

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

**October 9, 2007**

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

**REGULAR SESSION  
6:30 PM**

Greer City Council met in regular session with Mayor Rick Danner presiding. Council members present: Wryley Bettis, Sandra Anderson, Joseph Baldwin, Jay Arrowood and Belle Coxe Mercado. Councilman Wayne Griffin arrived 6:36. Also present: Mike Sell, Assistant City Administrator, Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk and various other staff and media. Ed Driggers, City Administrator was absent.

Mayor Danner called the Regular Session to order at 6:33 p.m.

Invocation was given by Councilman Jay Arrowood.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No one signed up to speak during the Public Forum session of tonight's meeting.

**MINUTES OF September 25, 2007**

Councilman Bettis made a motion that the minutes of September 25, 2007 be received as written. Councilwoman Anderson seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Mercado requested one correction relating to Ordinance Number 38-2007.

The motion should read "Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to table Ordinance Number 38-2007 with the possibility of returning the ordinance to the Planning Commission for further consideration of the new information."

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION  
Certificate Presentation**

Mayor Danner recognized the following employees for their service to the City of Greer. Each employee received a resolution, a certificate of achievement and a personnel day off with pay.

Jason Bash has served in the Police Department for five years.  
Jody Norris has served in the Fire Department for five years.  
Marc Ford has served in the Police Department for ten years.  
Randle Ballenger has served in the Police Department for ten years.  
Scott Southern has served in the Police Department for ten years.  
Brandon Davis has served in the Police Department for ten years.  
Jimmy Holcombe has served in the Police Department for fifteen years.  
Perry Bowens has served in the Police Department for fifteen years.  
Scott Keeley has served in the Fire Department for twenty years.  
Russell Holthaus has served in the Police Department for twenty years.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Presented by Mike Sell, Assistant City Administrator**

**Construction Projects Update – Police & Court Facility** – Held the “Topping Out” ceremony last Friday, it was a huge success. Many employees attended and enjoyed seeing the progress of the building they will be working in. Brick work has begun at the Police and Courts building. They will work from the back of the building to the front of the building. **City Hall / Park** – Concrete pouring will begin the week. They will work their way from the top down, starting with the third floor this Wednesday. The next two floors will be done in succession over the next couple of weeks. There is the possibility we may pick up a few days and be ahead of schedule. The “Topping Out” ceremony is tentatively scheduled for the second Friday in November.

**Safety Breakfast** – This Friday at 7:30 at First Presbyterian Church we will have a Safety Breakfast for the staff recognizing their efforts over the past year in making sure we have a safe working environment. We welcome and invite you to attend.

**City Health and Benefits Fair** – Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at First Baptist Church Gym & Fellowship Hall. The fair will cover topics relating to health insurance and benefits. Flu shots will be given and lipid profiles can be obtained. We will have representatives from Ferguson Benefits Group, SC Deferred Compensation, PAI Claims Supervisor, Colonial Insurance, Greenville Federal Credit Union, Wellness Nurse, SSI, Greer Chiropractic and Nature's Choice available to answer any questions you might have. Times are 7:15am, 8:30am, 10:00am, 2:00pm & 6:00pm.

Mr. Sell stated he has no items for consideration in Executive Session.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 41-2007**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY WELCOME HOMES, INC., LOCATED AT 403 & 411 EAST FAIRVIEW AVENUE & KING STREET FROM RM-1 (RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY) TO RM-2 (RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY).**

Glenn Pace stated he had no new information.

Councilman Griffin made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 41-2007. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 42-2007**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY ARTHUR CHULKAS, LOCATED AT 1015 WEST POINSETT STREET FROM RM-1 (RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY) TO C-2 (COMMERCIAL).**

Glenn Pace stated he had no new information.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 42-2007. Councilman Baldwin seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-1 with Councilwoman Mercado voting in opposition.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 43-2007**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY JACK & ANDREA MURPHY & BRIAN DONNELLY, LOCATED AT 103 WEST FAIRVIEW AVENUE FROM C-2 (COMMERCIAL) TO R-12 (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY).**

Glenn Pace stated he had no new information.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 43-2007. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 44-2007**  
**AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT, THE LEASE AGREEMENT AND THE FIRST SUPPLEMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT RELATING TO A NOT**

**EXCEEDING \$2,000,000 LEASE/PURCHASE, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.**

No new information provided.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 44-2007. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MASTER PLAN FOR THE REVITALIZATION OF THE NEEDMORE COMMUNITY**

**Greenville County Redevelopment Authority**

**Executive Director Martin Livingston**

Mr. Livingston stated he was here to answer any questions Council may have. Councilman Bettis asked how much this project would cost. Mr. Livingston stated their initial estimate is three million dollars (\$3,000,000.) or more. This figure is based on infrastructure costs and the housing that is to be developed in the area. Mr. Livingston stated Ed Driggers, City Administrator has requested a final estimate of costs and funding sources that could be used. We are working on getting that done. Mr. Livingston state he believed about half or more of the CDBG and HOME Funds (\$500,000.) provided to the City of Greer by US Department of Housing and Urban Development would need to go to the Needmore Community to implement the plan. Mr. Livingston stated he would provide a recommended budget for the implementation of the plan. Mr. Livingston stated all recommendations in this plan are preliminary; we still need recommendations from planners and engineers. Mr. Livingston stated this plan can be changed as need.

Discussion followed.

Councilman Griffin made a motion to approve the submittal of the plan (Master Plan for the Revitalization of the Needmore Community) as explained by Mr. Livingston. Councilman Baldwin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 45-2007**  
**APPROVING THE FINANCING OF THE IMPROVEMENT, EXTENSION AND ENLARGEMENT OF THE COMBINED UTILITY SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA, THROUGH THE BORROWING BY THE CITY OF NOT EXCEEDING \$13,600,000 INCLUDING CAPITALIZED INTEREST, IF ANY, FROM THE STATE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING LOAN FUND, BY AGREEMENT**

**WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA WATER QUALITY REVOLVING FUND AUTHORITY, PURSUANT TO TITLE 48, CHAPTER 5, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR AN AGREEMENT TO MAKE AND TO ACCEPT A LOAN; THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA WATER QUALITY REVOLVING FUND AUTHORITY; THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PROMISSORY NOTE FROM THE CITY TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA WATER QUALITY REVOLVING FUND AUTHORITY; APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A SURETY BOND FOR CREDIT TO THE 2007A DEBT SERVICE RESERVE FUND; APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A GUARANTY AGREEMENT BY THE CITY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.**

Chuck Reynolds and Jerry Balding of Commission of Public Works presented the ordinance.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to receive First Reading of Ordinance Number 45-2007. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 46-2007**  
**AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 62-63 TO THE CITY OF GREER MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING PUBLIC URINATION AND DEFECATION**

Mike Sell presented the ordinance.

Brief discussion followed.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to receive First Reading of Ordinance Number 46-2007. Councilman Baldwin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 47-2007**  
**AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 62-117 TO THE CITY OF GREER MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING THE IMPERSONATION OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Mike Sell presented the ordinance.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to receive First Reading of Ordinance Number 47-2007. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 48-2007**  
**AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 62-118 TO THE CITY OF  
GREER MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING THE INTERFERING  
WITH OFFICERS IN PERFORMANCE OF DUTY**

Mike Sell presented the ordinance.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to receive First Reading of Ordinance Number 48-2007. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 49-2007**  
**AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 62-119 TO THE CITY OF  
GREER MUNICIPAL CODE THAT PROHIBITS OPPOSING OR  
RESISTING ARREST OR SERVICE OF PROCESS BY A LAW  
ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Mike Sell presented the ordinance.

Councilman Griffin made a motion to receive First Reading of Ordinance Number 49-2007. Councilwoman Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Danner stated an Executive Session was not needed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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Richard W. Danner, Mayor

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Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk