

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

August 26, 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, Sandra Anderson, Wryley Bettis and Belle Coxe Mercado. Councilman Joe Baldwin arrived at 6:50 pm. 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 6:34 p.m.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Mayor Rick Danner.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke during the Public Forum Session.

MINUTES OF August 12, 2008

Councilman Bettis made a motion that the minutes of **August 12, 2008** be received as written. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Councilman Griffin requested one correction under "Presentation to Council" Sentence ...extremely proud of this facility...not sure what goes after that. (Correction made, changed word "is" to "it")

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Miss Greater Greer and Miss Greater Greer Teen

Mayor Danner presented Miss Greater Greer a proclamation proclaiming October 18, 2008 as "Miss Greater Greer and Miss Greater Greer Teen Day" in the City of Greer.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Building and Development Standards, Engineering and Storm Water, Finance Report, Fire Department, Municipal Court, Parks & Recreation, Police Department and Public Services July 2008 Monthly Activity Reports were included in packet for informational purposes.

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

Finance Report for the period ending July 31, 2008.

Revenues: \$ 214,422.

Expenditures: \$ 928,532.

The City is currently 3% under budget for this time period.

PRESENTATION

State of the City Presentation

Mike Sell, Assistant City Administrator

Mr. Sell presented the State of the City Presentation.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator

UPDATE

Construction Projects Update:

Police/Court – We are about 97% through our punch list items at the Police and Courts Building. Very minor issues remain and we will continue to make sure we have those checked off as we move forward. Still a couple of technology issues outstanding but those are outside vendors we are working with individually. We have a great opportunity at this building, we have been informed by the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy in Columbia, they are coming here next month September 24th to film our new building as a state of the art Police Facility and Training Center. They will highlight some of the information available through our training center and encourage other municipalities and counties and sheriff's departments around the state to make investments for the technology available for continued education for law enforcement personnel around the state.

City Hall – We are projecting about 60% through our punch list items at this building. Due to the amount of rain over the last few days we have made several discoveries and have identified those and advised SYS of those issues. They've had personnel onsite to assist us with that.

Park - We are a little behind where we would like to be at this point. What we have discovered is that some parts of Park construction are dependent on the process preceding. We had a couple of scheduling issues with that but nothing with any great alarm. The dedication will continue as scheduled. The good news is going into the Fall we were concerned about the wear and tear on the sod, this will enable us to not have a great amount of traffic on the landscaped areas of the park until the Spring. This will help us establish our grounds. The dedication of the park will continue on schedule and be part of our community tree lighting celebration Friday, evening December 5th. We are not behind schedule as compared to our contractual agreement with our contractor.

Important Dates:

Dedication Gala - Thursday night October 2nd, more information will follow.

Ribbon cutting and Dedication of Building - Friday, October 3rd. We will have lunch on site and provide our guests with tours.

Community Open House - Sunday, October 5th from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm.

Employee Safety Breakfast – Friday, October 10th at 7:30 am here at City Hall.

Visit to Aiken – October 16th this is an all day event.

Audit – We are completing everything so that our auditors can come in and complete the financial audit for our previous fiscal year.

Mr. Driggers requested Council consider one personnel matter (department head annual review), one economic development matter (involving a project he and Reno Deaton have been working on) and one contractual matter (pending contract) in Executive Session.

Councilman Griffin stated “he has been getting a lot of complaints about an article that was in the paper today, the Greer paper, where Chief Reynolds made a statement that was deemed offensive by some and I thought is was stupid and asinine statement also. It showed a lack of respect for black police officers that we have on the force now and you know, if I were a young male, black male or young black female that was contemplating a career in law enforcement I just don’t think, you know that this statement has any place in our City.”

Mayor Danner stated this is an issue we would take up with the City Administrator.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPTION OF SAFETY STATEMENT

Mr. Driggers presented

Mr. Driggers requested Councils endorsement of the Safety statement so that it may be included in the upcoming revision to our Safety Manuel for all of our employees.

Councilwoman Belle Mercado made a motion to adopt the Safety Statement as provided. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

FIRST AND FINAL READING OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 9-2008
**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) AS THE BASIS FOR ALL
INCIDENT MANAGEMENT IN THE CITY OF GREER**

Mr. Driggers presented the resolution.

Councilman Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 9-2008. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

FIRST AND FINAL READING OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 10-2008
**A RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE CITY OF GREER BLOOD
BORNE PATHOGEN STANDARD TO COMPLY WITH
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
REQUIREMENTS**

Mr. Driggers presented the resolution.

Councilman Joe Baldwin made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 10-2008. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 40-2008
**AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO AND APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A NOT
EXCEEDING \$7,750,000 THE GREER TRUST INSTALLMENT PURCHASE REVENUE
REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2008 BY THE GREER TRUST TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO
REFUND THE OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THE \$2,200,000 THE
GREER TRUST TAXABLE INSTALLMENT PURCHASE REVENUE BOND (CITY OF
GREER MUNICIPAL COMPLEX PROJECT), SERIES 2006A BOND AND THE
\$5,000,000 THE GREER TRUST TAXABLE INSTALLMENT PURCHASE REVENUE
BOND (CITY OF GREER MUNICIPAL COMPLEX PROJECT), SERIES 2006C BOND;
CONSENTING TO AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A SECOND
SUPPLEMENTAL MUNICIPAL FACILITIES PURCHASE AND OCCUPANCY
AGREEMENT RELATING THERETO BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF GREER, SOUTH
CAROLINA AND THE GREER TRUST; CONSENTING TO THE FORM OF A SECOND
SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE TO BE ENTERED INTO BY THE GREER TRUST AND
THE PURCHASER OF THE SERIES 2008 BOND; AND TOGETHER THERewith AN
ASSIGNMENT TO THE PURCHASER OF CERTAIN RIGHTS TO PAYMENT AND
OTHER RIGHTS OF THE GREER TRUST, UNDER THE SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL**

**MUNICIPAL FACILITIES PURCHASE AND OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT;
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS RELATING
THERE TO; AND MAKING PROVISION FOR ALL OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO
THE FOREGOING.**

Ed Armendariz presented the ordinance. (Documentation attached)

Discussion followed.

Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 40-2008. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to discuss one Personnel matter, one Economic Development matter and one Contractual matter.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the matters as stated by the Mayor. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Mayor Danner stated that Council discussed one Personnel matter, one Economic Development matter and one Contractual 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 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk