

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

February 27, 2007

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Greer City Council met in a Public Hearing 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 Public Hearing to order at 6:34 p.m.

Subject: **RESOLUTION NUMBER 4-2007**

**ALLOCATION OF GREENVILLE COUNTY COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME FUNDS FOR
PROGRAM YEAR 2007**

Martin Livingston, Executive Director of the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority presented the allocations of the Greenville County Community Development Block Grant and HOME Funds for program year 2007. No one spoke in favor or opposition to the proposed allocations. Documents attached.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:41 pm.

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 6:41 p.m.

Invocation was given by Councilman Wryley Bettis.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one requested to speak.

MINUTES OF February 13, 2007

Councilman Bettis made a motion that the minutes of February 13, 2007 be received as written. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Codes, Fire Department, Court, Police Department, Public Services, and Recreation reports for January 2007 were included in packets for informational purposes.

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

Finance Department:

Finance Report for the period ending January 31, 2007.

Revenues: \$ 6,928,000.00
Expenditures \$ 8,640,000.00

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

Mr. Seifert informed Council the city will no longer use credit cards, we will now use purchasing cards. If you currently have your credit card please turn it in for cancellation and destruction and you will be issued a purchasing card. (Council purchasing cards were issued at the meeting). When the purchasing cards are used the amount will automatically be deducted from the account therefore will no longer pay late fees. City Hall, Recreation, Public Services and Court will have the ability to accept credit cards by Friday.

Discussion followed.

Fire Chief Chris Harvey gave his annual report. (Documents attached)

Discussion followed.

PETITIONERS

John Parnell, 7 Haynes Street, Greer – Shared his concerns in regards to illegal immigrants in the Greer area.

Judy Wilson, Fleming Drive, Greer – asked for her name to be removed from the petitioners list.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
Ed Driggers

Appropriations Request – Mr. Driggers stated Representative Shoopman was successful in getting a line item to the state budget concerning the municipal complex. It is not in the amount we are looking for but there is still a lot of the process to take place. The objective at this point is to get a line and we have a line in the budget. At this point there is a two hundred thousand dollar (\$200,000.00) appropriation from the General Assembly to the City of Greer for that project. It will continue to be debated on the House side and then it will go to the Senate as the prepared budget. All financial matters must begin in the House of Representatives then it will be debated in the Senate. The Senate will then produce their own budget, this budget will go to conference committee and it will be debated at conference and sent back to both the Houses to be ratified. It will then go to the Governor for his signature or veto. Then it will go back to the General Assembly for final action. This will continue to be monitored.

Pennsylvania Property - Closed last week on the Pennsylvania Avenue property. We are continuing to do some design and engineering at that facility. We look forward in a very short period of time to have an open house.

Municipal Complex Project – As part of our municipal complex project and particularly the construction of the Court and Police site it is going to require the temporary relocation of police department administrative offices. We are looking for space in the community. We were able to lessen the construction time line on that project by three months by doing the relocation of the administrative offices. The cost savings of that ninety days will far out weigh any cost that we may have in temporary measures for the relocation. Our primary objective in the temporary relocation is that it is an accessible and convenient location for people to get in because this is primarily the location where they will go for copies of reports. We are expecting about fifteen months for temporary relocation. I met with Craig, Gauden and Davis today to finalize the completion of the project. The next phase will be to enter into a contract with SYS giving us a guarantee maximum not to exceed price.

Legislative Action Day – Reminder: Tomorrow is the winter meeting for the Municipal Association and Legislative Action Day.

Compensation and Classification Study - We have contracted as part of our budget this year to do a compensation and classification review. We are in the process of doing that. It was awarded to Ernie Archer and Associates from Rock Hill.

One Item of New Business – I request that one item of new business be added to the agenda **Resolution Number 5-2007**.

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

Strategic Plan for the Victor Community – Lindsay Ellis presented an update on the Victor Community Strategic Plan. (Attached) Mrs. Ellis asked Council to please mark their calendars for the upcoming Community Gathering Event to be held April 21st from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the Victor Gym and the adjacent ball field.

Discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS

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**

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to Table Second Reading of Ordinance Number 7-2007. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL JOINT USE AGREEMNET
**Lease agreement between the School district of
Greenville County and the City of Greer.**

Parks and Recreation Director, Ann Cunningham presented the Riverside High School Joint Use Agreement to Council for their permission to forward the agreement to the Greenville County School District. Council recommended Mrs. Cunningham proceed to negotiate with the Greenville County School District regarding the joint use agreement.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 4-2007
**ALLOCATION OF GREENVILLE COUNTY CDBG
AND HOME FUNDS FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2007**

Councilman Bettis made a motion that First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 4-2007 be approved. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

FIRE SERVICE CONTRACT
**Fire Service Contract between
Spartanburg County and the City of Greer**

Chief Harvey presented the Fire Service Contract between Spartanburg County (East Greer Fire District) and the City of Greer.

Councilman Arrowood made a motion to approve the Fire Service Contract with Spartanburg County. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

PROPERTY LEASE
**Property Lease Agreement with 518 Property Management and Leasing LLC
and the City of Greer for tax map number G025.00-0100200.**

Mr. Driggers presented the Property Lease Agreement with 518 Property Management and Leasing LLC and the City of Greer for tax map number G025.00-0100200 to Council.

Councilman Griffin made a motion to approve the Property Lease Agreement with 518 Property Management and Leasing LLC and the City of Greer. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 6-0. Councilman Baldwin recused himself from the vote. (Recusal form attached).

REQUEST TO ADD AN ITEM OF NEW BUSINESS TO THE AGENDA

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to add an item of New Business (Resolution Number 5-2007) to the agenda. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 5-2007
**OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA,
DESIGNATING THE CITY'S \$1,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION
BOND, SERIES 2007, AS AMENDED AND RESTATED, AS A
"QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATION"; AUTHORIZING THE
EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTS AND
CERTIFICATES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.**

Mr. Driggers and David Seifert presented the resolution.

Councilman Griffin made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 5-2007. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 4-2007
**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION
OF PROPERTY OWNED BY GREENVILLE COUNTY
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, LOCATED AT 230 BIBLEBROOK
DRIVE FROM RM-1 (RESIDENTIAL - MULTI-FAMILY) TO R 7.5
(RESIDENTIAL - SINGLE FAMILY).**

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance.

Martin Livingston, Executive Director of the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority spoke.

Councilman Baldwin made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 4-2007. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 6-0. Councilwoman Anderson was absent from Council Chambers.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 5-2007
**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING
CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY BUNCOMBE
PROFESSIONAL PARK LLC, LOCATED ON BUNCOMBE
ROAD AND JONES AVENUE FROM O-D (OFFICE DISTRICT)
TO RM-2 (RESIDENTIAL - MULTI FAMILY).**

Glenn Pace Presented the ordinance.

Mark Holmes a representative of the owner spoke.

Discussion followed.

Councilman Arrowood made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 5-2007. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 6-2007
**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION
OF PROPERTY OWNED BY GREG CARMAN AND DEBBY
WILLIAMS, LOCATED AT 104 FLEMING DRIVE FROM RM-1
(RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY) TO C-3 (HIGHWAY -
COMMERCIAL).**

Councilman Bettis made a motion to Table First Reading of Ordinance Number 6-2007. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 8-2007

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF ABNER CREEK ROAD AND GIN HOUSE ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION METHOD AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-10, RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY, FOR SAID PROPERTY

Glenn Pace Presented the ordinance.

Neither the owner nor a representative was present.

Discussion followed.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 8-2007. Councilman Baldwin seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

PMPA FUNDS

Requested by Councilman Baldwin

Councilman Baldwin expressed his concerns over a recent newspaper article stating PMPA funded political campaigns. He feels it is not appropriate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to discuss two contractual matters, two personnel matters and one legal 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 two contractual matters, two personnel 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 6-0. Councilwoman Anderson left the Council Meeting during Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk