



CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL
July 9, 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, Kimberly Bookert, Lee Dumas, Wryley Bettis and Judy Albert.

Councilmember Wayne Griffin was absent.

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Jonathan Lovegrove

III. INVOCATION Mayor Rick Danner

Mayor Danner recognized Bryson Morrison with Boy Scout Troop 9.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM No one signed up to speak

V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING June 25, 2019

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of June 25, 2019 be received as written. Councilmember Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PRESENTATION

- A.** Steve Owens, Communications Manager presented highlights from his monthly activity report.

VII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

Reminders:

Moonlight Movies continue to be held every Thursday evening in City Park.

Tunes in the Park also continues to be held every Friday evening in City Park.

Farmer Market is held each Saturday from 8:30 am until Noon in City Park.

Calendar:

Election Filing begins Monday, July 15th at Noon and ends Thursday, August 15th at Noon.

MASC (Municipal Association of South Carolina) Annual Meeting will begin next Thursday, July 18th through Sunday, July 21st in Greenville. I will provide additional information to you in the next few days.

National Ice Cream Sundae Day is July 21st we will give away 300 free ice creams to the first 300 people that request them. The ice creams will be in a limited edition CenterG cup. Those are available at Abbotts Custards and Stomping Ground.

Center for the Arts will hold their opening weekend September 20th, 21st and 22nd. There will be special events happening that weekend, additional information will be forth coming. The project is on schedule and under budget at this point.

Update - Downtown Streetscape is 35% complete and on schedule and on budget. The 300 Block is open. There is some work that will have to take place in that area but it is open. The replica lanterns are installed and working. 200 Block, brick pavers are installed in the sidewalk area, in the parking area we have poured the concrete base for the traffic lanes and we are prepared the install the brick pavers. We will be prepared to start in the 100 block shortly. Our commitment to downtown merchants is that we would be complete on Trade Street so that it would be open for pedestrians and vehicles during the Christmas shopping season. There will be no crews working in that area starting in mid-November until the first of the year. We continue to work on Randall Street with infrastructure going in there stormwater drainage, old sidewalks being removed and new sidewalks being poured.

CenterG Cash Card Program we discussed earlier where we would provide cash card that could be redeemed at businesses in the downtown area is called the CenterG Cash Card. I will provide at your places some information explaining this program. We are providing cards to all of our employees over the next several months as we move forward. We are infusing about \$15,000.00 of investment through the card program. Each card has a value of \$5.00 and can be redeemed at any of the downtown merchants. What we find is the investment that is made by the individual that carries the card is a three to four ratio. For every \$5.00 card someone walks in with they typically spending between \$15.00 and \$20.00 in the business. What we anticipate is the \$15,000.00 will turn into \$45,000.00 to \$50,000.00 in downtown. This is effective July 1st and will run until June 30, 2020.

Task Forces – we are working with two (2) task forces in the downtown area to assist us in preparing for the new environment this CenterG Project will bring to downtown. One (1) task force in related to downtown parking, so that we can review our downtown parking situation. Where we park, what the impact of the garage will do to parking, how we are communicating with folks relative to where parking should occur etc. (2) Special Events as this new environment is introduced to the community, we will continue to get more requests for special events. Special Events typically require the closure of streets or sections of streets, we have a process in place now for a number of years, an application process. We are reaching out to other communities and review other guidelines relative to street closure and special events. What are the resources provided by the city, what are the resources that are required to be provided by the vendor or the permit application. Council would ultimately approve those guidelines. I ask for your involvement, feedback and suggestions.

Employee Meetings regarding the Budget – I have begun the process of meeting with employees, I have twelve (12) of those scheduled so that I meet with all of our employees at various times.

Freedom Blast – was held June 29th and there was a killer crowd. Perfect weather absolutely seamless operations by Parks and Recreation Department with support from our Police Department, Fire Department and Public Services Department.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

A. Board of Architectural Review

Historian - Joada Hiatt resigned effective April 26th her term expires 6/30/2021.

No nominations were made.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 18-2019

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTIES OWNED BY (1) ANITA ANN COLBERT AND JAMES E. COLBERT, (2) DONALD L. BROWN, AND (3) THE WITHERSPOON GROUP LOCATED ON (1) LIBERTY HILL ROAD, (2) ABNER CREEK ROAD, AND (3) FREEMAN FARM ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION I-1 (INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT) FOR SAID PROPERTIES.

No new information was provided.

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 18-2019. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 26-2019

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA AND [PROJECT FREEMAN FARMS], WITH RESPECT TO INFRASTRUCTURE CREDITS TO BE APPLIED AGAINST FEE IN LIEU OF TAX PAYMENTS RELATED TO CERTAIN INVESTMENTS IN THE CITY; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

Ed Driggers, City Administrator stated the code names in the agreement have been amended to show the Company name of Greer South Carolina Becknell Investors, LLC.

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 26-2019 as amended. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Brief discussion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. First Reading of Ordinance Number 27-2019

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTIES OWNED BY SPARTANBURG COUNTY AND DUKE POWER COMPANY LOCATED ON VICTOR AVENUE (VICTOR MILL SITE) BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT) FOR SAID PROPERTIES.

Kelli McCormick, Planning Manager presented the request. The developer Chris Hill was present and spoke briefly.

ACTION – Councilmember Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 27-2019. Councilmember Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

Lengthy discussion held.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. First Reading of Ordinance Number 28-2019

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A PORTION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY SEPA, ENTERPRISES, LLC. LOCATED ON FREEMAN FARM ROAD FROM C-3 (COMMERCIAL) AND I-1 (INDUSTRIAL) TO R-7.5 (RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT).

Kelli McCormick, Planning Manager presented the request. A representative was present but did not speak.

Lengthy discussion held.

ACTION – Councilmember Kimberly Bookert made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 28-2019. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION – In (7:33 p.m.)

(A) Economic Development Matter – Project Velocity II

(B) Legal Matter – Summer Day Camp

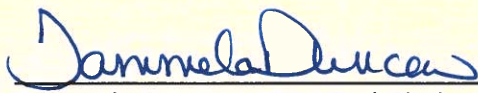
Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss an Economic Development matter pertaining to Project Velocity II; as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70(a)(5) and a Legal matter pertaining to Summer Day Camp; as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70(a)(2). Councilmember Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

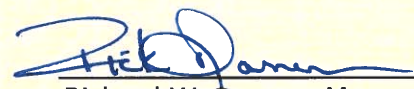
Mayor Danner stated during Executive Session they considered the above matters and no action was taken.

ACTION - Out (8:08 p.m.) – Councilmember Judy Albert made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

8:09 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 Wednesday, July 3, 2019.



**Public Forum
Sign in**

**July 9, 2019
6:30 pm**

(a) **Public Forum.** During a period of thirty (30) minutes at the beginning of each city council meeting, referred to as a public forum, the presiding officer may recognize citizens of the municipality or others who have standing in the municipality, such as business owners, who wish to address council on matters pertaining to items on that meeting's agenda.

Sign-up for Public Forum. At least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the commencement of a city council meeting, a potential speaker, who is not already a petitioner appearing on the agenda and is not a previous petitioner speaking on the same subject, wishing to appear before council must place his or her name, address, and whether he or she is for or against an agenda item on the public forum list. This list shall be maintained by the municipal clerk. Sign ups for public forums will be on a first come, first served basis. The municipal clerk shall make the public forum list available for council and public inspection. No names will be added to the list once the list is given to the presiding officer and the public forum has begun. The presiding officer will give equal time to those for and against the agenda items that are to be discussed during a public forum.

Name	Address	Agenda Item	In Favor / Oppose
Michael Hill	805 Crescent Av. Greenville	Victor Park	For
CHRIS HILL	805 Crescent Av. Greenville	Victor Park	For