

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

**August 8, 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, Sandra Anderson, Joseph Baldwin, and Belle Coxe Mercado. Councilman Wayne Griffin arrived at 6:36 and Councilman Jay Arrowood 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 6:34 p.m.

Invocation was given by Mayor Danner.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No one spoke.

**MINUTES OF July 25, 2006**

Councilman Bettis made a motion that the minutes of July 25, 2006 be received as written. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 5-0.

**PETITIONER**

**CAMILLA PITTMAN**

**Miss Greater Greer and Miss Greater Greer Teen  
Thank Council for their support**

Mrs. Pittman introduced Miss Greater Greer Mindy Ticknor and Miss Greater Greer Teen Lauren Lytle. Mayor Danner presented each with a proclamation proclaiming October 14, 2006 as Miss Greater Greer and Miss Greater Greer Teen Day.

**PRESENTATION**  
**CRAIG, GAULDEN & DAVIS**  
**MUNICIPAL COMPLEX UPDATE**

David Moore disseminated an updated schedule for the complex. Mr. Moore stated they were midway with the Police and Court project and hope to bring information to Council within a few weeks. Tom Keith, landscape architect presented the plan for the park.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Driggers stated he and representatives from Craig, Gaulden and Davis met with Greer Trust prior to this meeting and received approval from Greer Trust to continue in this direction, of course they deferred to Council for your observations and comments. Is this moving forward in an acceptable fashion for you? Council's consensus was yes.

Mayor Danner recognized Boy Scout Troop 511.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**  
**Ed Driggers**

**South Carolina Retirement System** – We have set up a meeting in Columbia with the management of the State Retirement System concerning their assessment of some penalties on a late payment of retirement benefits. The meeting is scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup>, David Seifert and Pamela Bennett will be traveling with me and will meet with representatives of the state retirement system. We will review the circumstances involved and our issue and appealing their decision to assess penalties for that late payment. I will keep you informed.

Brief discussion followed.

**Palmetto Public Affairs** – We are setting up a series of legislative update meetings with the folks from Palmetto Public Affairs to allow you to have one on one discussions with them.

**Fall Planning Retreat** – I have some dates I will forward to the Mayor and you for your feed back if the dates work or don't work. Please let me know.

**Personnel Status Report** – Mr. Driggers stated a request was made by one of you requesting information when people are coming and going who are employed by the City for some reason. We will include it in your package on a regular basis.

Mr. Driggers stated he had one legal matter, one personnel matter and three contractual matters to discuss in Executive Session. Councilman Griffin added one legal matter.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS**

Bill Rettew's term expires 9/30/06

Buddy Waters's term expires 9/30/06

Craig Ticknor's term expires 9/30/06

Phil Rhoads stated he had spoken with each individual and they have agreed to serve another term with this board.

Brief discussion followed.

Councilman Joseph Baldwin nominated Bill Rettew, Buddy Waters and Craig Ticknor for re-appointment to the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SECOND 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**

No additional information provided.

The owner Allan Fowler spoke.

Discussion followed.

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

Motion carried 4-2 with Councilman Bettis and Councilwoman Anderson voting in opposition.

**SECOND 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**

No additional information provided.

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

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**BANK OF AMERICA PURCHASING CARD PROGRAM**

**Requested by David Seifert**

David Seifert presented the purchasing card program. This program will replace all current credit cards. Bank of America will code all cards to specific accounts; this will assist us with coding. We are asking you to give permission for Mr. Driggers and myself to move forward with this program and give Mr. Driggers the authority to sign the contract with Bank of America.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to adopt the purchasing card program through Bank of America. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0 with Councilman Baldwin recusing himself from the vote.

**BID SUMMARY – MEDIAN MAINTENANCE PROJECT**

**Requested by David Seifert**

Mr. Seifert requested this item be held over for the next meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to discuss two legal matters, one personnel matter and three contractual matters.

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 two legal matters, one personnel matter and three contractual matters in Executive Session with no action needed.

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

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

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Richard W. Danner, Mayor

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Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk