

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

January 27, 2009

**MEETING LOCATION: 301 East Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29651**

WORKSHOP

Greer City Council met in a workshop with Mayor Rick Danner presiding. Council members present: Jay Arrowood, Sandra Anderson, Wryley Bettis and Belle Coxe Mercado. Councilman Wayne Griffin was absent. 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 Workshop to order at 5:44 p.m.

Mayor Danner introduced Dr. Judy Prince, Vice Chair of Upstate Together she provided information to Council regarding "Upstate Reality Check".

The workshop adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

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. 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 6:36 p.m.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Councilman Wayne Griffin.

Mayor Danner recognized a Boy Scout troop and they lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Mayor Danner swore in Paul Lamb as an Elections Commissioner for the City of Greer.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one signed up to speak.

MINUTES OF January 13, 2009

Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of **January 13, 2009** be received as written. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

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 personal day off with pay.

Matt Andrews has served in the Public Services Department for five years;
Susan Hall has served in the Police Department for five years;
Suzette Kimmons has served in the Municipal Court Department for ten years; and
Robert Arnold has served in the Public Services Department for twenty-five years.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Jim Benson

Mayor Danner recognized Jim Benson for his unselfish devotion to and his support of the Greer Community. Mr. Benson spoke briefly.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Building and Development Standards, Engineering and Storm Water, Finance Report, Fire Department, Municipal Court, Parks & Recreation, Police Department, Public Services December 2008 Monthly Activity Reports and the January 20, 2009 Planning Commission Minutes were included in packet for informational purposes.

Finance Report for the period ending December 31, 2008.

Revenues: \$3,827,547.

Expenditures: \$8,312,950.

The City is currently 6% under budget for this time period.

Brief discussion followed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
Ed Driggers, City Administrator

Mr. Driggers emailed calendar reminders to Council earlier this evening.

Information:

Calendar reminder will be sent to you via email.

2009-2010 Budget – We are beginning the process of looking at our 2009-2010 budget. Budget packages we delivered this week to our departments. Mr. Seifert and I will meet with each department head and review each department request. We anticipate a challenging budget and look forward to providing the level of service our community expects from us. We are looking at budget workshops and are scheduling those on the Tuesdays and Thursdays of our off meeting weeks, we will send those dates to you as well. We must have our budget in place by July 1st.

Council Retreat – We have blocked out February 26th and 27th Thursday (2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.) and Friday (9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.) for the Council Retreat. I will also conduct the new member orientation for our newest Council member Thursday morning just prior to the workshop.

Alarm System - Mr. Driggers asked Council to remain in the Council Chambers after this meeting to receive training on the Intrusion Alarms System for this building.

Construction Projects – are wrapping up the projects. We are approximately 98% complete with the punch list at Police and Courts we have a little work left in the sally port area. We are about to sign off on that building. We are about 95% complete on punch list items in this building. The Park continues to be under construction. The Park is complete from the entrance to the playground area. Some work still remains at the reflection pond; we are awaiting the arrival of the gazebo. The Park should be completely finished by the end of March. We are discouraging folks from walking on the grass at this time to allow it to mature. The Grand Opening of the Park will be July 4th more information will follow. Victor Park will have its opening day and dedication April 4th, the Opening Day of Baseball. In May we will hold the dedication of Stevens Field.

Mr. Driggers stated he had no items to recommend for **Executive Session**.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
Recreation Association Board of Trustees

No nominations were made for the District 3 or District 6 seat.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 1-2009
**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION
OF PROPERTY OWNED BY T.L. BALDREE, BALDREE
HOLDINGS, LLC LOCATED ON DEPOT STREET FROM I-1
(INDUSTRIAL) TO C-1 (CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT).**

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance. Ordinance 1-2009 appeared at the 1/20/2009 Planning Commission and received unanimous approval. No one spoke in opposition and a couple spoke in favor of. Neither the owner nor a representative of the property was present.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to receive First Reading of Ordinance Number 1-2009. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0. Councilman Arrowood recused himself from the vote.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 2-2009
**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION
OF PROPERTY OWNED BY WAYNE GATHINGS, ALLSTATE
CONSTRUCTION LOCATED AT 107 BRANNON AVENUE FROM
OD (OFFICE DISTRICT) TO C-3 (HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL).**

Staff requested withdrawal of Ordinance Number 2-2009.

Mayor Danner stated there would be no consideration of this item.

FIRST AND FINAL READING OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 4-2009
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN IDENTITY THEFT POLICY

David Seifert, Director of Finance and Information Technology presented the ordinance.

Councilwoman Anderson made a motion to receive First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 4-2009. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Danner stated an Executive Session was not needed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk