



CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL
July 23, 2019**

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

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

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

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 Gabe Turner, Boy Scout Troop 795

III. INVOCATION Councilmember Jay Arrowood

IV. PUBLIC FORUM No one signed up to speak

V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING July 9, 2019

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of July 9, 2019 be received as written. Councilmember Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- A.** Building and Development Standards, Finance, Fire Department, Municipal Court, Parks & Recreation, Police Department, Public Services and the Website Activity Reports for **June 2019** were included in the packet for informational purposes.

Finance

Susan Howell, Budget and Audit Manager presented the Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2019. (Attached)

General Fund Cash Balance: \$17,795,970.

General Fund Revenue: \$28,379,467.

General Fund Expenditures: \$24,871,117.

Revenue Benchmark Variance: \$2,138,150.
Expenditure Benchmark Variance: \$1,370,200.
Overall Benchmark Variance: \$3,508,350.

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

Hospitality Fund Cash Balance: \$1,219,251.
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance: \$1,632,084.

VII. PRESENTATION

- B.** Red Watson, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation presented highlights from their monthly activity report.

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

MASC (Municipal Association of South Carolina) Annual Meeting was held Thursday, July 18th through Sunday, July 21st in Greenville. It went extremely well. We had the opportunity to highlight much of the work we are doing here relative to the CenterG Project. The South Carolina Association of Mayors invited us to present to that group specific to our communications program and how we are engaging our community and keeping them informed throughout the construction process over the 18-month window.

Legislative Report I will forward a copy of the report in its entirety to Council. One that was most significant to us was a compromise, a bill we were able to get through relative to the local government fund. We have not been funded fully under the local government fund for a number of years and it was unlikely that the funding level would return to the original commitment that was made. A new formula was derived, presented through the House Ways and Means Committee ultimately adopted by both houses of the legislature and we have a new formula in place but we do believe it will give us some stability for a number of years so that we can better budget and budget more accurately what we would anticipate receiving through local government fund. Other issues we are watching more closely as we approach the next legislative session are bills that are filled dealing with business license tax, this is about 28% of our total revenues. We are keeping our elected officials in Columbia aware of our dependence on this.

IX. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

A. Board of Architectural Review

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

No nominations were made.

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Second and Final 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).

Brandon McMahan, Zoning Coordinator stated both parties have come to an agreement regarding the road closure issue and have completed the legal proceedings to close the road. The City Attorney recommended to staff that all liability for the City has been resolved.

ACTION – Councilmember Wayne Griffin made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 28-2019. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. First Reading of Ordinance Number 29-2019

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF ANY AND ALL INTEREST IN CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF GREER

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the request.

ACTION – Councilmember Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 29-2019. Councilmember Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

Brief discussion held.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION – In (6:59 p.m.)

(A) Personnel Matter – Public Services Department
(B) Contractual Matter – Banking Services

Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel matter pertaining to the Public Services Department; as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70(a)(1) and a Contractual matter pertaining to Banking Services; as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70(a)(2). Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Danner stated he would recuse himself from item number (2) during Executive Session.

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

ACTION - Out (8:13 p.m.) – Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

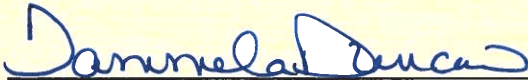
Mayor Rick Danner recused himself from voting.

ACTION – Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to transfer the City's Banking Services to County Bank. Councilmember Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried 6-0.

XIII. 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 Thursday, July 18, 2019.



Financial Performance Summary

As of Month End June, 2019

Quick Look Indicators	This Month	This Year	Balance
General Fund Cash Balance	↓	↑	\$ 17,795,970
General Fund Revenue	↑	↑	\$ 28,379,467
General Fund Expenditures	↓	↑	\$ 24,871,117
Budget Percentage (Over) / Under	↑	↑	4%
Revenue Benchmark Variance	↑	↓	\$ 2,138,150
Expenditure Benchmark Variance	↑	↑	\$ 1,370,200
Overall Benchmark Variance	↑	↑	\$ 3,508,350
Hospitality Fund Cash Balance	↑	↑	\$ 1,219,251
Hospitality Fund Revenue	↑	↑	\$ 2,465,129
Hospitality Fund Expenditures	↓	↑	\$ 2,270,671
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance	↑	↑	\$ 1,632,084
Storm Water Fund Revenue	↑	↑	\$ 984,462
Storm Water Fund Expenditures	↓	↑	\$ 676,345



RECUSAL STATEMENT

Member Name: Rick Danner

Meeting Date: 7/23/19

Agenda Item: Section: Exec. Session / Reg. Business Item: # 2 Ex Session / Banking Contract

Topic: award of contract for Banking Services

The Ethics Act, SC Code §8-13-700, provides that no public official may knowingly use his office to obtain an economic interest for himself, a family member of his immediate family, an individual with whom he is associated, or a business with which he is associated. No public official may make, participate in making, or influence a governmental decision in which he or any such person or business has an economic interest. Failure to recuse oneself from an issue in which there is or may be conflict of interest is the sole responsibility of the council member (1991 Op. Atty. Gen. No. 91-37.) A written statement describing the matter requiring action and the nature of the potential conflict of interest is required.

Justification to Recuse:

- Professionally employed by or under contract with principal
- Owns or has vested interest in principal or property
- Other: _____

Date: 7/23/19 Member: Mayor Rick Danner
Rick Danner

Municipal Clerk: _____