

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

April 10, 2007

**MEETING LOCATION: 1306 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650**

WORKSHOP

6:00 PM

Greer City Council held a workshop with Joe Newton from Appalachian Council of Governments to discuss Impact Fees (information attached). Mayor Rick Danner was present. Council members present: Wryley Bettis, Joe Baldwin, Jay Arrowood and Belle Coxe Mercado. Council members Sandra Anderson arrived at 6:08 and Wayne Griffin arrived at 6:25 pm. Also present: Ed Driggers, City Administrator and Municipal Clerk Tammela Duncan and various other staff and media.

Mayor Danner called the workshop to order at 6:05 pm.

Mr. Newton recommended gathering information and obtaining a feasibility study.

The workshop adjourned at 6:45 pm.

REGULAR SESSION

Greer City Council met in regular session with Mayor Rick Danner presiding. Council members present: Wryley Bettis, Wayne Griffin, Sandra Anderson, Joseph Baldwin, Jay Arrowood and Belle Coxe Mercado. Also present: Ed Driggers, City Administrator, Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk and various other staff and media.

Mayor Danner called the Regular Session to order at 6:52 p.m.

Invocation was given by Councilman Jay Arrowood.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one requested to speak.

MINUTES OF March 27, 2007

Councilman Bettis made a motion that the minutes of March 27, 2007 be received as written. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Danner read the proclamation declaring April 13, 2007 as the **150th Anniversary of the American Institute of Architects**. Bo Garland, American Institute of Architects President accepted the proclamation and spoke briefly.

Mayor Danner read the proclamation declaring April 2007 as the **100th Anniversary of Citizens Building and Loan Association**. Board members of Citizens Building and Loan Association accepted the proclamation. Robert Lynn spoke briefly.

Mayor Danner read the proclamation declaring **April 15 – 21, 2007 as National Volunteer Week**.

Penny Ayers, Development Director with Housing Consultants, Inc. Seeking a letter of support for a low income housing project in the City of Greer. The project is titled Cameron Cove it will consist of forty units (town homes) located on Bobo and Inglesby Street.

Discussion followed.

Council requested this item be place on the May 8th agenda for further consideration. Councilman Griffin requested Mr. Driggers find out what the fees would be for this project. Councilman Baldwin stated he felt it was a good idea for Mrs. Ayers to contact Commission of Public Works for their assistance.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers

Reminder:

Statement of Economic Interest – SEI forms are due to the State Ethics Commission no later than April 16th to avoid late penalties and fines.

Mr. Driggers requested permission to discuss one personnel matter and one contractual matter in Executive Session.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NUMBER 5-2007

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY BUNCOMBE PROFESSIONAL PARK LLC, LOCATED ON BUNCOMBE ROAD AND JONES AVENUE FROM O-D (OFFICE DISTRICT) TO RM-2 (RESIDENTIAL - MULTI FAMILY).

Reno Deaton, Greer Development Corporation and Spilman Short spoke to Council. Mr. Deaton stated Buncombe Professional Park LLC was withdrawing their request for financial consideration and are allowing Greer Development Corporation to intervene on their behalf in discussion with the tax assessors office. Glenn Pace stated the lot was platted properly now with C-2 zoning on the front and residential development in the rear.

Discussion followed.

Councilman Arrowood made a motion to approve Second Reading of Ordinance Number 5-2007. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 9-2007

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, LOCATED AT 1350 VALENTINE LANE FROM I-1 (INDUSTRIAL) TO R-12 (RESIDENTIAL - SINGLE FAMILY).

No new information was given.

Councilman Griffin made a motion to approve Second Reading of Ordinance Number 9-2007. Councilwoman Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-2007

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF A PORTION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY SAMUEL JR. AND CHRISTEL MANLEY LOCATED AT 415 CIRCLE DRIVE BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-15 (RESIDENTIAL – SINGLE FAMILY) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance.

Neither the owner of the property nor a representative appeared.

Councilman Baldwin made a motion that First Reading of Ordinance Number 12-2007 be approved. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 13-2007

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF A PORTION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY RANDY LEE AND JOSIE T. HATCHETTE LOCATED AT 304 HAMMETT BRIDGE ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-15 (RESIDENTIAL – SINGLE FAMILY) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance.

Neither the owner of the property nor a representative appeared.

Councilman Bettis made a motion that First Reading of Ordinance Number 13-2007 be approved. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 14-2007

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THOMAS E. AND MAXIE D. WOOD AND LOCATED AT HAMMETT BRIDGE ROAD AND DILLARD DRIVE BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PD-R (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT RESIDENTIAL) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance and stated he had received the statement of intent.

Neither the owner of the property nor a representative appeared.

Discussion followed.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion that First Reading of Ordinance Number 14-2007 be approved. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 15-2007

A SIXTH SUPPLEMENTAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA, COMBINED UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2007, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$5,700,000; PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Chuck Reynolds with Commission of Public Works presented the ordinance.

Discussion followed.

Councilman Baldwin made a motion that First Reading of Ordinance Number 15-2007 be approved. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to discuss one personnel matter and one contractual matter.

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

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Mayor Danner stated that Council had discussed one personnel matter and one contractual matter in Executive Session with no action needed.

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

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Council discussed a feasibility study regarding impact fees. Council then directed Mr. Driggers to seek additional information, positive and negative relating to other cities that have adopted the impact fee.

Mayor Danner stated he disseminated a copy of the Design Summit agenda to everyone.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk