

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

May 22, 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, 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 6:37 p.m.

Invocation was given by Councilman Wryley Bettis.

PUBLIC FORUM

Gerald Cronin, 210 Highland Drive, request for Council to consider placing a flag in Mountain View Cemetery.

MINUTES OF May 8, 2007

Councilman Bettis made a motion that the minutes of May 8, 2007 be received as written. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 6-0.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Building and Development Standards, Fire Department, Court, Police Department, Public Services, and Recreation reports for April 2007 were included in packet for informational purposes.

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

Finance Department: Finance Report for the period ending April 30, 2007.

Revenues: \$ 11,565,463.00
Expenditures \$ 12,162,277.00

The City is currently 7% under budget for this time period.

Brief discussion followed.

PETITIONERS

James Grubbs, Ellison Rd, Lyman, owner of building leased to Southern Tymes Restaurant. Mr. Grubbs feels he should not have to pay a business license fee on the building because the occupant pays a business license fee along with the company he uses to rent the building.

John Bailey – Mr. Bailey did not appear.

PRESENTATION

Mike Teachy
Greenville County Recreation District

Mike Teachy, Director of Community Relations with the Greenville County Recreation District and the Campaign Director for Camp Spearhead – Camp Spearhead serves youths and adults with special needs, it has been in existence since 1968. Mr. Teachy invited Council to participate in raising ten million dollars for Camp Spearhead.

Lengthy discussion followed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers

Reminder:

Greer Family Fest – Note of appreciation and praise to our departments that were actively involved in the festival. It was a tremendous success.

Construction Projects – Our construction projects are continuing to move forward. We are moving forward with the parking lot at Miller St and Poinsett St and the underground storm water detention facility. We will patch Miller St beginning tomorrow. We have posted on the front page of our website a weekly update showing the progress taking place at the different construction sites. We have also posted on the front page of our website public information regarding road closures, detours etc. This information is also posted on the cable channel.

SYS Constructors – We are continuing to work with SYS Constructors on the guaranteed price of the park. We have had a series of meeting on that, I feel very

confident the contracts that will be signed on that project will be within the scope of work we've all agreed to.

Legislative Delegation Transportation Committee – I will attend the Legislative Delegation Transportation Committee meeting this Thursday evening; we want to make sure the transportation dollars made available to us are allocated to us. We want to show the committee that Municipalities rely on those dollars. I invite you to join me this Thursday at 5:15 at County Square.

Spending Cap – As you are aware there are subcommittee hearings taking place in Columbia dealing with spending caps for local governments of course those spending caps would relate to all levels of local government with that is a municipality, county, schools district or special district. We should be greatly concerned about the discussion taking place involving that, on the surface when you look at "Should government in general have some type of caps?" Obviously every individual may have differing opinions on that, but under home rule that we've been experiencing in South Carolina since 1976 it is very important that local government have the ability to manage the affairs of the community in a way that elected officials see fit. This legislation for a growing community is very detrimental. The committee is meeting again this Thursday and I encourage you to make your opinion known.

We will have a report from the adhoc committee looking at development standards and other information next meeting. They are prepared to bring recommendations to Council.

Mr. Driggers stated he had two contractual matters to discuss in Executive Session.

OLD BUSINESS

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).

No new information was provided.

Councilman Bettis made a motion that Second Reading of Ordinance Number 6-2007 be approved. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment to Board & Commissions
Airport Environs Commission – Greenville County Seat

Steven Siler's term expires 6/30/07

No nominations were made. Councilman Baldwin requested this item be carried over to the next meeting and have the clerk provide additional information.

1 Year Extension of Planned Development
(Ordinance Number 25-2006)

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY FRANK W. BEACHAM LOCATED ON BRUSHY CREEK ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PD-R (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT - RESIDENTIAL) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Glenn Pace presented the request for the one year extension.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to approve the request for the one year extension of the PD-R (Planned Development – Residential) for Ordinance Number 25-2006. Councilman Baldwin seconded the motion.

Kearey Warner, Developer spoke briefly. He indicated the plan should be ready by the end of June.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

1 Year Extension of Planned Development
(Ordinance Number 26-2006 & Ordinance Number 28-2006)

Ordinance Number 26-2006 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY JOHN R. MEDLOCK SR., MARGIE D. MEDLOCK, AND MARY LOUISE DILL, LOCATED AT SOUTH SUBER ROAD & SUBER MILL ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PD-R (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT - RESIDENTIAL) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Ordinance Number 28-2006 - AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY JOHNNIE H. & WALTER M. HENDERSON, LOCATED AT 535 OLD CHICK SPRINGS ROAD FROM R-12 (SINGLE FAMILY - RESIDENTIAL) TO PD-R (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT - RESIDENTIAL).

Glenn Pace presented the request for the one year extension; he stated there is a new developer (Wood Partners). Statement of Intent included. Neither the owner nor a representative was present.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to approve the request for the one year extension of the PD-R (Planned Development – Residential) for Ordinance Number 26-2006 and Ordinance Number 28-2006. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Ordinance Number 19-2007
**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE FISCAL
AFFAIRS OF THE CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA,
MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFORE, LEVYING TAXES, AND TO
PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mr. Driggers and David Seifert presented the ordinance.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion that First Reading of Ordinance Number 19-2007 be approved. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Councilman Baldwin requested a budget workshop session to be held next Tuesday at 6:30 pm with department heads present. Council was in agreement.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Ordinance Number 20-2007
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF GREER
ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 12, GARBAGE, TRASH AND
REFUSE BY REPEALING CHAPTER 12 IN ITS ENTIRITY AND
REPLACING IT WITH CHAPTER 12, SOLID WASTE.**

Mr. Driggers presented the ordinance. Mr. Driggers stated we were in the process of making major changes to the solid waste ordinance (Refuse, Garbage Collection) it had not been substantially updated for a number of years. Councilwoman Mercado requested that we provide a provision that residential service would be made available to all communities that are serviced on what we consider a normal vehicular street. We found that we had not defined our service area. Section 12-4 in this provision states residential service will be made available to all of our communities that are serviced on a normal vehicle street.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion that First Reading of Ordinance Number 20-2007 be approved. Councilman Baldwin seconded the motion.

Lengthy discussion followed.

The allocation for cost of the service will be discussed during the budget workshop.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

City Cemetery
Appropriateness of flying a flag at the City Cemetery.
Requested by Councilman Baldwin.

Councilman Baldwin stated it has been brought to his attention that most cemeteries around have a flag. He feels if we could place a flag at Mountain View Cemetery that would not have to be taken down all of the time that would be appropriate.

Councilwoman Mercado stated the City of Greer has done an excellent job of honoring our Veterans by establishing a park in a very prominent location that specifically honors our veterans and that is Veteran's Park in the Victor Community.

Discussion followed.

Councilman Baldwin made a motion that if Council determines there is a spot appropriate for flying the flag and an organization would like to sponsor the flag pole and maintenance Council would consider their request. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to discuss two contractual matters.

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

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Mayor Danner stated that Council had discussed two contractual matters in Executive Session.

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

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Councilman Griffin made a motion to allow the City Administrator to sell a piece of property. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk