

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

June 12, 2007

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

**PUBLIC HEARING
6:30 PM**

Greer City Council met for a public hearing with Mayor Rick Danner presiding. Council members present: Wryley Bettis, Wayne Griffin, Joseph Baldwin, Jay Arrowood and Belle Coxe Mercado. Councilwoman Sandra Anderson was absent. Also present: Ed Driggers, City Administrator, Carole Rosiak and various other staff and media.

Mayor Danner called the Public Hearing to order at 6:35 p.m.

SUBJECT: ORDINANCE NUMBER 19 - 2007

**CITY OF GREER
BUDGET ORDINANCE
FISCAL YEAR 2007 - 2008**

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE FISCAL AFFAIRS OF THE CITY OF GREER,
SOUTH CAROLINA, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFORE, LEVYING TAXES,
AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

No one spoke during the Public Hearing.

**REGULAR SESSION
6:36 PM**

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

Mayor Danner called the Regular Session to order at 6:35 p.m.

Invocation was given by Councilman Wayne Griffin.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke during the Public Forum.

MINUTES OF May 22 & 29, 2007

Councilman Bettis made a motion that the minutes of May 22 & 29, 2007 be received as written. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 6-0.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

David Seifert, Finance/Information Technology Director, gave his annual report.

Discussion followed.

PRESENTATION

Tom Meeks
Greenville County Planning Commission

Tom Meeks introduced the members of the Adhoc Committee for Public Notification on Development Projects. Members present Phil Rhoads, Glenn Pace, Lillian Hanley, Lindsay Ellis, Billy Martin, Councilman Jay Arrowood and Councilman Wayne Griffin. Mr. Meeks stated the City of Greer is in compliance with State and Local Laws regarding the notification and advertisement requirements for development related processes. The committee identified some things they felt would improve the processes that were in place. The recommendations were to post the property for final development plans, to enhance the website by posting the agenda of the Greer Advisory Review Committee meeting and to have the City adopt some kind of design standards for proposed water detention and retention facilities.

Lengthy discussion followed.

PRESENTATION

Jeff Zettle
Davis & Floyd

Jeff Zettle updated Council with a power point presentation. He described the changes made to **Chick Springs Road**. Mr. Zettle stated the final layer of asphalt should go down next week. We will have to wait twenty (20) days before we can place the final traffic lane lines on, that will be a thermal plastic line, heavy duty traffic marketing that should last for years. Mr. Zettle stated **Lorla Street** was the same type project rebuilding and upgrading, curb and gutters, sidewalks and drainage improvements. He described the changes in detail. He stated they had one remaining item that was the

steps to the church which will be finished next week. The retaining wall at Wal-Mart will be dressed up this week also.

Lengthy discussion followed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
Ed Driggers

Reminder:

Development of Parks – Ann Cunningham, Director of Parks and Recreation presented information concerning the development of two of our parks. Mrs. Cunningham spoke in detail regarding the proposed renovations of Stevens Ball Field and the City Ball Field. The cost would come from the debt service line item. Mr. Driggers stated he proposed that all of the work be done at Stevens Ball Field initially and completely finish that site and then do as much at the City Ball Field as we can with a plan to phase in anything that we are unable to fund at that time. (Information attached)

Discussion followed.

Construction Projects – We are moving forward and we are ahead of schedule. We are continuing to pour footings on both sites. We are now prepared to sign a GNP contract with SYS Constructors everything is on budget and is within ranges that we have originally forecast and everything is moving forward. What we have encountered on this site is an opportunity, and we needed to come back and get some direction of Council on exactly how we want to proceed. We recognize very quickly on the City Ball Field site because of the land area and geography there the opportunity of putting an out door basketball on that site as well. When we designed the City Park site we did not own the ball fields on Line Street so the designs done we based on the what we had at the time. Mrs. Cunningham and I have been reviewing our existing inventory of recreation facilities in that area. We are proposing to Council that we relocate the planned out door basketball courts from the City Parks site to expanding that to a double court and placing it at the City Ball field site (Old Victor Baptist ball field site). We believe that is a better use of the dollars. Because this would be a design change at the City Park site I needed approval of Council. What we are proposing for that area behind Cannon Street is expanding the parking area for the park and the Cannon Street Gym Site. This change would be at no additional cost.

Discussion followed.

Council's consensus is to proceed with moving the basketball court to the City Ball Field.

Mr. Driggers stated he had one personnel matter to discuss in Executive Session.

Mayor Danner stated he had one contractual matter to discuss in Executive Session.

OLD BUSINESS

Appointment to Board & Commissions
Airport Environs Commission – Greenville County Seat
Steven Siler’s term expires 6/30/07

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to appoint Barry Foreman to the Airport Environs Commission for the Greenville County seat. Councilman Baldwin seconded the motion.

Mr. Foreman introduced himself to Council and discussed his background and experience as a pilot.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

BLUE RIDGE PLANTATION SPEED HUMPS
Dell Burdette, Developer

Mr. Dale Burdette, developer of Blue Ridge Plantation spoke to Council regarding speed humps. He stated they were having more problems with their builders and contractors and outside people coming in and he was getting a lot of grief from the residents.

Discussion followed.

Council took information under advisement and recommended having the Police Department complete a traffic study and provide a recommendation to Council.

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 stated no changes, ordinance is as presented.

Representatives (Mr. Cunningham) were present but did not speak.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

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 stated no changes, ordinance is as presented.

Councilman Bettis made a motion that Second Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 17-2007 be approved. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0.

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 stated no changes, ordinance is as presented.

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

Motion carried 5-0, Councilman Baldwin recused himself from the vote.

Ordinance Number 19-2007

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE FISCAL AFFAIRS OF THE CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFORE, LEVYING TAXES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilman Bettis made a motion that Second Reading of Ordinance Number 19-2007 be approved. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Mr. Driggers stated the additional funds (\$27,000.00) needed for the garbage disposal has been placed in the budget in the Public Services section under contractual services. We added a twenty-seven thousand dollar (\$27,000.00) Fund Balance transfer on the revenue side. Those are the only changes. The twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000.00) is reflected in the ordinance.

Brief discussion followed.

Councilman Wayne Griffin stated "We have experienced a tremendous amount of growth and one of the main issues that came out of the community wide policing was the lack of visibility from the Police Department. I think we heard that again tonight from one of our newer neighborhoods is that there had been a lack of police presences. I think this budget should have added some extra officers."

Councilman Joseph Baldwin stated "My reason basically is that what we are doing is taking a recurring expense which is the extra garbage pickup and we are paying for it out of Fund Balance. I don't think we should pay for recurring items out of Fund Balance. If we could find a way to not do that I would vote yes."

Motion carried 4-2 with Councilman Wayne Griffin and Councilman Joseph Baldwin voting in opposition.

Ordinance Number 20-2007
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF GREER
ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 12, GARBAGE, TRASH AND
REFUSE BY REPEALING CHAPTER 12 IN ITS ENTIRITY AND
REPLACING IT WITH CHAPTER 12, SOLID WASTE.**

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion that Second Reading of Ordinance Number 20-2007 be approved. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Mr. Driggers asked for clarification from Council, I wanted to make that you are aware that in this second reading, we used the process of strike through and underline you will see that we made changes to the wording of the ordinance. Particularly defining how we are able to distinguish where we provide service and where we do not. Previously by policy of the City we did not provide service on private streets. Now at the recommendation of Mr. Baldwin we included language that would require a Hold Harmless from a Home Owners Association or who ever is the legal owner of a private street must give us a Waiver of Liability for putting our equipment in on a private street and a Hold Harmless is required for us to do that. In Section 12.4 we defined a standard vehicular street as a normal passage street that does not have parking spaces or a parking lot environment on the street which has created a problem. That is related to a new subdivision we have approved Brushy Creek Townes. This is a community that will have private streets, not gated but private. The reason they are private is the mixed use, it has detached single family residences with driveways and also in the same subdivision there will be detached and attached single family dwellings with parking spaces and not with driveways. By this ordinance it would say that we would pickup certain properties inside this subdivision but not others. We need direction from Council in how to apply the ordinance in that type of environment.

Discussion followed.

Council's consensus was to enforce the ordinance as written.

Motion carried 5-1 with Councilman Jay Arrowood voting in opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

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. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Mayor Danner stated that Council had discussed one personnel matter and one contractual matter in Executive Session.

Councilman Griffin made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk