

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

September 9, 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, Joe Baldwin, Wryley Bettis and Belle Coxe Mercado. Councilwoman Sandra Anderson arrived at 6:38 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 6:35 p.m.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Councilman Wryley Bettis.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke during the Public Forum Session.

MINUTES OF August 26, 2008

Councilman Bettis made a motion that the minutes of **August 26, 2008** be received as written. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Skipper Burns director of Public Services presented his annual report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
Ed Driggers, City Administrator

UPDATE

International House (Cathedral) of Prayer – We had contractually made arrangements, notification to International House (Cathedral) of Prayer, (they are leasing our auditorium property) that they did indeed need to have their certificate of occupancy by September 1, 2008. I am letting you know that they did receive that certificate of occupancy, it was issued last Tuesday. They are moving forward with the use of that property. Your minutes of last year reflected that you desired an update and the status of that by September 1st.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Danner asked about the status of the contractual agreement with International House (Cathedral) of Prayer regarding the use of the building and payment of insurance costs and such. Mr. Driggers stated the original contract is in effect. He also stated the only reimbursement to use is the fire insurance on that building. He will verify that that is being remitted.

Comprehensive Plan Project – Continues to move forward. The Steering Committee met earlier this afternoon, the Citizens Committee has held their first meeting looking at a few elements of the plan. Each of those groups have a few more sessions that will take them through the fall but that is moving extremely well. Mike Sell is coordinating that with other members of our staff. I am very, very please with how that process is moving forward. The Citizens Committee is fully engaged in that process and our Steering Committee is overseeing that and are equally engaged.

9/11 Observance – We are conducting a September 11th Observance through the Fire Department. It will be held at the flag pole and will coincide with other observances that are taking place throughout Greenville County at the exact time of the tragedy of 9/11.

Important Dates:

Dedication Gala - Thursday night October 2nd, this is a ticketed event open to everyone and I encourage everyone to participate in that. The invitations and notifications are going out this week.

Ribbon Cutting and Dedication of Building - Friday, October 3rd at 11:00 am. We will have lunch and tours immediately following the ceremony.

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

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The Housing Authority of the City of Greer Board of Commissioners

Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to reappoint Sarrell Strange as recommended. Councilwoman Sandra Anderson seconded the motion

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

David Seifert, Director of Finance and Information Technology presented
(Document attached)

Mr. Seifert presented the Actuarial Valuation of Other Employment Benefits as of July 1, 2007.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Councilwoman Belle Mercado made a motion to adopt the Post Employment Benefits as outlined by staff. Councilman Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

SECOND AND FINAL 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 THERETO; AND MAKING PROVISION FOR ALL OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE FOREGOING.

Ed Armendariz presented the ordinance. (Documentation attached)

Discussion followed.

Councilman Joe Baldwin made a motion to select "Option B" and approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 40-2008. Councilman Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Danner stated an Executive Session was not needed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk