



**CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL  
December 10, 2019**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER OF THE REGULAR MEETING** Mayor Rick Danner – 6:35 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** Councilmember Kimberly Bookert

**III. INVOCATION** Councilmember Kimberly Bookert

**IV. PUBLIC FORUM**

**Joe Garraux**, 202 Crestwood Drive spoke in opposition to Ordinance Number 13-2019.  
**Sandra Leigh**, 201 Crestwood Drive spoke in opposition to Ordinance Number 13-2019.  
**Roy Merin**, 100 Timberlane Road spoke in opposition to Ordinance Number 13-2019.  
**Curtis C. Hipp**, 165 Victor Avenue Ext. spoke in opposition to Ordinance Number 13-2019.  
**Reno Deaton**, 111 South Main Street spoke in favor of Ordinance Number 13-2019.

**V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING** November 26, 2019

**ACTION** – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of November 26, 2019 be received as written. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

**VOTE** - Motion carried unanimously.

**VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**A.** Mayor Rick Danner presented Councilmember Kimberly Bookert with a Key to the City in recognition of her dedicated service to the citizens of Greer for nine (9) years as a councilmember.

## **VII. PETITIONERS**

- A.** Miss Greater Greer Teen Kelsey Pranke spoke on her platform of Mental Health and Miss Greater Greer Jada Samuels spoke regarding her platform of I Shape Me, Empowering Girls to Lead.

## **VIII. PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. Neighborhood Services Program**

John Doehler presented information regarding the Neighborhood Services Program. (attachment)

### **B. Audit**

Larry Finney with Greene Finney Accounting Firm provided information regarding the Financial Audit for Year Ending June 30, 2019. Mr. Finney stated the opinion is reasonable assurance that financial statements are materially correct. (attachment)

- C. David Seifert, Chief Financial Officer** presented highlight from the October 2019 Financial Activity Report. (attachment)

## **IX. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

### **Calendar:**

**Employee Appreciation Breakfast** will be held this Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at City Hall starting at 7:30 am.

**Christmas Gathering - Mr. and Mrs. Driggers** will host a gathering at their house Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Councilmember Kimberly Bookert** - Mr. Driggers expressed to Councilmember Bookert his appreciation and the appreciation of the two hundred and sixty employees of the City for her support of our staff and our team. We sincerely appreciated that support over the years. You have represented your district well and have always taken care of our team and for that we wanted to publicly say Thank you and Best Wishes!

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

### **A. Planning Commission**

District 3 Mark Hopper has tendered his resignation effective 12/31/2019 his term expires 6/30/2021.

No action was taken.

## **XI. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. First Reading of Ordinance Number 13-2019**

#### **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE AND CONVEYANCE OF A PORTION OF A CITY OWNED STREET**

Dave Edwards, President/CEO Greenville Spartanburg International Airport spoke to Council regarding the request. John Barker, Commercial Real Estate Developer with Red Rock Development spoke, and Gaye Sprague, Principal at Sprague & Sprague Consulting Engineers spoke regarding the traffic study.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Kimberly Bookert made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 13-2019. No second was made.

**VOTE** – Motion failed.

### **B. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 41-2019**

#### **AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY KENN FIN, LLC LOCATED AT 114 CHANDLER ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-M2 (RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY DISTRICT) FOR SAID PROPERTY.**

Ashley Kaade, Planner stated the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing November 18, 2019 and recommended approval.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 41-2019. Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

### **C. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 45-2019**

#### **AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY QUADSONS, LLC. LOCATED AT 211 SCHOOL STREET FROM I-1 (INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT) TO S-1 (SERVICE DISTRICT).**

Ashley Kaade, Planner stated there was no new information.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 45-2019. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

### **D. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 46-2019**

#### **AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY CARLOS AND MEGAN CORONA LOCATED AT 500 WEST POINSETT STREET FROM R-12 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO C-2 (COMMERCIAL DISTRICT).**

Ashley Kaade, Planner stated there was no new information.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 46-2019. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**E. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 47-2019  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREER**

David Seifert, Chief Financial Officer stated there was no new information.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Kimberly Bookert made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 47-2019. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**F. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 48-2019  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22 CITY-OWNED CEMETERIES, SECTION 22-2 THROUGH SECTION 22-16 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY, STRENGTHEN AND EXPRESSLY STATE CERTAIN RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

David Seifert, Chief Financial Officer requested Council amend the current ordinance to expressly allow for the placement of flags. Section 22-16 shows the amended verbiage for periodic placement of arrangements and flags

**ACTION** – Councilmember Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 48-2019 as amended. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

Brief discussion held.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**G. Project Carl**

Item was held over until after Executive Session.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 19-2019  
A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE CITY OF GREER 2020 CENSUS PARTNERSHIP WITH THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU**

Madeleine Bolick, GIS Coordinator presented the request.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Kimberly Bookert made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 19-2019. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Brief discussion held.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Neighborhood Services Program**

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the request.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Kimberly Bookert made a motion to approve the Neighborhood Services Program as presented. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ACTION** – In (8:39 p.m.)

**(A) Contractual Matter – Project Carl**

**ACTION** - Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a Contractual Matter pertaining to Project Carl; as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70(a)(2). Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**ACTION** - Out (9:16 p.m.) – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Lee Dumas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action After Executive Session**

**XI. OLD BUSINESS**

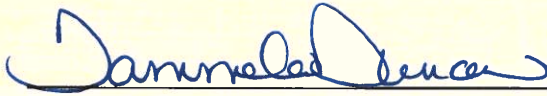
**G. Project Carl**


**ACTION** – Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to authorize the Mayor or the City Administrator to execute a purchase and operations agreement for the acquisition of all property and assets of the Greer Golf and Country Club. Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried 5-1 with Councilmember Jay Arrowood voting in opposition.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

9:18 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, December 5, 2019.



## Public Forum Sign in

**December 10, 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
Joe GARRAWAY	202 crestwood Dr.	Closure of VICTOR AVE EXT	OPPOSE
Sandra Leigh	201 Crestwood Dr	VICTOR AVE EX CLOSE	OPPOSE
ROY MERRITT	100 TIMBERLINE RD	VICTOR AVE EX CLOS	OPPOSE
Curtis & Wife	165 VICTORY AV		
RENO DEATOR	1115 Maple St	VICTOR AVE CLOS	IN FAVOR