

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

April 28, 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 6:44 p.m.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Councilman Lee Dumas.

Boy Scout Warren Metcalf with Troop 107 led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Allison Clark – Bin 112, Trade Street – Spoke in favor of the Sidewalk Dining Ordinance.

Stan Christopherson – Great Bay Oyster House, Poinsett Street – Spoke in favor of the Sidewalk Dining Ordinance.

Ronnie Mark – Café Mundo, Trade Street – Spoke in favor of the Sidewalk Dining Ordinance.

MINUTES OF April 14, 2009

Councilman Jay Arrowood made a motion that the minutes of **April 14, 2009** be received as written. Councilman Lee Dumas 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.

Ronald Watson has served in the Parks and Recreation Department for ten years;
Brian Wilson has served in the Parks and Recreation Department for ten years;
Jeff Smith has served in the Police Department for fifteen years; and
Tammy Duncan has served in Administration for twenty years.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

David Seifert presented the Financial Report for the period ending March 31, 2009.

Revenues: \$11,782,260.
Expenditures: \$12,404,945.

The City is currently 10% under budget for this time period.

Brief discussion followed.

Mr. Driggers informed Council the mileage rate under state legislation at CPI plus growth for the new year will be capped at nine (9) percent.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT **Ed Driggers, City Administrator**

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Amnesty Day – Mr. Driggers stated Amnesty Day will be held Saturday, May 9th from 9:00am until 2:00 pm at the prior public services location on Buncombe Street.

Brief discussion followed.

Commission of Public Works Election – Held Tuesday, April 21st three (3) candidates participated, results as follows: Leland Burch 335, Robert Lynn 218 and Perry Williams received 328. The Citywide Runoff Election between Mr. Burch and Mr. Williams will be next Tuesday, May 5th from 7:00am until 7:00 pm.

Stevens Field – Dedication will be held May 30th. More information will be forthcoming.

North Myrtle Beach Fire – There was a substantial fire event in the North Myrtle Beach area, an area greater than the size of our City. There was a request for mutual aid around the state, the City of Greer responded, we sent a brush truck and three (3) personnel to North Myrtle

Beach and one of our personnel actually picked up a pumper truck from another department and took it down as well. We were there over the weekend and our folks returned safely. We responded as we knew you would that if that situation was happening in Greer, South Carolina that the people on the coast would respond to assist us. We were very, very glad we were able to assist with that it is very important that when you have an event like that that you can rely on mutual aid agreements from around the state and we were very pleased to offer our assistance.

Budget Workshop Scheduled – Attached. Council had no objection to the proposed budget workshop schedule.

Mr. Driggers stated he had no items for consideration during **Executive Session**.

Mayor Danner stated he had one (1) contractual item to discuss during **Executive Session**.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
Recreation Association Board of Trustees
District 3

No nominations were made for the District 3 seat.

OLD BUSINESS

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 10-2009
AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF
PROPERTY OWNED BY GREENVILLE COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY LOCATED AT 230 BIBLEBROOK DRIVE FROM R-7.5
(SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO PD (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT).

No additional information was provided.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to receive Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 10-2009. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-2009
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF GREER CODE OF ORDINANCE,
CHAPTER 94, VEHICLES FOR HIRE, ARTICLE II TAXICABS, DIVISION 2
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY BY
REPEALING SECTION 94-75 EXEMPTION FROM DIVISION.

No additional information was provided.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to receive Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 12-2009. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 13-2009
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF GREER CODE OF ORDINANCE,
CHAPTER 18, BUSINESSES BY ADDING ARTICLE XI SIDEWALK DINING
SECTION 18-500 PURPOSE AND REGULATIONS.

No additional information was provided.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to receive Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 13-2009. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

American Legion Facility Agreement
Ann Cunningham, Director of Park and Recreation

Ann Cunningham presented the three year agreement. (Attached)

Discussion followed.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to ratify the American Legion Facility Agreement. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

City of Greer Parks and Recreation Master Plan
Ann Cunningham, Director of Park and Recreation and
Dr. Bob Brookover with Clemson University

Ann Cunningham requested the Parks and Recreation Master Plan be adopted and incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Councilman Arrowood made a motion to adopt the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and incorporate it into the Comprehensive Plan. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Charter Communication, LLC
Application for State Issued Certificate of Franchise Authority
Mr. Driggers presented.

Mr. Driggers presented the application and requested direction on the response to the Secretary of State's office.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to accept without objection the Charter Communication, LLC application for State Issued Certificate of Franchise Authority. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Discussion followed.

Motion carried 5-1 with Councilwoman Bell Mercado voting in opposition.

Greer Station Association Boxcar Art Project
Ronnie Mark, representative of Greer Station Merchants

Ronnie Mark presented the proposal for "Boxcars Around Town Project". (Attached) He requested permission from the City to place the "Boxcars" on display throughout the City in the Public Right-of-Way in the sidewalk areas.

Mr. Driggers stated staff would work very closely with the committee in deciding where the displays would be placed.

Discussion followed.

Councilman Dumas made a motion to allow the Greer Station Association to place the "Boxcars" on display throughout the City in the Public Right-of-Way on the sidewalk areas. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Danner stated he had one Contractual matter to discuss during Executive Session.

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

Motion carried unanimously 5-1 with Councilman Griffin voting in opposition. (8:00 p.m.)

Mayor Danner stated during Executive Session they considered one Contractual matter they will take no action.

Councilman Griffin made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0. (8:14 p.m.)

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk