



CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL
January 28, 2020**

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

I. CALL TO ORDER OF THE REGULAR MEETING Mayor Rick Danner – 6:33 P.M.

The following members of Council were in attendance:
Wayne Griffin arrived at 6:36 pm, Mark Hopper, Lee Dumas, Wryley Bettis and Judy Albert.

Councilmember Jay Arrowood was 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.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Councilmember Wryley Bettis

III. INVOCATION Councilmember Wryley Bettis

IV. PUBLIC FORUM No one signed up to speak

V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING January 14, 2020

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of January 14, 2020 be received as written. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

A. Mayor Rick Danner read Resolution Number 2-2020 recognizing and commending the following City of Greer Employees for their dedicated and faithful service:

Travis Durham has served in the Parks and Recreation Department for 5 years;
Gary Melton has served in the Parks and Recreation Department for 10 years;
Scott Ruttgers has served in the Police Department for 10 years; and
Richard Watson has served in the Public Services Department for 20 years.

B. Mixon Eldridge was recognized upon his retirement for his twenty-three years of dedicated service to the City of Greer Police Department from May 30, 1996 until February 7, 2020.

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 **December 2019** were included in the packet for informational purposes.

Finance

Susan Howell, Budget and Audit Manager presented the Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2019. (Attached)

General Fund Cash Balance: \$9,781,647.
General Fund Revenue: \$5,968,029.
General Fund Expenditures: \$14,973,059.
Revenue Benchmark Variance: (\$1,206,422.)
Expenditure Benchmark Variance: (\$1,986,648.)
Overall Benchmark Variance: (\$3,193,070.)

The City is 3% under budget during this time period.

Hospitality Fund Cash Balance: \$1,980,877.
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance: \$1,394,148.

VIII. PRESENTATION

- A.** Ann Cunningham, Director of Parks and Recreation presented her Annual Report. (attachment)

Mayor Danner encouraged Council to join him at the Museum Friday night at 6:00 pm. Museum personnel will provide a presentation regarding a marketing campaign they are going to be engaging in.

IX. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) has been placed in your mailboxes.

Hometown Legislative Action Day will be held Tuesday, February 4th, in Columbia. We are hosting the Legislative Delegations for dinner Tuesday evening.

Council Planning Retreat will be held Tuesday, February 18th and Wednesday, February 19th beginning at 8:30 am. Tuesday's meeting will be held at the Center for the Arts and Wednesday's meeting will be held at the Greer Golf and Country Club.

Spring Cleaning Day will be held Saturday, April 25, 2020.

Center G we've had a lot of rain but we continue to move forward. We continue to publish a weekly update on the project as well. You can view that at www.futuregreer.com

Hotel Project continues to move forward. Onsite grading has been completed and mobilization has begun. We are working with the general contractor for the hotel along with the general contractor with the garage that we will be building for logistics on the site. I have asked both contactors to have a Memorandum of Understanding so that we can make sure after my departure that there isn't any issue that have not been addressed of how it will work. We should see construction begin very shortly.

Garage Project will follow forty-five (45) days after construction starts on the hotel. We will keep you informed as that process starts.

X. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS 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. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION – In (7:14 p.m.)

(A) Personnel Matter – Administration

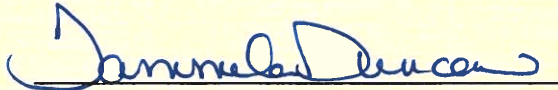
Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel matter pertaining to the Administration Department; as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70(a)(1). Councilmember Wayne Griffin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

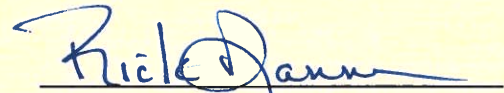
Mayor Danner stated during Executive Session they considered the above matter and no action was taken.

ACTION - Out (8:37 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

8:38 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, January 24, 2020.



Financial Performance Summary

As of Month End December, 2019

Quick Look Indicators	This Month	This Year	Balance
General Fund Cash Balance	↓	↓	\$ 9,781,647
General Fund Revenue	↑	↑	\$ 5,968,029
General Fund Expenditures	↓	↑	\$ 14,973,059
Budget Percentage (Over) / Under	↓	↓	(3 %)
Revenue Benchmark Variance	↓	↑	\$ (1,206,422)
Expenditure Benchmark Variance	↓	↓	\$ (1,986,648)
Overall Benchmark Variance	↓	↓	\$ (3,193,070)
Hospitality Fund Cash Balance	↑	↑	\$ 1,980,877
Hospitality Fund Revenue	↓	↑	\$ 1,247,910
Hospitality Fund Expenditures	↓	↑	\$ 485,892
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance	↑	↑	\$ 1,394,148
Storm Water Fund Revenue	↑	↑	\$ 120,587
Storm Water Fund Expenditures	↓	↑	\$ 313,102