

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

July 25, 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, Joseph Baldwin, Jay Arrowood and Belle Coxe Mercado. Councilman Wayne Griffin and Councilwoman Sandra Anderson were 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 6:32 p.m.

Invocation was given by Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado.

PUBLIC FORUM

Douglas Lindy, 652 Arlington Road spoke regarding Annexation Ordinance Number 38-2006, Annexation of 649 & 655 Arlington Road. He expressed his concerns regarding the placement of forty-nine homes on eleven acres with the water runoff, traffic and poor water quality.

MINUTES OF July 11, 2006
&
MINUTES OF July 18, 2006

Councilman Arrowood made a motion that the minutes of July 11, 2006 and July 18, 2006, be received as written. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 5-0.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Mayor Danner and Mayor Pro Tem Baldwin recognized the following employees for their service to the City of Greer:

Glenn Pace has served in the Codes Department for five years;

Mixon Eldridge has served in the Police Department for ten years;
Bill Tarbutton has served in the Police Department for twenty years;
Bennie Brown has served in Recreation Department for thirty-five years. Each employee was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a day off with pay.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

Chief Chris Harvey informed Council the Fire Department had received a new 2006 Crimson Pumper (Engine 3) it was on display prior to the meeting.

Wes Wagner, City Engineer informed Council the City of Greenville presented the City of Greer Public Works Department with a plaque as a token of appreciation of the City of Greer's assistance during the Ice Storm last year.

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

Finance Department:

Finance Report for the period ending June 30, 2006.

Revenues: \$ 14,193,000.00
Expenditures \$ 13,427,000.00

The City is currently 2% under budget for this time period. We fully expect to utilize the remaining funds to close out the year. We are expecting to come in on budget on the expenditure side.

Discussion followed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers

Mt. Pleasant Intergovernmental Mutual Aid Agreement – We are working on an agreement between the town of Mt. Pleasant and the City of Greer. We have a number of statewide agreements but one of the things our costal communities realize is during a hurricane it takes several days for state and federal aid to be processed and received. They have about a five day window before a lot of mobilization occurs. Mt. Pleasant has lived through a lot of that and realizes what we live through, ice storms etc. They contacted the City during the last ice storm and offered their assistance. That embarked us on a conversation saying what do we do in those first hours after a major disaster? We created a two page agreement that basically states if Mt. Pleasant needs help there are certain things we agree to do, we will go there in twelve hours notice to aid them

and if we need help they agree to do the same. We have the responsibility of paying the expenses of the community that is coming to aid us. There will be some specifics to that, there will be some information presented at the Municipal Association on that. We wanted you to be aware we continue to grow our partnerships not only with the special purpose district and the people close to us but want to also expand our partnership to our sister city around the state. We hope the Council from the town of Mt. Pleasant as well as Greer City Council will take a look at these agreements and give us some guidance on how you may like for us to proceed.

Add item to the agenda – Mr. Driggers asked Council to add an item to the agenda under new business, he stated an additional annexation request came forward.

Reidville – No information to report, we are continuing to evaluate the situation.

Mr. Driggers stated he had one legal matter regarding the Police Department to discuss in Executive Session.

OLD BUSINESS

SECOND READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 37-2006 **AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF** **PROPERTIES OWNED BY RIDGEWOOD DRIVE LLC AND** **LOCATED AT 505 EAST WADE HAMPTON BLVD AND 407** **RIDGEWOOD DRIVE BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION;** **AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF C-3** **(HIGHWAY - COMMERCIAL) FOR SAID PROPERTIES**

No new information presented.

Councilman Arrowood made a motion that Second Reading of Annexation Ordinance 37-2006 be approved. Councilman Baldwin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

SECOND READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 38-2006 **AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF** **PROPERTIES OWNED BY WESTMINSTER PROPERTIES, LLC AND** **LOCATED AT 649 ARLINGTON ROAD AND 655 ARLINGTON ROAD** **BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A** **ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R 7.5 (RESIDENTIAL – SINGLE** **FAMILY) FOR SAID PROPERTIES**

Glenn Pace, Planning / Zoning Coordinator requested Annexation Ordinance Number 38-2006 be sent back to the Planning Commission. Neither the owner nor a representative was present.

Councilman Baldwin made a motion to remand Annexation Ordinance 38-2006 back to the Planning Commission. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Brief discussion followed

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

SECOND READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 39-2006
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY GREENVILLE COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND LOCATED AT LOT 56 VALENTINE LANE BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-12 (RESIDENTIAL – SINGLE FAMILY) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Councilman Baldwin made a motion that Second Reading of Annexation Ordinance 39-2006 be approved. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

SECOND READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 46-2006
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY RACHEL I. NEAL AND LOCATED AT 415 LIBERTY HILL ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-S (RESIDENTIAL – SUBURBAN) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Councilman Baldwin made a motion that Second Reading of Annexation Ordinance 46-2006 be approved. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

SECOND READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 47-2006
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY M. ROBERT EARWOOD AND LOCATED AT 421 LIBERTY HILL ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-S (RESIDENTIAL – SUBURBAN) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Councilman Baldwin made a motion that Second Reading of Annexation Ordinance 47-2006 be approved. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Arrowood made a motion to add Annexation Ordinance Number 48-2006 to the agenda. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 41-2006 **AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTIES OWNED BY CHARLES ALLAN FOWLER AND LOCATED AT 3375 BRUSHY CREEK ROAD AND 3381 BRUSHY CREEK ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF OD (OFFICE DISTRICT) AND S-1 (SERVICE DISTRICT) FOR SAID PROPERTIES**

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance.

Neither the property owner nor a representative was present.

Discussion followed.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion that First Reading of Annexation Ordinance 41-2006 be approved. Councilman Baldwin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Councilman Baldwin requested the owner to be present at the next meeting.

FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 48-2006 **AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY ILA M. PITTS AND LOCATED AT 416 LIBERTY HILL ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-S (RESIDENTIAL – SUBURBAN) FOR SAID PROPERTY**

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance.

The property owner is deceased; a representative of the owner was not present.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion that First Reading of Annexation Ordinance 48-2006 be approved. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to discuss one legal matter regarding the Police Department.

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

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Mayor Danner removed himself from executive session due to a conflict of interest.

Mayor Pro Tem Baldwin stated that Council had discussed one legal 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 4-0. Mayor Danner recused himself from the vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk