



**CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL  
May 28, 2019**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER OF THE REGULAR MEETING** Mayor Rick Danner – 6:31 P.M.

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

Councilmember Wayne Griffin arrived at 6:46 and Councilmember Kimberly Bookert was absent.

Others present: Ed Driggers, City Administrator, Mike Sell, Assistant City Administrator, Elizabeth Adams, Executive Administrative Assistant, Steve Owens, Communications Manager and various other staff and media.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Councilmember Lee Dumas

**III. INVOCATION** Councilmember Lee Dumas

**IV. PUBLIC FORUM** No one signed up to speak

**V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING** May 14, 2019

**ACTION** – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of May 14, 2019 be received as written. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

**VOTE** - Motion carried unanimously.

**VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

- A.** Sharon Coln was recognized upon her retirement for her thirteen years of dedicated service to the City of Greer from January 30, 2006 until May 30, 2019.
- B.** John "Skipper" Burns was recognized upon his retirement for his twenty-four years of dedicated service to the City of Greer from September 24, 1994 until June 7, 2019.

## 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 **April 2019** were included in the packet for informational purposes.

### Finance

David Seifert, Chief Financial Officer presented the Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 2019. (Attached)

General Fund Cash Balance: \$17,032,164.

General Fund Revenue: \$22,833,773. General Fund Expenditures: \$20,487,515.

Revenue Benchmark Variance: \$1,353,823. Expenditure Benchmark Variance: \$(130,549.)

Overall Benchmark Variance: \$1,223,274.

The City is 4% under budget during this time period.

Hospitality Fund Cash Balance: \$1,072,014.

Storm Water Fund Cash Balance: \$1,325,350.

## VIII. PRESENTATION

Reno Deaton, Executive Director of Greer Development Corporation presented his Annual Report.

## IX. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

**Annual Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce Public Safety Appreciation Dinner** is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**MASC Annual Conference** will be held in Greenville July 18<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>. Registration process will be held tomorrow morning, Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am please provide Mrs. Duncan with your registration information prior to 8:30 in the morning if you plan to attend.

**Tunes in the Park** will be held Friday evenings, **Moonlight Movies** will be held Thursday evenings starting in June in City Park.

**Freedom Blast** will take place Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at City Park.

**Residential Sidewalks – Steve Grant, City Engineer** stated "while inspecting roads recently it came to our attention that some of our sidewalks are out of compliance with ADA. ADA requires a 2 percent maximum cross slope and some of the subdivisions are in excess of 10 percent cross slope (pictures provided). This is not the quality construction that the City of Greer desires and I do not believe we should accept these into the city at this time. The responsibility for this falls primarily on the developer, their site contractor

and the home builders. I've raised this issue to them, nobody has accepted responsibility yet. In the meantime, our staff has been looking into how we review and approve sidewalks and the timing of that. Our LDRs (Land Development Regulations) require all physical improvements to be completed before recording final plats but we may permit bonding. It has been our practice to permit bonding of the sidewalks. When the road is constructed, they bond the sidewalks and currently the sidewalks are being built by the builders on a lot by lot basis with each house. We don't permit or inspect sidewalks specifically, we inspect the buildings and the roads, the sidewalk so not have it own unique permit process. That is a small contributor to the problem as well. We are going to require some changes as we review our processes. We sent out a communication last week to Mr. Driggers indicating we got a lot of immediate feedback all of a sudden, they became interested in the problem. I was glad to finally get them to realize that was an issue. We are probably going to sit down and have a meeting with them very very soon to review this issue, how it got here and what we can do as partners to make it better in the future and figure out how to fix these that are already under construction or built. As Mr. Driggers said we just wanted to make you aware of this issue. You may get some calls from developer and builders in the coming days, if you haven't already."

Lengthy discussion.

## **X. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD AND COMMISSIONS**

### **A. Board of Architectural Review**

Historian – Joada Hiatt resigned effective April 26<sup>th</sup> her term expires 6/30/2021.

No nominations were made.

### **B. Appointees to the Greenville Spartanburg International Airport Environs Planning Commission**

Greenville County Representative William A. (Andy) Burleigh's term expires 6/30/2019.

No nominations were made.

### **C. Planning Commission**

District 5 – Suzanne Traenkle's term expires 6/30/2019.

No nominations were made.

## **XI. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 14-2019**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY GEORGE AND ELENI TROUBETARIS LOCATED AT 14189 EAST WADE HAMPTON BOULEVARD FROM C-2 (COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) TO C-3 (COMMERCIAL DISTRICT).**

Kelli McCormick, Planning Manager stated there was no new or additional information at this time.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 14-2019. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 15-2019**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY CLARK NESBITT LOCATED AT 213 MEMORIAL DRIVE FROM R-12 (RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT) TO O-D (OFFICE DISTRICT).**

Kelli McCormick, Planning Manager stated there was no new or additional information at this time.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 15-2019. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Kids Planet – Design Review Pre-Construction Phase**

Red Watson, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation presented the request. (attachment)

Lengthy discussion.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Jay Arrowood made a motion to move forward with funding the project as a single phase. Councilmember Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**B. First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 12-2019**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY BY THE CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA OF AN AGREEMENT WITH PROJECT FREEMAN FARMS WITH RESPECT TO AN INDUSTRIAL PROJECT IN THE CITY WHEREBY THE PROJECT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO PAYMENT OF CERTAIN FEES IN LIEU OF TAXES AND WHEREBY PROJECT FREEMAN FARMS WILL BE PROVIDED CERTAIN REIMBURSEMENTS FOR INVESTMENT IN RELATED QUALIFIED INFRASTRUCTURE; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.**

Reno Deaton, Executive Director of Greer Development Corporation presented the request.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 12-2019. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**C. Health Benefit Renewal**

Ed Driggers, City Administrator and David Seifert, Chief Financial Officer presented the Information. Item is for discussion only, no action requested.

Lengthy discussion held.

**D. Seeking Approval of Grant Application Recommendations**

David Seifert, Chief Financial Officer presented the request. (attachment)

Brief discussion.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve the Grant Application Recommendations as provided. Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ACTION** – In (8:27 p.m.)

**(A) Contractual Matter – Offer to Purchase Property**

Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a Contractual Matter pertaining to an Offer to Purchase Property; as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70(a)(2). Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Danner stated during Executive Session they considered the above matters and no action was taken.

**ACTION** - Out (8:53 p.m.) – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

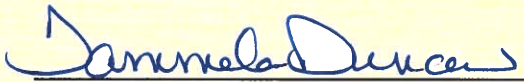
**ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

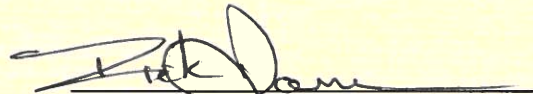
**ACTION** – Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to decline the offer to purchase city property. Councilmember Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

8:54 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, May 24, 2019.





# Financial Performance Summary

As of Month End April, 2019

<b>Quick Look Indicators</b>	<b>This Month</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Balance</b>
General Fund Cash Balance	↓	↓	\$ 17,032,164
General Fund Revenue	↑	↓	\$ 22,833,773
General Fund Expenditures	↑	↑	\$ 20,487,515
Budget Percentage (Over) / Under	↓	↓	4%
Revenue Benchmark Variance	↑	↓	\$ 1,353,823
Expenditure Benchmark Variance	↓	↓	\$ (130,549)
Overall Benchmark Variance	↑	↓	\$ 1,223,274
Hospitality Fund Cash Balance	↓	↑	\$ 1,072,014
Hospitality Fund Revenue	↑	↑	\$ 2,027,957
Hospitality Fund Expenditures	↑	↓	\$ 1,998,719
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance	↓	↑	\$ 1,325,350
Storm Water Fund Revenue	↓	↑	\$ 957,651
Storm Water Fund Expenditures	↓	↓	\$ 218,653