

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

June 27, 2006

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

REGULAR SESSION

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; Tammela Duncan Municipal Clerk and various other staff and media.

Mayor Danner called the Regular Session to order at 6:41 p.m.

Invocation was given by Councilman Joseph Baldwin.

PUBLIC FORUM

Willie Phillips, 120 Vaughn Road spoke regarding Butler Plantation. He expressed his concerns regarding the condition of Vaughn Road.

Mark Capelle, 113 Vaughn Road, expressed his concerns regarding the condition of Vaughn Road and the neighborhood infrastructure.

Tony Barnett, 3313 O'Neal Church Road, expressed her concerns regarding the condition of O'Neal Church Road, protecting wildlife and traffic issues on O'Neal Church Road.

MINUTES OF June 13, 2006

Councilman Bettis made a motion that the minutes of June 13, 2006, be received as written. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 6-0.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Codes, Fire Department, Court, Police Department, Public Services, Recreation and the Surplus and Confiscated items Auction reports for May 2006 were included in packets for informational purposes.

David Seifert director of Finance and Information Technology stated the following:

Finance Department:

Revenues: \$ 11,786,904.00
Expenditures \$ 12,077,262.00

The City is 4% under budget through May 31, 2006.

Discussion followed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers

Chamber of Commerce – will hold their 1st Friday Luncheon July 7th. We received a request from the Chamber to allow the downtown business community the opportunity to have input in the design of the complex, Mayor Danner and the Municipal Complex Design Team will be attending the 1st Friday Luncheon next week to assist with this request. If you would like to attend please advise us as soon as possible, reservation are required.

New Budget – The budget will be printed at the end of the week and placed in your mailbox. It will also be available on the website.

Public Arts Policy – We are looking for direction from Council on how to proceed.

Planning Commission – We have some concerns regarding the attendance of the Planning Commission. The attendance record was given to Council and attached to these minutes.

Annexation Petition – One hundred and thirty-nine (139) parcels of property are being annexed into the Town of Reidville. This is of concern to us because there have been very public comments made stating the sole purpose of the annexation is to prevent the City of Greer from growing south of I85. The annexation attempts to form a blockade south of I85. A complete map is not available from Reidville. We are taking a look at who is involved and what properties are involved. It is our intent to pull together accurate and truthful information on our intent in that area and provide the information to the property owners. The Public Hearing is scheduled for July 20th, we will be represented. We will provide factual and honest information to the property owners so they can make an informed decision.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Driggers stated he has one personnel matter and one contractual matter to discuss in Executive Session.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

District 4

(Michael Schleimer's term expires 6/30/06)

Councilman Baldwin nominated Michael Schleimer for re-appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

At-Large

(Rob Lopez's term expires 6/24/06)

Councilman Bettis nominated Rob Lopez for re-appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

SECOND READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 32-2006 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY GREENVILLE COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND LOCATED AT LOT 57 VALENTINE LANE BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-12 (RESIDENTIAL – SINGLE FAMILY) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Councilman Griffin made a motion that Second Reading of Ordinance 32-2006 be approved. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES FEE REVISIONS

Requested by Ann Cunningham

Mrs. Cunningham explained each proposed rental fee for the Needmore Center, the Recreation Center and all fields. She asked that the fees become effective July 1, 2006.

Discussion followed.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to accept the request as a total package (the Facilities Policy, the Fee Schedule and the Accessibility Policy for the Recreation Department). Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 33-2006

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE PROGROUP LLC LOCATED AT 219 FOREST STREET FROM R-12 (RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY) TO C-3 (HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL).

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance.

Discussion followed.

Councilman Bettis made a motion that First Reading of Ordinance 33-2006 be approved. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 34-2006

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY WILLIAM WARDLAW SMITH, JR. LOCATED AT 321 MORROW STREET FROM R-12 (RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY) TO C-3 (HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL).

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance.

Discussion followed.

Councilman Bettis made a motion that First Reading of Ordinance 34-2006 be approved. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-2 with Councilman Griffin and Mayor Danner voting in opposition.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 35-2006

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE REVISED STATEMENT OF INTENT AND PLANS FOR THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS O'NEAL VILLAGE, LLC

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance.

Jeff Randolph owner of the Randolph Group (the developer) gave a power point presentation of the project.

Councilman Baldwin made a motion that First Reading of Ordinance 35-2006 be approved. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 36-2006
AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE REVISED STATEMENT OF INTENT AND PLANS FOR THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS BUTLER PLANTATION, LLC**

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance.

Mr. Shumpert with Arbor Engineer was present and spoke briefly.

Discussion followed.

Councilman Baldwin made a motion that First Reading of Ordinance 36-2006 be approved. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

**FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 3-2006
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA, AUTHORIZING A LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT, SERIES 2006 IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$1,182,950 RELATING TO THE FINANCING OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE LEASE AGREEMENT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.**

Mr. Driggers presented the resolution.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion that First and Final Reading of Resolution 3-2006 be approved. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

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. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carries unanimously 6-0.

The Mayor stated that Council had discussed one personnel matter and one contractual matter in executive session with no action needed.

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

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk