



CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL June 26, 2018

MEETING LOCATION: Greer City Hall, 301 East Poinsett Street, Greer, SC 29651

I. CALL TO ORDER OF THE PUBLIC HEARING Mayor Rick Danner – 6:32 P.M.

The following members of Council were in attendance:
Jay Arrowood, Kimberly Bookert, Wryley Bettis and
Judy Albert.

Councilmembers Wayne Griffin and Lee Dumas were
absent.

Others present: Ed Driggers, City Administrator, Mike
Sell, Assistant City Administrator, Tammela Duncan,
Municipal Clerk, Steve Owens, Communications
Manager and various other staff and media.

**Subject: Ordinance Number 24-2018
CITY OF GREER BUDGET ORDINANCE FISCAL YEAR 2018 - 2019
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.**

No one indicated an interest in speaking during the Public Hearing.

Adjourn – 6:34 P.M.

II. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING Mayor Rick Danner – 6:34 P.M.

The following members of Council were in attendance:
Jay Arrowood, Kimberly Bookert, Wryley Bettis and
Judy Albert.

Councilmembers Wayne Griffin and Lee Dumas were
absent.

Others present: Ed Driggers, City Administrator, Mike
Sell, Assistant City Administrator, Tammela Duncan,
Municipal Clerk, Steve Owens, Communications
Manager and various other staff and media.

- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Councilmember Wryley Bettis
- IV. INVOCATION** Councilmember Wryley Bettis
- V. PUBLIC FORUM** No one signed up to speak
- VI. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING** June 12, 2018

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of June 12, 2018 be received as written. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- A.** Building and Development Standards, Finance, Fire Department, Municipal Court, Parks & Recreation, Police Department, Public Services and the Website Activity Reports for **May 31, 2018** were included in the packet for informational purposes.

Finance

David Seifert, Chief Financial Officer presented the Financial Report for the period ending May 31, 2018. (Attached)

General Fund Cash Balance: \$16,783,739.
 General Fund Revenue: \$23,623,607. General Fund Expenditures: \$21,101,171.
 Revenue Benchmark Variance: \$2,551,267. Expenditure Benchmark Variance: \$113,391.
 Overall Benchmark Variance: \$2,664,658.

The City is 5% under budget during this time period.

Hospitality Fund Cash Balance: \$1,026,039.
 Storm Water Fund Cash Balance: \$1,278,498.

VIII. PETITIONER

- A.** Stevie Simpson with Generation of Prophets Church offered their services to the City of Greer.

IX. PRESENTATION

- A.** David Seifert, Chief Financial Officer presented his annual report to Council. (attachment)

X. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Brushy Meadows Recycling Project – Mike Sell presented:

A recycling test project will begin in Brushy Meadows in July. Residents have been notified on four separate occasions of the project. A brochure containing information regarding pick-up dates, staff contact information and general information regarding recycling has been delivered to residents. A decal with the same information will be placed on the container upon deliver. The 96-gallon containers will be delivered to 202 homes in Brushy Meadows the first week of July. Containers will be pick up every two weeks. This is a six months program. At the end of the trial period all aspects will be evaluated.

Discussion held.

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

2019-2020 Budget – I would like to have discussion on the 2019-2020 Budget after the Second Reading of the 2018-2019 Budget to inquire if you would like to have 1st and 2nd Reading of that budget in July.

Eyes on 85 Project (Hwy 101/I85 Corridor) – Beautification Project, we are working very closely with Greer Development Corporation. We are scheduled for final inspection of the project later this week. The company installed the project will also maintain the project.

Calendar Items:

10th Annual Freedom Blast – will be held Saturday, June 30th from 6:00pm until 10:00pm in City Park. Skydivers will participate in the event along with music, food and entertainment, ending with fireworks.

Moonlight Movies – will continue every Thursday evening in City Park and throughout the summer. Approximately 800 people on average are attending.

Tunes in the Park – will not be held this Friday but will pick up next Friday evening at City Park.

Downtown Construction Update:

Commission of Public Works has completed the natural gas line installation and the sewer line installation. They are currently working on the water line installation; most of the work is taking place at night.

Parking Lots/Alleyways - Depot Street parking lot is coming to conclusion, the parking lot in front of the Depot has been resurfaced as well. The School Street parking lot had been completely resurfaced. We are finalizing the tie-in to the back of the buildings (alleyway) as well. The alleyways for both that area adjacent to the School Street lot and the area that runs between the buildings on the east side of Trade Street adjacent to the Vern Smith Resource Center and adjacent to the parking lot area has been completely resurfaced. The lots have been restriped they will be open for the festival this weekend all of the construction may not be 100% complete but it will be open. They will not be on site next week (week of July 4th). Everything should be finalized the following week.

Streetscape – We are doing final review now of the construction plans for the Streetscape Project upon completion of the final review that will then go to bid. We are anticipating a 3 to 4-week period to receive bids on the project and we are hoping to bring that to you in August. Our desire is to begin construction in September.

Parking Areas – We are coordinating the logistics for that project now relative to parking. We will move parking during construction, we have great partners that have already indicated they will make available to us private parking areas to use for public parking. We are also working on a shuttle transportation program on how we will be able to move people through this process as well. Our number 1 priority in the project is to make sure that paying customers, those folks who want to do business with our businesses are able to get to them and have the closest and most accessible access to parking. You will never hear us say “Pardon our dust/mess” you will hear us constantly say this is the future of Greer and this is what we are exciting about and this is what you will see as this project comes to conclusion.

Hotel – We continue to work with our partners on the hotel and our work on the garage site. We anticipate the demolition should start relatively soon those processes are moving forward. Approvals have been made for the demolition of the site.

Parking Deck – We meet with and have seen the first renderings of the structure for the parking deck and how it will fit on the site. It is moving forward. We are anticipating that will be an early to mid-2020 completion. At this point the timing is exactly as we envisioned it would be at this point.

For updates please register your email at www.futuregreer.org updates will be sent regularly.

Employee/Departmental Meetings – I have 10 meetings set up at various time so that we reach all shifts and all employees. I will discuss with them the outcomes of the Budget you ultimately approve. I will discuss with them the impact to employees relative to decisions that we made as a part of this budget process.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 19-2018 AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTIES OWNED BY SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH LOCATED ON MAIN STREET FROM R-12 (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE - FAMILY) TO C-2 (COMMERCIAL DISTRICT).

Ed Driggers, City Administrator state there was no new information.

ACTION - Councilman Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 19-2018. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 24-2018
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AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Ed Driggers, City Administrator stated there was no new information.

Discussion followed.

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 24-2018. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

Lengthy discussion of two-year budget.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Supplemental Road Paving/Road Repair Request

Councilwoman Judy Albert made a request of Council to provide funding for streets repairs in Shelburne Farms.

Discussion held.

ACTION - Councilwoman Judy Albert made a motion to set aside \$45,000.00 to \$50,000.00 to correct the streets in Shelburne Farms and Riverside Chase. No second was made.

**B. First Reading of Ordinance Number 26-2018
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE IV. - STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FEE
PROGRAM SEC. 90-284 – FEES IN THE CITY OF GREER CODE OF
ORDINANCES.**

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the request.

ACTION - Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert made a motion to receive First Reading of Ordinance Number 26-2018. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

Steve Grant, City Engineer explained the Storm Water Program, current projects and how the funds are used.


VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Danner stated an Executive Session was not needed.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

9:11 P.M.


Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk


Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Notifications: Agenda posted in City Hall and email notifications sent to The Greenville News, The Greer Citizen, GreerToday.com and the Spartanburg Herald Journal Friday, June 22, 2018.



Financial Performance Summary

As of Month End May, 2018

Quick Look Indicators	This Month	This Year	Balance
General Fund Cash Balance	↓	↑	\$ 16,783,739
General Fund Revenue	↓	↑	\$ 23,623,607
General Fund Expenditures	↓	↑	\$ 21,101,171
Budget Percentage (Over) / Under	↓	↓	5%
Revenue Benchmark Variance	↓	↓	\$ 2,551,267
Expenditure Benchmark Variance	↓	↓	\$ 113,391
Overall Benchmark Variance	↓	↓	\$ 2,664,658
Hospitality Fund Cash Balance	↑	↓	\$ 1,026,039
Hospitality Fund Revenue	↓	↑	\$ 2,035,090
Hospitality Fund Expenditures	↓	↑	\$ 2,189,114
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance	↓	↓	\$ 1,278,498
Storm Water Fund Revenue	↓	↑	\$ 816,636
Storm Water Fund Expenditures	↑	↑	\$ 542,250