so that there is much more opportunity foe discussion and sharing of information and truly a plan to be developed and rolled out before decisions need to be made. If this was placed on your agenda it was may intention at that time to ask for your position of whether or not we support is or oppose this plan as we move forward. Based on where we are I would ask of you your consideration to allow discussions to continue but to keep you fully informed of those discussions and what may come out of that and what ever proposal may be made to the City of Greer by the Recreation District that that proposal be brought to Council for you to consider whether or not that is good or not, or in the best interest of the residents of the City of Greer. Mayor Danner does intend to speak at the Public Hearing Thursday night. Mrs. Ann Cunningham will be at that meeting as well. Our concerns with the

Recreation District will be communicated to them, because we don't really know how we will be impacted.

Lengthy discussion followed.

### **ITEM OF NEW BUSINESS ADDED TO THE AGENDA**

Ann Cunningham, Director of Parks and Recreation stated, she had an opportunity to go through the Greer Cultural Arts proposal and based on the programs listed and potential programs they could offer, that we can't offer now because of our limited space and when we looked at incorporating the Arts into City Park it made perfect sense. It would fit right in with our programming.

Mr. Driggers stated "We can certainly see their programs being an incubator for performances in the amphitheater, utilizing that as an asset to that facility as well." Our recommendation to you would be to consider their request to conduct a feasibility study. We would ask that they allow either Ann or a person she would designate would be involved in developing that feasibility study. So that we are at the table as week look at how that property could potentially used. All we've committed at this point is the feasibility study.

Councilman Baldwin made a motion for that recommendation. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Driggers stated "I would certainly recommend as a part of your motion that the feasibility study have a deadline."

Discussion followed.

Mayor Danner stated Council needed additional information from the Arts Council regarding the feasibility study before they would make a decision.

Mayor Danner asked if Councilman Baldwin would rescind his motion, Councilman Baldwin stated "yes", and Councilman Griffin rescinded his second.

Mayor Danner stated he look forward to seeing them again after they have obtained additional information.

Mr. Driggers stated we would be glad to assist you in any way.

Mayor Danner stated the building would be made available to the Arts Council.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Driggers withdrew his matter for Executive Session.

Mayor Danner stated and Executive Session was not needed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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Richard W. Danner, Mayor

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Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk