

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

**May 8, 2007**

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

**REGULAR SESSION  
6:30 PM**

Greer City Council met in regular session with Mayor Rick Danner presiding. Council members present: Wryley Bettis, Sandra Anderson, Joseph Baldwin, Jay Arrowood and Belle Coxe Mercado. Councilman Wayne Griffin arrived at 7:05 pm. 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 6:33 p.m.

Invocation was given by Mayor Rick Danner.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No one requested to speak.

**MINUTES OF April 10 & 23, 2007**

Councilwoman Anderson made a motion that the minutes of April 10 & 23, 2007 be received as written. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 6-0.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Building and Development Standards, Fire Department, Court, Police Department, Public Services, and Recreation reports for March 2007 were included in packet for informational purposes.

Mayor Danner reminded everyone of Greer Family Fest this weekend.

David Seifert, Director of Finance and Information Technology, stated the following:

Finance Department: Finance Report for the period ending March 31, 2007.

Revenues: \$ 10,400,045.00

Expenditures \$ 10,874,639.00

The City is currently 7% under budget for this time period.

David Seifert introduced Deborah Loftis, the new Human Resources Manager.

Phil Rhoads introduced Don Holloman, the new City Engineer and Kirt Thompson the new Storm Water Inspector.

### **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

#### Certificate Presentation

Mayor Danner recognized the following employees:

Michael Hart has served in the Codes Department for five years.

Billy Campbell has served in Fire Department for twenty years.

### **PRESENTATION**

Mayor Danner read the proclamation stating **Sports, Spine and Industrial (SSI)** physical therapy and wellness company has been named South Carolina Small Business Persons of the Year for 2007. Amanda Somers accepted the proclamation and spoke briefly.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

#### Ed Driggers

#### **Reminder:**

**Municipal Complex Construction** – SYS Constructors have mobilized on the Municipal Complex and Police and Courts sites. Demolition will begin at the Police and Courts Building site. We will start immediately building the parking lot at the Poinsett Street and Miller Street site. I am still meeting weekly with the design team, those meeting will move more toward construction meetings now. We are on schedule and on budget and I will continue to give updates on the project.

**Rain** – Last week we had about three and one half (3 1/2) inches of rain fall in about a forth-five (45) minute time period. In the best of areas that much rain will cause significant problems. The Storm Water folks are continuing to meet with residents that

have given us calls over the last several days. We will review those concerns and monitor the areas.

**Budget Process** – It is our intent to provide to you in advance of the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting a proposed budget, asking you to consider first reading on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, then allowing for a series of workshops at your discretion. We hope to have the Public Hearing and Second reading at the first or second meeting in June.

**Impact Fees** – At your direction I am continuing to meet with individuals concerning the Impact Fees issues. I am making contact with municipalities that currently have impact fees in place. I will also make contact with the counties that have those in place as well. I hope in the very near future to bring an oral report to you.

**Department of Building and Development Standards** - We have implemented an organizational change in the Codes Department. Engineering is now structured as a division under the new Department of Building and Development Standards which is under the direction of Phil Rhoads. We feel this will prepare us for the move into the new City Hall building.

**Interim Director of Public Services** – I would like to ask Council's consideration in a recommendation that we move John (Skipper) Burns from the position of Interim Director of Public Services to the position of Director of Public Services. I ask Council to consider taking action on that this evening.

**Amnesty Day** – Lindsay Ellis gave a report on Amnesty Day held May 5, 2007. (Report attached.)

**Victor Community Update** – Lindsay Ellis gave a report on Victor Community. (Report attached.)

Mayor Danner asked if there had been any movement on the Victor Mill Parking lot. Mr. Driggers stated the parking lot has been purchased at tax sell but that person cannot take possession of the property until he is legally entitled to do so. He cannot go onto the property to make any improvements because of the liability associated with doing that. It truly is in a limbo situation. It will take one (1) year for him to take possession of the property.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Driggers stated he had no items to discuss in Executive Session.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **CAMERON COVE Letter of Support**

Mr. Driggers stated he was requested at the last meeting the look into the building fees. Based on the numbers we were given we think that would be around \$13,000.00 to \$14,000.00 in building permit fees.

Penny Ayers, Housing Consultants, Inc. spoke briefly. She stated she spoke with Randall Olson with Commission of Public Works and he requested additional information which she provided.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Driggers recommended providing a letter of support with no financial assistance to the project at this time considering our investment with HUD and the CDBG programs currently in place. I do not suggest we consider the waiver of fees simply because that has not been our practice.

Councilman Baldwin made a motion to provide a letter of support for the project. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

**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**

**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**

**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 requested ordinance numbers 12-2007, 13-2007 and 14-2007 be tabled.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion that Second Reading of Ordinance Numbers 12-2007, 13-2007 and 14-2007 be tabled. Councilman Baldwin 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**

No new information provided.

Councilman Bettis made a motion that Second Reading of Ordinance Number 15-2007 be approved. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried 7-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**REQUEST TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA**

Councilman Bettis made a motion to add an item of New Business to the Agenda. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

**NAMING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES**

Councilwoman Anderson made a motion to name John (Skipper) Burns as the Director of Public Services. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

Mayor Danner thanked Skipper and the Public Services Department for their hard work.

**BLUE RIDGE PLANTATION DEVELOPMENT**

**Request for Speed Bumps**

Mr. Driggers stated the request from Blue Ridge Plantation is to place Speed Humps in Zone II. The developer would pay the cost of the humps and the required signage and pavement markings. Because these would be placed on City streets it requires the consent of Council.

Staff concerns:

In the past over a period of time the neighbors/community asked that the humps be removed this would be at our expense. Also, we have public safety concerns. The placement of humps in residential areas does slow to some degree the response of police, ambulance and fire apparatus to a residence.

It is Mr. Driggers understanding that this request was from a resident in Zone II.

Discussion followed.

A representative from the development was not present.

Councilman Baldwin made a motion to hold this over to allow the developer or a resident to come in and make the request. Councilwoman Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

Deborah Loftis, Human Resources Manager updated Council on an employee issue. Mrs. Loftis stated Officer David Sherbert with the Police Department was in an accident in Georgia this past weekend. He is in the Intensive Care unit at August Medical Center. Mayor Danner stated a special account has been set up at Greer State Bank to receive funds for his family.

### **GCRA RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUB RECIPIENT APPLICATIONS 2007**

Martin Livingston, Executive Director of the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority submitted his recommendations for the sub recipient applications.(attached)

Mr. Driggers stated an application was submitted by the City for our summer camp program at the Needmore Center and that program was not included in this review. Mr. Livingston indicated they did not receive that in their packages of materials. We are quite confident that it was submitted. Under the CDBG program contributions to sub recipients are limited to no more than 20% of our total allocations. I would like to ask Council's consideration to an alternative recommendation, that there be an appropriation to Greer Community Ministries of \$15,000., Needmore Center Summer Camp Program of \$10,000., Greer Relief of \$7,250. and Greer Free Medical Clinic of \$5,000.

Discussion followed.

#### **Motion**

Councilman Griffin made a motion to accept the City Administrators recommendation of funding Greer Community Ministries at \$15,000., Needmore Center Summer Camp Program at \$10,000., Greer Relief at \$7,250. and Greer Free Medical Clinic at \$5,000. Councilwoman Anderson seconded the motion.

**Motion failed** 2-5 with Councilman Bettis, Councilman Baldwin, Councilman Arrowood, Councilwoman Mercado and Mayor Danner voting in opposition.

Mayor Danner recommended funding Greer Community Ministries at \$12,750., Greer Free Medical Clinic at \$7,750., Greer Relief at \$7,750. and Needmore Center Summer Camp Program at \$10,000.

**Motion**

Councilman Bettis made a motion to accept Mayor Danner's recommendation of funding Greer Community Ministries at \$12,750., Greer Free Medical Clinic at \$7,750., Greer Relief at \$7,750. and Needmore Center Summer Camp Program at \$10,000. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

**Motion carried** 5-2 with Councilwoman Anderson and Councilwoman Mercado voting in opposition.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 6-2007**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY GREG CARMAN AND DEBBY WILLIAMS, LOCATED AT 104 FLEMING DRIVE FROM RM-1 (RESIDENTIAL - MULTI-FAMILY) TO C-3 (HIGHWAY - COMMERCIAL).**

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance.

John Asher a representative of the owner was present, but did not speak.

Judy Wilson, 102 Fleming Drive spoke. (Letter attached)

Councilman Baldwin made a motion that First Reading of Ordinance Number 6-2007 be approved. Councilwoman Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 16-2007**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY EVELYN C. ROGERS AND LOCATED AT 1430 S. BUNCOMBE ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF S-1 (SERVICE DISTRICT) FOR SAID PROPERTY**

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance.

Greenville County Disabilities and Special Needs Board has purchased the property for a workshop, office and training center.

Representatives were present but did not speak.

Brief discussion followed.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion that First Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 16-2007 be approved. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 17-2007**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY DENNIS AND WANDA ROGERS AND LOCATED AT 1438 S. BUNCOMBE ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF S-1 (SERVICE DISTRICT) FOR SAID PROPERTY**

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance; he stated it is the same as Ordinance Number 16-2007.

Councilman Baldwin made a motion that First Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 17-2007 be approved. Councilwoman Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 18-2007**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY JANET P. FISKE AND SANDRA P. JONES AND LOCATED AT 3422 BRUSHY CREEK ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF C-2 (COMMERCIAL) FOR SAID PROPERTY**

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance.

Neither the owner nor a representative of the owner was present.

Councilman Arrowood made a motion that First Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 18-2007 be approved. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0, Councilman Baldwin recused himself from the vote.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Danner stated an Executive Session was not needed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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Richard W. Danner, Mayor

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Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk