

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

September 22, 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, Sandra Anderson, Lee Dumas, Wryley Bettis and Belle Coxe Mercado. 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 6:31 p.m.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Councilman Jay Arrowood.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

MINUTES OF September 8, 2009

Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of **September 8, 2009** be received as written. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

**Greer Baptist Association Day
In recognition of their 50th Anniversary**

Mayor Danner presented Reverend Cletus Blackmon, Director of the Greer Baptist Association with a proclamation declaring Sunday, September 27, 2009 as "Greer Baptist Association Day" in the City of Greer.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Paul Chan

Mayor Danner presented Paul Chan with a plaque and Key to the City in appreciation for his talented artistic renderings in the community and in the City of Greer facilities.

Gerald Davis

Mayor Danner presented Gerald Davis with a plaque and Key to the City in appreciation for his talented photographic chronicling of the community and the City of Greer facilities.

Billy McCullough

Mayor Danner presented Billy McCullough with a plaque and Key to the City in appreciation for his dedication and support to his community, Greenville County Redevelopment Authority Board and the City of Greer and it's citizens for the past eighteen (18) years.

Tommy Freeman

Mayor Danner recognized Tommy Freeman, Building Inspector for receiving the "2009 Inspector of the Year" award from the South Carolina Plumbing, Mechanical, and Gas Inspectors Association.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

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

Revenues: \$541,116.

Expenditures: \$2,666,390.

The City is currently 2% under budget for this time period.

Mr. Driggers stated Council received a sixteen month calendar for Events Programming at City Park.

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

SCMIT – (South Carolina Municipal Insurance Trust) Annual Report Card – This is the group that carries our workers compensation insurance and program. We are an experience modified City which means the better job we do the lower premiums we pay. Out of ninety-three (93) possible points we scored ninety-three (93) for one hundred percent (100%) compliance with this program. This assists us in keeping our insurance premiums lower. We receive a ten percent (10%) decrease over all for meeting their criteria.

SCMIRF – (South Carolina Municipal Insurance Risk and Financing Fund) Annual Report Card – This is the group that carries our property and liability insurance. We are able to reduce our premium by almost fifty percent (50%) primarily because of our experience modifier. Out of sixty-four (64) possible point we could score we meet all sixty-four (64) items scoring one hundred percent (100%) on this program as well. Both of these are a testament to our employees and risk management program. This assists us in keeping our expenses as low as we possibly can.

Greenville School District Use Agreement - In 1998 the City of Greer entered into a use agreement with the Greenville School District involving the Chandler Creek Elementary School. At that time the ten (10) year agreement called for use to share some facilities on that site there was some belief at that time that we may do some expanded programming at that site but that did not materialize. We have been contacted by the school district to inquire if it would be our interest in renewing that joint use agreement. I've had an opportunity to meet with our recreation staff, it is our recommendation that we would not continue to do that. Because of the restriction that we had on that site and the hours we can actually use it we are able to meet our needs at other facilities. It would obligate us to some maintenance and upkeep at that site that we do not want to incur. It would be our recommendation that we not renew the agreement. It would not require action of Council at this point unless it is your desire that we would enter into a new agreement otherwise we would allow that agreement to expire.

Training:

We completed Supervisor training on a variety of subjects and we are engaged now in providing Customer Service Training to all of our employees. Department managers participated in the Customer Service Training yesterday. We've also offered some smaller classes in self-defense training for some of our employees.

Reminders:

Annual Safety Breakfast – Friday, October 9th at 7:30 a.m., here at City Hall. Additional information will be forthcoming.

City News – Placed at your table is updated information provided to you from our website. We will provide this information to you as it is updated.

Oktoberfest – A community festival will take place October 3rd, we encourage your participation in this community wide event in downtown Greer.

Tommy Freeman – As we stated earlier we are very proud of Tommy Freeman for this statewide award.

Mr. Driggers stated he had three Legal matters (Update on an issue that will require no action, an update from our City Attorney which will required no action and one matter related to our Business license program), one Contractual matter (Recreation Department) and one Personnel Matter (Police Department) for consideration during **Executive Session**.

**Creekside Development
Martin Livingston, Executive Director of the
Greenville County Redevelopment Authority**

Mr. Livingston made a presentation to Council regarding Creekside Development formerly known as the Biblebrook area development. In attendance were Joe Wilson GCRA (Greenville County Redevelopment Authority) Board member, Charles Gentry, Architect and Mike Chestnut with the Upstate Homeless Collation. The development will have thirty-six (36) elderly housing units and thirty-six (36) single family housing units and a community center. The development will have an underground detention pond. Finance sources for the development include the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (Federal Stimulus Program), HUD 202 Funding, Community Development Black Grant funding from Greer and HOME Funding from Greer. Approximate cost will be \$1,800,000.00 including streets.

OLD BUSINESS

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**

Mr. Driggers presented Ordinance Number 17-2009.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to remand Ordinance Number 17-2009 back to the Planning Commission for further review and to appoint a member of Council to serve on the committee. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 14-2009

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE UPSTATE ROUNDTABLE'S 20-YEAR
PLAN FOR SEWER SYSTEM GROWTH IN THE SALUDA, REEDY AND
ENOREE RIVER BASINS**

Councilman Arrowood made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 14-2009. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to discuss three Legal matters (Update on an issue that will require no action, an update from our City Attorney which will required no action and one matter related to our Business license program), one Contractual matter (Recreation Department) and one Personnel matter (Police Department).

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

Motion carried unanimously 7-0. (7:24 p.m.)

Mayor Danner stated during Executive Session they considered three Legal matters, one Contractual matter and one Personnel matter and no action would be needed.

Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0. (9:08 p.m.)

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk