

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

February 13, 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, 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 6:31 p.m.

Invocation was given by Mayor Rick Danner.

PUBLIC FORUM

Charles Lindsey, 189 Lemon Creek Drive, Lyman – Mr. Lindsey was to speak on the retention pond but stated he would forgo his speech and let the paper work speak for it self. Mr. Lindsey handed out a copy of an invoice relating to a printing charge and his rebuttal to the charge.

MINUTES OF January 23, 2007

Councilman Bettis made a motion that the minutes of January 23, 2007 be received as written. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Wes Wagner, City Engineer, gave his annual report. (Documents attached)

Discussion followed.

PETITIONERS

Betty Hines, 107 Kemper Lane, Greer – Spoke in opposition to the retention pond in her neighborhood.

Elizabeth Coates, 11 Delta Drive, Greenville, (Owner of property on Kemper Lane) Spoke in opposition to the retention pond in that neighborhood.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilman Bettis nominated John Holland for reappointment to the District 5 seat. Councilman Baldwin seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

RECREATION ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DISTRICT / AT LARGE TRUSTEES

Mayor Danner nominated Traci Farrington to serve the remaining term in the At-Large Trustee seat. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers

Department Head/Management Team Retreat – Mr. Driggers stated the department Heads and the management team spent time last week reviewing Council's strategic planning session, looking at priorities established by Council, spent time looking at Capital budgeting with Rock Hill and team building with the Columbia Police Department. Spent time at the Municipal Association with those folks and went to the State House and met with our legislators. It was a very productive for us last week.

Legislative Action Day – Reminder: Legislative Action Day is Wednesday, February 28th. We've made accommodations for you if you have indicated to us you plan to stay overnight.

Municipal Complex Project – During the Public Meeting we unveiled the renderings and designs of the building. We had a good response at the meeting. I received good feedback. We are in the process of doing a notice to proceed for the steel package for both buildings. Very shortly we should see steel arrive on site. We are still scheduled to mobilize in mid March. Tentatively place on your calendars the ground breaking for March 20th (Tuesday).

Charette – The Charette was held February 1st and 2nd. We had very good participation. Excellent suggestions and recommendations. We do have that on Power Point if you would like to see. It is also available on cityshare.

Victor Baptist Church Gymnasium – We closed on the recreation property (Victor Baptist Church gymnasium and ball park) yesterday, February 12, 2007.

Reidville – I placed a copy of the Court Order (Summary Judgment) in your box Friday. Dealing with the Reidville annexation challenge. The annexations were overturned.

Mr. Driggers requested permission to discuss one personnel matter in Executive Session.

Mayor Danner offered his thanks to the people that participated in the design process and the folks from the South Carolina Design Art Partnership, the South Carolina Mayors Institute and the architects.

Councilman Baldwin asked Council if they felt the need to hold a public meeting for the people in the Reidville area. Mayor Danner stated we would gage the interest in that.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY CONCERNS RETENTION PONDS IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS

Councilman Griffin stated his concerns about not being aware of the retention pond on the Nissan property. He was told it would be a holding area for excess cars.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. Driggers suggested creating an adhoc committee to discuss this situation in debt.

Councilman Griffin asked for the City Attorney's opinion of this process. He feels it was deceptive. Councilman Griffin will contact the City Attorney.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 7-2007 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A NEWLY CONSTRUCTED ROAD NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 14 AND WESTMORELAND ROAD BY THE CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

Andy Shared, engineer from Site Designs spoke.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion that First Reading of Ordinance Number 7-2007 be approved. Councilman Baldwin seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 3-2007

**A RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE CITY OF GREER
BLOODBORNE PATHOGENE STANDARD TO COMPLY
WITH OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH
ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

Councilman Bettis made a motion that First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 3-2007 be approved. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to discuss one personnel matter.

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

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Mayor Danner stated that Council had discussed one personnel matter in Executive Session with no action needed.

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

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk