

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

August 11, 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, Lee Dumas, Wryley Bettis and Belle Coxe Mercado. Councilman Wayne Griffin arrived at 6:57 and 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 6:37 p.m.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Councilman Wryley Bettis.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

MINUTES OF July 28, 2009

Councilman Lee Dumas made a motion that the minutes of **July 28, 2009** be received as written. Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Miss Greater Greer and Miss Greater Greer Teen

Mayor Danner presented Elizabeth Leigh Tate, Miss Greater Greer and Ashleigh DeAnn Williams, Miss Greater Greer Teen with a proclamation declaring October 17, 2009 as "Miss Greater Greer and Miss Greater Greer Teen Day" in the City of Greer.

PETITIONER
Ginger Michalek

Ginger Michalek, 214 Laurel Road – stated “The biggest thing she was completely disheartened about is that it has taken two years for me to resolve an issue. She stated she was not here alone, she had her neighbors Erie Morgan and Betty Bridges here with her and the three of them have musketeered their way through trying to affect some resolution and better their community. Better their sub-division unfortunately her neighbor decided to have seven dogs and not clean up after them in the back yard. It is awful. It was so bad if I walked out to go work I would gag. My enjoyment of my property was trashed. I had no enjoyment of my property at all. Neither could Erie or Betty. At the time we actually felt like we were the nuisance because we kept calling Al Kassin so much. It’s been terrible. What we want you to know today is that this issue is important to us, nuisance abatement and animal control is an important issue to us we want these issues resolved and we want these issues resolved in a timely fashion and we don’t think it should take two years to have some one clean up their back yard. If you’re just talking about cutting the grass, that an esthetic issue, this was a physical issue and if you drive down Laurel Road you’ll see that every time it rained I was the recipient of the runoff and I’ve lived with it every day for two years. It is our opinion that persons choosing to live in the City limits of Greer should be required to follow the statues that you set forth on our behalf.”

Mayor Danner asked Councilman Dumas and staff to follow up.

PRESENTATION
InSite Consulting

Tonya Crist and Rob Cornwell – presented an overview and explained the process Council will be engaging in relative to the redevelopment of Allen Bennett Hospital.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT
Ed Driggers, City Administrator

Calendar Reminders:

Moonlight Movies – This movie series has three evenings left. This Thursday the movie will be Casablanca.

Encore Music – This music series has two evenings left. Please join us at the Gazebo this Friday from 7:00pm until 10:00pm.

Lake Robinson Day Event - This Saturday several agencies and groups will participate along with the residents. Our recreation department will participate.

Citizens Police Academy – This will begin September 17th and it is a ten week series. Applications are being accepted now.

Election – Election filings will end Monday, August 17th at noon.

Municipal Association of South Carolina – will conduct one of their regional “Road Shows” here in Greer. We will host this regional Road Show here at City Hall on September 2nd. Additional information will follow at a later time.

Alleyway – We have requested information regarding the alleyway issues from our attorney and have asked that he provide that information to us prior to the Victor Community meeting in September.

Mr. Driggers stated he had two items for consideration during **Executive Session**, one economic development matter (Allen Bennett Campus) and one personnel matter (Employee of Police Department).

NEW BUSINESS

First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 13-2009

A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GREER AS BEING LOCATED WITHIN A MULTICOUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK BETWEEN SPARTANBURG COUNTY AND CHEROKEE COUNTY AND COMMITTING TO ENTER INTO SUCH NECESSARY AGREEMENTS WITH THE FOREGOING COUNTIES TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Reno Deaton, Executive Director of Greer Development Corporation presented the resolution.

Brief discussion was held.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to receive First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 13-2009. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

First Reading of Ordinance Number 17-2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5:16 HIGHWAY TRANSITIONAL OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICT BY AMENDING 5:16.1, ADDING 5:16.2(B), AMENDING 5:16.3, 5:16.4, 5:16.10, 5:16.11(C), 5:16.13(A)(D)(I) AND (D)(III), 5:16.14(D) AND ADDING 5:16.14(H) AND 5:16.16 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance.

Lengthy discussion was held.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to table Ordinance Number 17-2009. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

First Reading of Ordinance Number 18-2009

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL CODES RELATING TO INSPECTION ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY OF GREER, GREENVILLE COUNTY AND SPARTANBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND ENFORCEMENT OF BUILDING PROVISIONS AS PROVIDED IN SAID CODE

Phil Rhoads presented the ordinance.

Discussion was held.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to receive First Reading of Ordinance Number 18-2009. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 5-1 with Councilman Wayne Griffin voting in opposition.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to discuss one Economic Development (Allen Bennett Campus) matter and one Personnel (Employee of Police Department) matter.

Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the matters as stated by the Mayor. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0. (8:04 p.m.)

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

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

Councilman Jay Arrowood left during Executive Session.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0. (9:04 p.m.)

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk