

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

July 10, 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 6:31 p.m.

Invocation was given by Councilman Jay Arrowood.

PUBLIC FORUM

David Smith and Jimmie Talley with "Runnin on Faith Track Club" spoke to Council seeking assistance (donations) for the participants in their track club. This is the first year for the track club. The donations would assist the participants who have qualified to attend the AAU National Junior Olympics. (Attachment)

Brief discussion followed.

MINUTES OF June 26, 2007

Councilman Bettis made a motion that the minutes of June 26, 2007 be received as written. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 6-0.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION
Certificate Presentation**

Mayor Danner recognized the following employees:

Dan Hendrix has served in the Police Department for five years.

Darlene Howard has served in the Building & Development Standards Department for ten years.

Curtis Mitchell has served in the Public Services Department for ten years.

David Seifert has served in the Finance / Information Technology Department for ten years.

Randall Williams has served in the Fire Department for ten years.

Chris Harvey has served in the Fire Department for thirty years.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers

Reminder:

Municipal Association of South Carolina Annual Summer Conference – will be held this week. We will meet in Greenville this year. We are participating in a couple of the educational conferences. I am involved in a panel on downtown redevelopment and myself and Reno Deaton from our economic redevelopment office are involved in an economic development round table for the upstate region along with other representatives from the Greenville Spartanburg area. We have taken advantage of inviting participants of the conference, by placing a flyer in their registration packet highlighting the recent Southern Living article "A Day Trip to Downtown Greer" also there is information on various restaurants in our downtown area, shopping opportunities and we invited the participants to join us for the "Tunes on Trade" on Friday evening. We will also provide shuttle service on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening to the restaurants and the downtown area.

Mr. Driggers stated he had one economic development matter and one legal matter to discuss in Executive Session.

Councilman Arrowood requested to add the report on Committee for Public Notification to the next agenda, for Council to discuss and take action on.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment to Board & Commissions

Board of Zoning Appeals

District 3 Pam Cline has resigned effective 6/4/07.

At-large Rob Lopez has resigned effective 6/4/07.

No nominations were made for the Board of Zoning Appeals.

LUCA 2010 (Local Update for Census Addresses)

Glenn Pace presented

Glenn Pace described each of the three options available in detail to Council that would allow the City to obtain the necessary information regarding the 2010 Census. Mr. Driggers and Mr. Pace recommended option number one (1). This option would allow a full review and the opportunity to challenge the numbers once they are available. This option will be more labor intensive at the staff level but we recognize how valuable this data is to us. We should receive the invitation for the Census in August; we will need to be prepared to make a decision by then.

Discussion followed.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to accept the Staff's recommendation for option number one (1). Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0.

FIRST AND FINAL READING OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 8-2007
AUTHORIZING A LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT, SERIES 2007 IN
THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$1,300,000
RELATING TO THE FINANCING OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT FOR
MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND
DELIVERY OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE LEASE
AGREEMENT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

Mr. Driggers presented the resolution.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion that First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 8-2007 be approved. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 21-2007
AN ORDINANCE TO CONTROL THE USE
OF ROLLER SKATES, IN-LINE SKATES, ROLLER SHOES,
SKATEBOARDS, COASTERS AND SIMILAR DEVICES

Mr. Driggers and Chief Dan Reynolds presented the ordinance.

Lengthy discussion followed.

It was the consensus of Council to carry over Ordinance Number 21-2007.

FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 22-2007
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF
PROPERTY OWNED BY DIVERSIFIED REALTY VENTURES AND
LOCATED AT 416 JONES AVENUE BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT

PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF RM-2 (RESIDENTIAL MULTI FAMILY) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance.

Griffin Bell with Leatherwood, Walker, Todd and Mann was present but did not speak.

Councilman Arrowood made a motion that First Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 22-2007 be approved. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0.

**FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-2007
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF
PROPERTY OWNED BY GEORGE T. McLEOD AND LOCATED AT
1619 POPLAR DRIVE EXTENSION BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT
PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF
I-1 (INDUSTRIAL) FOR SAID PROPERTY**

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance.

Neither the owner nor a representative was present.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion that First Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 23-2007 be approved. Councilman Baldwin seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0.

Request to add an Item to the Agenda

Councilman Griffin made a motion to add an item to the agenda (funding for a local track club). Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0.

“Runnin on Faith Track Club” request for donation.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Danner stated “We need to make sure the participants qualify for the funds.”

Mr. Driggers reminded Council all of the CDBG Funds have been allocated and we would need to identify where we would transfer money from.

Councilman Griffin made a motion to allocate funds for "Runnin on Faith Track Club" from CDBG funds in the amount of \$500.00. Councilman Baldwin seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-1 with Councilwoman Mercado voting in opposition.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to discuss one economic development matter and one legal matter.

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

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Mr. Driggers ask for Council's permission for Reno Deaton, Greer Development Corporation to remain in Executive Session to discuss the economic development matter. Approval was given.

Mayor Danner stated that Council had discussed one economic development matter and one legal matter in Executive Session with no action needed.

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

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk