

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

November 28, 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, Sandra Anderson, Joseph Baldwin, Jay Arrowood and Belle Coxe Mercado. 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 6:38 p.m.

Invocation was given by Councilman Wryley Bettis.

Mayor Danner introduced Boy Scout Troop 27. They lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Bill Piergiovanni, 105 McDade Avenue, spoke in opposition to Ordinance Number 71-2006

MINUTES OF November 7th and November 15th, 2006

Councilman Bettis made a motion that the minutes of November 7th and November 15th, 2006 be received as written. Councilwoman Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Codes, Fire Department, Court, Police Department, Public Services, and Recreation reports for October 2006 were included in packets for informational purposes.

Chief Chris Harvey informed Council the Fire Department has been awarded a \$57,000.00 grant from FEMA. The grant is 90/10. We provide ten percent of the funding. Chief Harvey explained this was an Extrication Equipment Grant and provided Council with a list of items the Fire Department would like to purchase. Chief Harvey asked for matching funds of \$6500.00. The grant reduced the funding of one item from

\$8800.00 to \$8000.00; this is the additional \$800.00 we need. Mr. Driggers stated we did not fund the match on the general fund appropriation. Mr. Driggers recommended we expense it through the Fire Department and place a note at the end of the year to remind ourselves there was an additional \$6500.00 spent above the budgeted amount. Mr. Driggers felt it would be absorbed through the budget by the end of the year. We were asked by Council to remove it and if we were awarded the grant bring it back and it would be considered at that time. Mayor Danner stated Council would consider adding this to the agenda as a matter of New Business.

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

Finance Department:

Finance Report for the period ending October 31, 2006.

Revenues: \$ 374,818.00
Expenditures \$ 1,380,271.00

The City is currently 4% under budget for this time period.

David Seifert informed Council the Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) was signed yesterday for \$2,000,000. with a 4.88% interest rate with Bank of America.

David Seifert informed Council interviewing for the Human Resources position would be held this week on Wednesday and Thursday. 8 people will be interviewed.

Discussion followed.

PETITIONER
Camilla Pitman

Camilla Pitman introduced Miss Greater Greer Elizabeth Bethea and Miss Greater Greer Teen Lauren Cabaniss.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
Ed Driggers

Reminder:

Christmas at Greer Station this weekend - Christmas Tree Lighting will take place this Friday night at 6:00pm and at 6:30 downtown will be open for Open House. Saturday we will have Breakfast with Santa.

Employee Appreciation Breakfast - this Friday December 8th at Praise Cathedral at 7:30am.

City Surplus Auction - We have now been involved with GovDeals.com for one year and we have been very successful with that. Over the last twelve months we would

normally anticipate from an auction between \$60,000. to \$85,000.00 we have generated \$195,823.49 in the surplus auction program. Unless otherwise instructed we will continue to deal with our surplus equipment in that fashion.

Strategic Planning Session - Council requested additional research on millage rate comparisons we are now providing this information. (Attached)

Discussion followed.

We hope everyone will be able to attend the Holiday Drop-in this Saturday evening.

Lindsay Ellis presented Council with the Strategic Plan for the Victor Community. (Attached)

Discussion followed.

Mr. Driggers stated he had two contractual matters and one legal matter to discuss in Executive Session.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Councilman Baldwin nominated Mark Turnbull for re-appointment to the Election Commission. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

RECREATION ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DISTRICT / AT LARGE TRUSTEES

No nominations were made for District 2 (Tanika McDowell's term expires 12/31/06) or District 4 (Chris Cashwell's term expires 12/31/06)

OLD BUSINESS

SECOND READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 69-2006
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF
PROPERTY OWNED BY MOUNTAIN BRIDGE COMMUNITY
CHURCH AND LOCATED AT 2189 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD BY ONE
HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING
CLASSIFICATION OF ~~S-1 (SERVICE DISTRICT)~~ R-12
(RESIDENTIAL) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Glenn Pace provided additional information.

The owner nor a representative was present.

Councilman Baldwin made a motion that Second Reading of Ordinance 69-2006 be approved. Councilwoman Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

SECOND READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 71-2006
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF
PROPERTY OWNED BY V. MARIE NEELY AT 800 AND 802 NORTH
MAIN STREET BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO
ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF RM-1 (RESIDENTIAL
– MULTI-FAMILY) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Glenn Pace provided additional information.

Discussion followed.

Councilman Griffin made a motion that Second Reading of Ordinance 71-2006 be approved. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

The representative Phillip Ross spoke.

Motion failed 3-4 with Councilman Bettis, Councilwoman Anderson, Councilman Baldwin and Mayor Danner voting in opposition.

SECOND READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 72-2006
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF
PROPERTY OWNED BY MCKOWN, LLC AND LOCATED ON NORTH
BUNCOMBE ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND
TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF ~~S-1 (SERVICE~~
~~DISTRICT)~~ C-3 (COMMERCIAL) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Glenn Pace provided additional information.

Councilman Baldwin made a motion that Second Reading of Ordinance 72-2006 be approved. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

The owner Mr. McKown and Mr. Stewart spoke.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 74 -2006
**AN ORDINANCE TO CLOSE A PORTION OF MILLERVALE
ROAD AND TO MOVE THE ROADWAY TO A NEW LOCATION**

No new information was provided.

Councilman Bettis made a motion that Second Reading of Ordinance 74-2006 be approved. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Arrowood made a motion to add an item of New Business to the agenda regarding the Fire Department FEMA Grant. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

PROPOSED EXPANSION OF WIRELESS NETWORK
Requested by David Seifert

David Seifert informed Council of the proposed expansion of the public internet throughout the City involving the several City Parks. It will also extend the City network and we will install security cameras in several City Parks. (Attached)

Discussion Followed.

Councilwoman Anderson made a motion to accept the proposed expansion of the wireless network. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 73-2006
**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION
OF PROPERTY OWNED BY KAREN UPTON, LOCATED AT
106 CONNECTICUT AVENUE FROM RM-1 (MULTI-
FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO O-D (OFFICE DISTRICT)**

Glenn Pace advised Council the owner of the property requested this ordinance be carried over until the December 12, 2006 Council Meeting.

Councilman Baldwin made a motion to carry over Ordinance Number 73-2006 to the December 12, 2006 Council Meeting. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

FEMA GRANT APPROPRIATION

Councilman Bettis made a motion to approve the appropriation of money for a match to the Fire Department FEMA grant in the amount of six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500.00). Councilwoman Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Mayor Danner stated that Council had discussed two contractual matters and one legal matter 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 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk