

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

**September 8, 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 arrived at 6:39. 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 6:32 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Mayor Rick Danner.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

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

**MINUTES OF August 25, 2009**

Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion that the minutes of **August 25, 2009** be received as written. Councilman Lee Dumas seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

**PRESENTATION**

**2009 Upstate Roundtable Report – 20 Year Strategic Plan  
Presented by Glen McManus, Director of Operations, Renewable Water Resources**

The Upstate Roundtable is a volunteer collaboration of community, business and governmental leaders, as well as technical experts who are charged with reviewing and solving the challenges of aligning the Upstate's wastewater infrastructure capacity with its growth. The identified strategies are designed to optimize future capacity within the five Upstate counties of ANDERSON, GREENVILLE, LAURENS, PICKENS and SPARTANBURG. The wastewater treatment

system within those counties is served by the Enoree, Reedy and Saluda River Basins. The Upstate Roundtable will devise a Strategic Plan to focus its resources towards issues facing the agency and the community it serves.

- To conduct an inventory of current assets, including projects which are in the active planning stage, and assess those factors which impact the full utilization of those assets. This inventory will consist of roads, water sewer, electrical, gas and telephone services.
- To provide a coordinated forecast of sewer infrastructure needs over the next 20 years and develop a plan for meeting these needs efficiently and economically.
- To identify the resources – human, physical and financial – which will be required to implement the long-range plan.
- To educate the community on the necessity for implementing the long-range plan and to promote and encourage active cooperation among all essential entities, both governmental and private.
- To focus special efforts on planning for the construction of regional sewer facilities in the Saluda, Reedy and Enoree River Basins.

Mr. McManus requested a resolution in support of the plan.

Discussion followed.

### **PRESENTATION**

**Skipper Burns, Director of Public Safety**

Skipper Burns presented his annual report.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Ed Driggers, City Administrator**

#### **Reminders:**

**Inspirational Music Series** – Starting this Sunday afternoon in the amphitheater. It will feature many of our local churches and their choirs/ music groups. There is no cost to the public.

**Industry Appreciation Day** – We are co-hosting with the partnership for Tomorrow at Gateway Industrial Park. I hope you will be able to come out and participate. We will recognize many of our local industries, particularly those located in the Gateway International Business Park.

**GovDeals Auction** – Located within your packet is an itemized list of items disposed of during the auction.

**Poinsett Street / Miller Street** – Beginning tomorrow morning the Poinsett Street detour will take place. We have tried very hard to get information out on the detour. The sign will be unveiled first thing tomorrow morning. Work will begin tomorrow between the City, CPW (Commission of Public Works) and SCDOT (South Carolina Department of Transportation) and

AT & T. We hope the work will finish up in about three (3) weeks; this will depend on the conditions encountered when the work begins.

**Maplewood Subdivision** – We had an event in Maplewood Subdivision Saturday evening with some minor media attention. It turned out to be a small event but had the potential to become a truly catastrophic event. We had a major gas leak in the area and very quickly our Fire Department responded at the request of Greer CPW (Commission of Public Works). CPW was doing some service work there. We evacuated about thirty (30) homes in that general area; in less than four (4) minutes we were able to ascertain the need to evacuate and to make provisions to open an emergency shelter. I was very proud of our Police Department, Fire Department and our staff working with those folks, our Recreation Department responding so readily to get that in place. We have emergency plans for almost everything that can happen in the city, Saturday night was a great example of how those emergency plans work.

**Police Department** – Over the last two (2) years we have had general discussion that our police department was involved in a multi-jurisdictional event that would have forfeited funds provided to the federal government, state government and local government. We have been waiting for the process to unfold, the first installment of the forfeited fund to the City of Greer Police Department has been transferred to us and that was in the amount of \$1,300,000.00 last week. Those are restricted funds and are very specific on how they can be used. They can be used for public safety issues; they will be very well used by us over the next several months and coming years. We are anticipating additional funds. We anticipate when those funds a totally distributed that the City of Greer Police Department's share of the forfeited funds should total about \$3,000,000.00. We will have additional information and will provide an accounting for you on how those funds are used.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Driggers stated he had one Economic Development matter (update Allen Bennett Hospital) and one Personnel Matter (related to a Department Head) for consideration during **Executive Session**.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 19-2009** **AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY CURTIS E. AND GWYN M. HAWKINS LOCATED AT 906 S. BUNCOMBE ROAD FROM C-2 (COMMERCIAL) TO R-15 (RESIDENTIAL – SINGLE FAMILY).**

No new information was provided.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to accept Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 19-2009. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 20-2009**

**APPROVING THE FINANCING OF THE IMPROVEMENT, EXTENSION AND ENLARGEMENT OF THE COMBINED UTILITY SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA, THROUGH THE BORROWING BY THE CITY OF NOT EXCEEDING \$5,500,000 INCLUDING CAPITALIZED INTEREST, IF ANY, FROM THE STATE DRINKING WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND, BY AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA WATER QUALITY REVOLVING FUND AUTHORITY, PURSUANT TO TITLE 48, CHAPTER 5, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR AN AGREEMENT TO MAKE AND TO ACCEPT A LOAN; THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA WATER QUALITY REVOLVING FUND AUTHORITY; THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PROMISSORY NOTE FROM THE CITY TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA WATER QUALITY REVOLVING FUND AUTHORITY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.**

No new information was provided.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to accept Second and final reading of Ordinance Number 20-2009. Councilwoman Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**First Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 21-2009**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY O'NEAL VILLAGE, LLC AND LOCATED ON HWY 101 NORTH BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PD (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT) FOR SAID PROPERTY**

Glenn Pace presented Annexation Ordinance Number 21-2009.

Councilwoman Anderson made a motion to receive Annexation Ordinance Number 21-2009. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to discuss one Economic Development matter (Allen Bennett Hospital) and one Personnel matter (Department Head).

Councilman Lee Dumas made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the matters as stated by the Mayor. Councilwoman Sandra Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0. (7:38 p.m.)

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

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

Motion carried unanimously 7-0. (8:00 p.m.)

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Richard W. Danner, Mayor

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Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk