

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

January 23, 2007

**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 6:31 p.m.

Invocation was given by Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado.

PUBLIC FORUM

Craig, Gaulden and Davis updated Council on the Municipal Complex.

MINUTES OF January 9, 2007

Councilman Bettis made a motion that the minutes of January 9, 2007 be received as written. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Councilman Griffin requested a correction. Correct the minutes of January 9, 2007 on page 3 to reflect Spartanburg County Administrator Glen Breed.

Motion unanimously carried 6-0. Councilwoman Anderson was absent.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Certificate Presentation

Mayor Danner recognized the following employees:

Thomas Kovanda for serving in the Parks and Recreation Department for five years;
Travis Stamey for serving in the Police Department for ten years;
Jim Williams for serving in the Police Department for ten years;
Bobby James for serving in Fire Department for twenty years;
Leroy Wright for serving in the Public Services Department for twenty years

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

Finance Department:

Finance Report for the period ending December 31, 2006.

Revenues: \$ 3,549,545.00

Expenditures \$ 7,420,773.00

The City is currently 3% under budget for this time period.

Mr. Driggers stated the overage in the benefits section of the budget is due to the City being two months ahead on payments. The City is self insured and we have had to keep funds in that program as the expenses are occurring. David Seifert stated he expects to be even at year end.

Dan Reynolds, Chief of Police, gave his annual report. (Documents attached)

Discussion followed.

PRESENTATION Randolph Group O'Neal Village Developers

The developers of O'Neal Village, Randolph Group, desires to construct a timber vehicular bridge in O'Neal Village. Rob Gasbarro with York Bridge Concepts provided details to Council regarding the design, construction, and maintenance of a timber vehicular bridge.

Discussion followed.

PRESENTATION McKinley Cooper City of Greer's Basic Financial Statement

Toni McKinley, with McKinley Cooper presented the Basic Financial Statement to Council. Mrs. McKinley stated the City had a clean report with funds posting to the Fund Balance in the amount of \$736,548. (Statement attached)

Discussion followed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
Ed Driggers

Norcross, Georgia Visit – Mr. Driggers stated he and Mayor Danner met with a contingency of about fifteen (15) representatives from Norcross, Georgia, including their Mayor and Councilmember to discuss how we do things.

Municipal Complex Project – Next Tuesday night we will hold the public meeting on the municipal complex. It will be held in the community meeting room at Commission of Public Works from 5:30 to 7:30.

“Leatherheads” - We have not received official notification from the producers of “Leatherheads” but we have also not received any indication any decisions have been made otherwise. We are moving forward and making plans to accommodate the filming of the movie here. We have met with the downtown merchants that will be affected. The filming of the movie will not cost our tax payers any money.

1st Friday Luncheon – The City is sponsoring the 1st Friday Luncheon, Friday, February 2nd, and I want to encourage everyone to come out.

Legislative Action Day – For Municipal Associations is Wednesday, February 28th. We've made accommodations, if you plan to stay over please let me know otherwise I will release the rooms. This is also Greer Day in Columbia and we will probably see representatives from the Greer Chamber of Commerce on that day as well.

Charette – The Charette is planned for February 1st and 2nd as part of the Mayor's Institute. It will be held at the First Presbyterian Church. Twenty-five architects will be participating. Mayor Danner invited everyone to attend.

Mr. Driggers requested permission to discuss one personnel matter, one contractual matter and one legal matter in Executive Session.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

RECREATION ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DISTRICT / AT LARGE TRUSTEES

No nominations were made.

OLD BUSINESS

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 1-2007

TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,500,000) CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA, GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, SERIES 2007; TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE EXPENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

No new information was provided.

Councilman Griffin made a motion that Second Reading of Ordinance Number 1-2007 be approved. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 6-0.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 2-2007
**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF
PROPERTY OWNED BY MARION P. LEONARD, JR. AND LOCATED
AT 220 & 222 JOE LEONARD ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT
PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF
R-S (RESIDENTIAL – SUBURBAN) FOR SAID PROPERTY**

No new information was provided.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion that Second Reading of Ordinance Number 2-2007 be approved. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

**FIRST AND FINAL READING OF THE PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH
LAKE CUNNINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Harvey presented the contract. Four year contract effective date 3/1/07.

Councilman Baldwin made a motion to approve the contract with Lake Cunningham Fire Department. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 6-0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 3-2007
**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF
PROPERTY OWNED BY FRANCES C. SNOW, LOCATED AT 1587
POPLAR DRIVE EXT. FROM I-1 (INDUSTRIAL) TO S-1 (SERVICE
DISTRICT).**

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance.

Representative of the owner (Drew Williams) Phyllis Henderson spoke briefly.

Councilman Griffin made a motion that First Reading of Ordinance Number 3-2007 be approved. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

During Executive Session Mayor Danner recused himself from a portion of the meeting.

Mayor Danner stated that Council had discussed one personnel matter, one contractual matter and 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 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk