

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

**June 9, 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, Wryley Bettis and Belle Coxe Mercado. Councilwoman Sandra Anderson arrived at 6:42 p.m. and Councilman Lee Dumas 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 6:32p.m.

Mayor Danner recognized the passing of James (Jimmy) Roper James a citizen of Greer.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Mayor Rick Danner.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No one signed up to speak.

**MINUTES OF May 26, 2009 and June 2, 2009**

Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of **May 26, 2009** be received as written. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of **June 2, 2009** be received as written. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

## **PRESENTATION**

David Seifert, Director of Finance and Information Technology presented his annual report.

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

**Lunchtime Live** – There are three (3) remaining programs please join us on Wednesdays from 11:30 am until 1:30 pm.

**Moonlight Movies** – Continues on Thursday evenings outside under the stars in our amphitheater. We have had very good attendance; about two hundred and fifty (250) people came out for our last movie "Sleepless in Seattle". This week we will have "Back to the Future" please join us.

**Tunes on Trade** – Will begin on Friday evening June 19<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Greer Idol.

**Freedom Blast 2009** – Will be held here on the grounds of Greer City Park Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 12:00pm until 10:00pm. At 10:00pm we will have a tribute to the men and women of the military followed by a fireworks extravaganza. This is the Grand Opening of Greer City Park.

**Council Meeting June 23, 2009** – We have been meeting weekly and currently we have one item of business pending for this meeting. It is our recommendation that Council cancel the June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Mr. Driggers stated he had two personnel matters (Disciplinary action and General employment relationship with a current city employee) for consideration during **Executive Session**.

Mayor Danner encouraged Council to make their arrangements for the Municipal Association of South Caroline Summer Meeting.

## **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

### **Airport Environs Planning Commission Greenville County Designee**

Mayor Rick Danner nominated Michael D. Greer for reappointment to the **Greenville County seat** on the Airport Environs Planning Commission. Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

### **Board of Zoning Appeals District 2, District 4, District 5, At-Large**

Councilman Wayne Griffin nominated Glendora Massey for reappointment to the **District 2** seat on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Councilman Wryley Bettis nominated T. D. Campbell for reappointment to the **District 5** seat on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

No nominations were made for the District 4 or At-Large seats.

### **Municipal Judge Appointment**

Mayor Danner nominated The Honorable Henry (Hank) Mims for reappointment as the City of Greer Municipal Judge. Councilman Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

### **Planning Commission District 2, District 3, District 6**

Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado thanked Mr. Bob Benson for his service on the Planning Commission.

Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado nominated Brian Martin for appointment to the **District 6** seat on the Planning Commission. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

No nominations were made for the District 2 or District 3 seats.

### **Recreation Association Board of Trustees District 3**

No nominations were made for the District 3 seat.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 11-2009  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF GREER CODE OF  
ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 10, ANIMALS, ARTICLE IV DOGS  
BY AMENDING SECTION 10-107(a)(1)(3)(4) MINIMUM  
STANDARDS REQUIRED FOR KEEPING THREE OR MORE  
DOGS AND 10-108 PERMIT.**

No additional information was provided.

Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado made a motion to receive Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 11-2009. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to amend Ordinance Number 11-2009 Section 10-102 by deleting the sentence "*Such leash shall not exceed eight feet in length.*" In section 10-107 place word "outside" after "*Minimum standards required for keeping three or more dogs.*" Also delete sentence "*and shall comply also with such other rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the animal control officer.*" In Section 10-110 discussion held on fees but changing the fees was not the consensus of council. Councilman Arrowood requested amending Section 10-111 to add "as well as other recognized service dogs".

Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado amended her motion to include the above amendments.

Motion carried 4-2 with Councilman Griffin and Councilman Bettis voting in opposition.

**SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 15-2009**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF REAL  
PROPERTY TO EMERY PROPERTIES, LLC, GREER  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND ELIZABETH ANNE  
HENDLEY, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE  
QUIT-CLAIM DEEDS TO CONVEY SAID PROPERTY**

No new information was provided.

Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to receive Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 15-2009. Councilman Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**"SAFER" Grant  
Requested by Fire Chief Chris Harvey**

Fire Chief Chris Harvey provided additional information regarding the "SAFER" grant. The request to reduce the number of employees was denied.

Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to accept the "SAFER" Grant. Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion failed 3-3 with Councilman Arrowood, Councilman Griffin and Councilwoman Anderson voting in opposition.

**First Reading of Ordinance Number 16-2009**  
**CITY OF GREER BUDGET ORDINANCE FISCAL YEAR 2009 - 2010 AN  
ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE FISCAL AFFAIRS OF THE CITY OF  
GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFORE,  
LEVYING TAXES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the ordinance. (Budget memorandum attached)

Councilman Jay Arrowood made a motion to receive First Reading of Ordinance Number 16-2009. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

Discussion followed.

**Motion to Amend**

Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to amend the budget by moving five thousand dollars (\$5000.00) from the Street Lighting line item and place it in the Nuisance Abatement mowing fund line item. Councilwoman Sandra Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion failed 3-3 with Councilman Arrowood, Councilwoman Mercado and Mayor Danner voting in opposition.

**Motion to Amend**

Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to amend the budget by stating if the Rescue and Recovery fees come in at fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) move five thousand dollars (\$5000.00) from the Rescue and Recovery fee and place it into the Nuisance Abatement mowing fund.

Motion failed it received no second.

**Motion to Amend**

Mayor Rick Danner made a motion to amend the budget by adjusting the Nuisance Abatement line item to seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7500.00) and instruct the City Administrator to find that difference at some point in here. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

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

(Motion to receive First Reading of Ordinance Number 16-2009)

Motion carried 6-1 with Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado voting in opposition.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to discuss two Personnel matters. Councilman Wayne Griffin added an additional Personnel matter for a total of three Personnel matters.

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

Motion carried unanimously 6-0. (9:11 p.m.)

Mayor Danner stated during Executive Session they considered three Personnel matters and no action would be required.

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

Motion carried unanimously 6-0. (10:18 p.m.)

The meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

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Richard W. Danner, Mayor

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Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk