

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

**October 27, 2009**

**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, Lee Dumas, Wryley Bettis and Belle Coxe Mercado. Councilwoman Sandra Anderson was absent. Also present: Ed Driggers, City Administrator, Mike Sell, Assistant City Administrator, Carole Rosiak, Executive Administrative Assistant, Steve Owens, Communications Manager and various other staff and media. Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk was absent.

Mayor Danner called the Regular Session to order at 6:38 p.m.

Condolences were expressed to Councilman Wryley Bettis in the loss of his mother.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Councilman Lee Dumas.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No one signed up to speak during the Public Forum Session.

**MINUTES OF October 13, 2009**

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

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Building and Development Standards, Engineering and Stormwater, Finance Report, Fire Department, Municipal Court, Parks & Recreation, Police Department and Public Services September 2009 Monthly Activity Reports and the Planning Commission Minutes for October 19, 2009 were included in packet for informational purposes.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **Communications and Customer Service Standards**

Presented by Lisa Elliott, Human Resources Specialist and  
Steve Owens, Communications Manager

Mr. Driggers stated we have completed our Customer Service training with all employees and it has gone extremely well. We received very good feed back from everyone. As part of our Strategic Plan, Customer Service was a directive that you gave to us and we thought it would be appropriate to share some information with you on what we are training our employees to do.

Steve Owens and Lisa Elliott explained the process and shared the video. Handouts were given to Council.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Ed Driggers, City Administrator**

**Website Information Update** – Current information provided.

**Candidate Forum** – Thursday, October 22nd from 8:00 am until 9:30 am, at City Hall. The session will be recorded and broadcast on cable channel 15 daily until the day before the election.

**Thursday Thrillers** – Our Thursday Thrillers continues and will wrap up this Thursday night. We will have our final production late Friday night, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Victor Community** – We continue to work with our neighbors in the Victor Community regarding the Victor Mill cleanup.

**City Wide Election** – Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Veterans Day Breakfast** – Will be held Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for all of our employees that are veterans. It will be held here at City Hall.

**Greer Development Corporation Annual Meeting** – Will be held Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Speaker Robert W. Harrell, Jr. of the House of Representative will speak.

**New Employee Information** – Provided.

**Confiscated Funds Program** – We have had several questions related to the process of handling a request for expenditure of funds that come through our confiscated funds program at the Police Department. There are two sets of funds, one is the Drug Fund and the newest is the Confiscated Fund. I want to assure you the process and accountability of those funds is the same as all of our expenditure of dollars. The expenditure of those funds must be budgeted. Those budgets are reviewed and approved. There has to be a requisition process and review for the expenditure of those funds. All procurement that is required by the State of South Carolina and by our local code is mandatory. So we continue to follow all procurement processes under our City Code and of course authorization for final payment of any of those

funds is done by the department head and I'm involved in that process as well. The largest expenditure that we are involved in right now is the expenditure funds for vehicles and equipment and we reviewed that earlier in the budget process and we are completing that process now going through procurement for the purchase of those items. I want to assure you that the process and procedures for the use of those funds is exactly the same as it is for all city funds and that we are following all procurement processes that are required as well.

Mr. Driggers stated he had one Economic Development matter for consideration during **Executive Session**.

### **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals**  
**David Greer, AIA - term expires 12/31/2009**  
**Ralph Johnson – term expires 12/31/2009**

No nominations were made for the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals.

**Greer Housing Authority**  
**Harold Powers – term expires 10/31/2009**

Mayor Rick Danner made a motion to re-appoint Harold Powers to the Greer Housing Authority. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 6-0.

**Recreation Association Board of Trustees**  
**District 2, District 4, District 6**

No nominations were made for the District 2, 4 or 6 seats.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Second and Final Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 22-2009**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF**  
**PROPERTY OWNED BY 101 @ 296, LLC AND LOCATED AT 8310**  
**REIDVILLE ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO**  
**ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF C-3 (HIGHWAY**  
**COMMERCIAL) FOR SAID PROPERTY**

Glenn Pace introduced Michael McNicholas with Carolina Holdings, he is the investor with the LLC at Highway 101 and 296 and 296 @ Kist Rd LLC. Glenn Pace presented Ordinance Numbers 22-2009 and 23-2009. During the Public Hearing one (1) person spoke and his question was not related to being in favor or in opposition to the ordinance. He wanted to know if this affected his property. His address is 8315 Reidville Rd. His question was answered to his

satisfaction. After some discussion on the properties, the property located at 8310 Reidville Road was recommended for approval for C-3 and passed with favorable recommendation. The properties located at Hwy 101 and 296 owned by 296 @ Kist Road LLC, no one spoke in favor or in opposition to those. The Planning Commission made recommendation to change zoning classification of two (2) parcels located on Reidville Road to C-2 and the remaining three (3) parcels to C-3 as was recommended by staff, again no one spoke in favor or in opposition to the request.

Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to receive Second and Final Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 22-2009. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

**Second and Final Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 23-2009**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTIES OWNED BY 296 @ KIST ROAD, LLC AND LOCATED ON REIDVILLE ROAD AND HIGHWAY 101 SOUTH BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF C-3 (HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL) FOR SAID PROPERTIES**

Councilman Jay Arrowood made a motion to receive Second and Final Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 23-2009. Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

**Second and Final Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 24-2009**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY DAVID AND JILL ROSKOSKI AND LOCATED AT 107 GREENLEAF DRIVE BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-12 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) FOR SAID PROPERTY**

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance. During the Public Hearing no one spoke in favor or in opposition to the request. The Planning Commission's recommendation was unanimous approval.

Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to receive Second and Final Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 24-2009. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2010 Paving List for Greenville County**  
**Presented by Don Holloman, City Engineer**

Don Holloman, City Engineer provided information and explained the process in choosing the streets.

Mr. Driggers stated we have been notified by the Legislative Delegation Transportation Committee that they are extending the offer for the match program for road paving again this year. The match is fifty – fifty (50/50) for the three hundred thousand dollar (\$300,000.00) program with one hundred-fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) from the City and one hundred-fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) from the transportation funds they have that are available to us. We have the available funds in our Road Paving Fund to do the match and it is our recommendation that we would continue to participate in the match program so we can get double the paving.

Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve the 2010 Paving List for Greenville County and to participate with the Legislative Delegation Transportation Committee match program. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

**2010 Paving List for Spartanburg County**  
**Presented by Don Holloman, City Engineer**

Don Holloman, City Engineer provided information and explained the process in choosing the streets.

Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado made a motion to approve the 2010 Paving List for Spartanburg County. Councilman Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

**First Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 25-2009**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA TO**  
**AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF**  
**GREER PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.**

Ann Cunningham, Director of Parks and Recreation presented Ordinance Number 25-2009.

Councilwoman Belle Mercado made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 25-2009. Councilman Lee Dumas seconded the motion.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to discuss one Economic Development matter.

Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the matter as stated by the Mayor. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0. (8:07 p.m.)

Mayor Danner stated during Executive Session they considered one Economic Development matter and no action would be needed.

Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0. (8:20 p.m.)

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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Richard W. Danner, Mayor

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Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk