

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

March 24, 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, Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk, Steve Owens, Communications Manager and various other staff and media.

Mayor Danner called the Regular Session to order at 6:33 p.m.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Councilman Jay Arrowood.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one signed up to speak.

MINUTES OF March 10, 2009

Councilman Lee Dumas made a motion that the minutes of **March 10, 2009** be received as written. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Jerry Balding, General Manager Commission of Public Works

Mayor Danner and Council presented Jerry Balding with a proclamation in honor of his retirement from Commission of Public Works declaring March 31, 2009 as "Jerry Balding Day". Mr. Driggers presented Mr. Balding with a plaque in honor of his dedicated service to the citizens of the City of Greer.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Building and Development Standards, Engineering and Stormwater, Finance Report, Fire Department, Municipal Court, Parks & Recreation, Police Department, Public Services February 2009 Monthly Activity Reports and the March 16, 2009 Planning Commission Minutes were included in packet for informational purposes.

David Seifert presented the Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2009.

Revenues: \$10,454,925.

Expenditures: \$11,209,261.

The City is currently 8% under budget for this time period.

Brief discussion followed.

PRESENTATION

Ann Cunningham, Director of Parks and Recreation

Ann Cunningham presented a Request for Proposal for the Athletic Facility Concessions and specified city events as needed. The RFPs were advertised and opened for bid twice and only one bid was received. We requested an annual fee of \$3,000.00 per year or \$750.00 a quarter. The bid received from Allied Partnership is in the amount of \$500.00 a Quarter or \$2,000.00 per year. Allied Partnership is owned by Marie Jones Wilson and Matt Jones. Mrs. Wilson is the wife of Brian Wilson who works in the recreation department. I wanted to bring this to your attention. They asked for a change in what we had requested instead of \$3,000.00 per year that asked for \$2,000.00 per year which is \$500.00 per quarter based on the economy and the fact this is a new business. Our intent is to accept this bid unless otherwise directed by Council. We wanted to present this to Council because only one bid was received and for full disclosure that one of the principals of this business is related by marriage to an employee of the department. That employee has no supervisory responsibility over the concessions program whatsoever.

Discussion followed.

Council had no objections to the contract.

Councilman Dumas requested an update after one year.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator

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2009 Council Retreat Summary – Mr. Driggers stated Mike Sell prepared the Council Retreat Summary and it is contained in your package. It is provided as information and requires no action. Please review the summary and if we have listed something contrary to

what you thought we had discussed please let us know. We will bring this back to you in a work plan as part of our Strategic Plan in June.

Budget/Projects YTD – The City Hall project, the Police and Courts Project and the City Park project. Our budget for those projects was \$17,193,933.00. Contracts on those are \$16,402,452.00 to date we have processed pay requests for \$17,054,309.00 this difference to budget is \$139,624.00 under budget at this point. Of the \$425,000.00 we placed in contingency we have spent a portion of that but we are still under budget by \$139,624.00.

Business License – I sent you an email on Friday, in recent we weeks we have had some communication from our insurance agents here in the community. I have asked David Seifert, Finance Director and Vickie Adams, Business License Inspector to attend this meeting We have approximately thirty-five (35) agents that are in the City of Greer. Of those agents that we have identified we've determined that about half have the current business license that is required and about half of the agents do not have the required business license. We sent a letter to those indicating to them that we would like for them to contact us with some additional information so that we could determine whether or not they were indeed required under the ordinance to have a business license for their type of business. There had been some inquiry for our resident businesses on that issue and I know some of you have been contacted on that as well so we thought it would be an opportunity tonight to get background on that and explain where we are coming from regarding that.

David Seifert, Finance Director stated this afternoon some of the numbers have changed. He stated duplicate entries were found and the correct number of agents is twenty-three (23) and licensed businesses is seven (7). Three (3) of the twenty-three (23) cannot be licensed under statutory regulations. This leaves thirteen (13) unlicensed agencies we are presently working with those agencies to determine if any liability exists based on the way they do business. Mr. Seifert disseminated the City of Greer Code of Ordinance Chapter 18 Article II Licensing (attached) and a copy of the North American Industry Classification System (attached) and explained each in detail.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. Driggers stated he had no items to discuss in **Executive Session**.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS **Planning Commission**

Councilman Dumas nominated Clay Jones for appointment to the District 4 seat of the Planning Commission. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Recreation Association Board of Trustees **District 3**

No nominations were made for the District 3 seat.

OLD BUSINESS

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 8-2009 AN ORDINANCE TO CORRECT A SCRIVENER'S ERROR IN ORDINANCE NUMBER 22-2008

Councilman Bettis made a motion to receive Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 8-2009. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

2009 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING FOR SUB RECIPIENT APPLICATIONS

Mr. Driggers stated the staff makes no recommendations contrary to recommendations presented by the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to accept the recommendations as stated by Martin Livingston, Executive Director of the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority for the 2009 Community Development Block Grant Funding for Sub recipient Applications. Councilman Dumas seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

FIRST AND FINAL READING OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 5-2009 ALLOCATION OF GREENVILLE COUNTY CDBG AND HOME FUNDS FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2009

Martin Livingston, Executive Director of Greenville County Redevelopment Authority answered questions proposed by Council.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to receive First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 5-2009. Councilman Dumas seconded the motion.

Councilman Bettis amended his motion to accept First Reading of Resolution Number 5-2009 with a reallocation of funding in the budget of \$50,000.00 for Recreation from Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation. Councilman Dumas amended his second.

Motion carried 6-0.

TAXICAB SERVICE

Taxicab Service in the City of Greer

Councilman Bettis stated he would like to repeal section 94-75 *Exemption from division. All persons who have previously received a certificate of public convenience and necessity for taxicab operations from a neighboring city within a 30-mile radius of the city limits may, at the*

discretion of the city administrator, be exempted from the application (section 94-72), hearings (section 94-73), and issuance (section 94-74) requirements set forth in this division, from the City of Greer Code of Ordinance Chapter 94.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Driggers stated an ordinance will be prepared repealing section 94-75 and presented at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Danner stated an Executive Session was not needed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk