MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL
April 28, 2020

MEETING LOCATION:
Mayor Rick Danner and Jim Ridgill, IT Manager were located at Greer City Hall, 301 East Poinsett Street, Greer, SC 29651. Councilmembers and all other participants and viewers were on Remote Access through Zoom Meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Mayor Rick Danner – 6:36 P.M.

The following members of Council were on remote access: Jay Arrowood, Wayne Griffin, Mark Hopper, Lee Dumas, Wryley Bettis and Judy Albert.

Others on remote access: Ed Driggers, City Administrator, Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk, Mike Sell, Deputy City Administrator, Steve Owens, Communications Manager and various other staff.

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
April 14, 2020

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of April 14, 2020 be received as written. Councilmember Mark Hopper 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 March 2020 were included in the packet for informational purposes.

Finance
Susan Howell, Budget and Audit Manager presented the Financial Report for the period ending March 31, 2020. (Attached)

General Fund Cash Balance: $17,100,815.
General Fund Revenue: $21,478,041.
Revenue Benchmark Variance: $1,468,959.
Expenditure Benchmark Variance: ($3,017,028.)
Overall Benchmark Variance: ($1,548,069.)

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

Hospitality Fund Cash Balance: $889,944.
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance: $1,478,384.

VII. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

COVID19 - We continue to monitor the Governor’s orders that is one of the driving forces behind our reactions. As the Executive Orders were reissued this past week extending the home or work order that will be in force until May 12th. Everything we have in place as far as operations are staying as they have been previously reported to you. Our lobbies remain closed we continue to operate all of our operations as normal. Our police and fire are fully staffed doing what they do on a day by day basis. All of our departments are working, albeit some are working remotely and we are doing some alternative scheduling bringing people in on alternating days as needed. We are anticipating that those orders will lift eventually. As that starts to happen we have plans in place for us to start preparing for reopening of our parks and facilities and our recreation programs. We are preparing for how we will open our lobbies and start conducting business back inside our facilities and how we will bring our employees back into our work place that have been working from home. We have to stay fluid in how we roll that out mainly because we follow the Governor’s orders if those were to be extended that process would be delayed as we continue to follow those.

Financial Report – We are starting to track our March activity on our finance side we are monitoring what we are doing for the month of April. We are about to roll into the month of May and we are anticipating that we will have some reduction in revenues. It’s difficult at this time to make some estimates of what we think that would be but as we get more experience under our belt for the next couple of months we will see. Its not happening in Building and Development Standards they are very strong on plan reviews and issuing permits. All activity that takes place typically in our Building and Development Standards Department are at full force. There is no reduction of work we have seen in that area. They continue to issue permits; they continue to do inspections and they continue to issue certificates of occupancy. That is moving along very, very well for us.

Emergency Declaration – we know the emergency declaration allows for the extension of due dates relative to business license, hospitality and accommodations. Those due dates reflect the original due date of April 30th but any type of penalty is waived as we work through that period as well. As a result of that you will find at your next meeting in May, we will make recommendations on how we will need to extend that through June 30, 2020

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Because we want to make sure our business community is being allowed as much time as we can possibly allow for the payment of those business license, hospitality and accommodations type dollars. If our economy locally is not in a position that you believe as a Council that we are ready to proceed with that you will give us instruction on how we need to handle that. So that first meeting in May will give us an opportunity to make some recommendations to keep that period open, it will also allow for you to provide us feedback on what you believe we should do and for you to give us our orders on how to handle that. That decision rests solely on Mayor and Council. All other aspects of our operation are going very smoothly. We are being very responsive albeit there are some modifications that we needed to make and we’ve reported that to you previously so no changes relative to that. We as a provider of services to our community are anxious to get everyone back on board in their respective places and get our community back to normal as quickly as possible. Obviously, we want to do that in a safe environment and we are following those orders from our Governor’s Office as well as recognizing guidelines that are being recommended to us as well. We will bring additional information to you in upcoming meetings. We are hopeful we will be able to provide some modified type scheduling of this meeting for example we think we may have the opportunity for those folks that may feel comfortable coming in for a meeting we are able to accommodate that but we are also able to accommodate electronic voting if there are members of Council that are not comfortable coming into that environment. We are working out those details we have two weeks to prepare for that the Mayor will make that ultimate decision but we are putting processes in place to allow for that. I am certainly available to answer any questions you or your constituents may have as well.

VIII. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. Board of Architectural Review
Marney Hannon resigned his term expires 6/30/2020.

No action was taken.

B. Planning Commission
District 3 Mark Hopper resigned his term expires 6/30/2021.

No action was taken.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 4-2020
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY ROBERT BROWN LOCATED AT 948 OLD JONES ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF I-1 (INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT) FOR SAID PROPERTY.

Brandon McMahan, Planner stated the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing April 20, 2020 and recommended approval.
ACTION – Councilmember Judy Albert made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 4-2020. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 6-2020
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE CITY OF GREER LOCATED AT 2299 AND 2999 GAP CREEK ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-20 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) FOR SAID PROPERTIES.

Brandon McMahan, Planner stated the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing April 20, 2020 and recommended approval.

ACTION – Councilmember Wayne Griffin made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 6-2020. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

C. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 10-2020
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY CHERYL LYNN GRANT LOCATED AT 1103 KIST ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-12 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) FOR SAID PROPERTY.

Brandon McMahan, Planner stated the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing April 20, 2020 and recommended approval.

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 10-2020. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

D. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 13-2020
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY MARK III PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 925 ABNER CREEK ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-7.5 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) FOR SAID PROPERTY.

Brandon McMahan, Planner stated the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing April 20, 2020 and recommended approval.
ACTION – Councilmember Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 13-2020. Councilmember Mark Hopper seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried 6-1 with Councilmember Albert voting in opposition.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 9-2020
A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING 250 VICTOR AVENUE AS AN ABANDONED TEXTILE MILL SITE IN CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

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

ACTION – Councilmember Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 9-2020. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

Richard Few, Attorney for the applicant spoke briefly.

Brief discussion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 10-2020
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT CROSSWINDS SUBDIVISION STREETS, NAMELY RAMSHACKLE WAY AND EVERARD LANE INTO THE CITY OF GREER STREET SYSTEM

Robert Roux, Assistant City Engineer presented the request. Staff recommends approval.

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 10-2020. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Brief discussion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

C. First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 11-2020
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT KATHERINE’S GARDEN SUBDIVISION STREETS, NAMELY ANSEL WOODS LANE, PRESLEY COURT, DELSEY COURT, CORLEY WAY, AND ABBERLY TRAIL INTO THE CITY OF GREER STREET SYSTEM

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Robert Roux, Assistant City Engineer presented the request. Staff recommends approval.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 11-2020. Councilmember Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

D. **First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 12-2020**  
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT ORCHARD CREST SUBDIVISION STREETS, NAMELY MEADOWMOOR ROAD, JOHN THOMAS WAY, THOMAS EDWARDS LANE, ROSABELLA LANE, DEVONFIELD DRIVE, AND ORCHARD CREST COURT INTO THE CITY OF GREER STREET SYSTEM

Robert Roux, Assistant City Engineer presented the request. Staff recommends approval.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 12-2020. Councilmember Mark Hopper seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

E. **First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 13-2020**  
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT REDCROFT PHASE III SUBDIVISION STREETS, NAMELY REDCROFT DRIVE, HAWK RIDGE COURT, BONSELL COURT, AND WILDACRE COURT INTO THE CITY OF GREER STREET SYSTEM

Robert Roux, Assistant City Engineer presented the request. Staff recommends approval.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Wayne Griffin made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 13-2020. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Discussion held.

**VOTE** – Motion carried 6-1 with Councilmember Albert voting in opposition.

F. **First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 14-2020**  
A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE CITY OF GREER TO CONTINUE THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF GREENVILLE AND THE GREENVILLE COUNTY REDVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN ORDER TO
MAINTAIN URBAN COUNTY STATUS WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Mike Sell, Deputy City Administrator presented the request.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Wayne Griffin made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 14-2020. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**G. First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 15-2020**
**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALE AND TRANSFER OF CITY PROPERTY**

Matt Hamby, Chief of Police presented the request. Staff recommended approval.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 15-2020. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Discussion held.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**H. First Reading of Ordinance Number 16-2020**
**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY CHESTER AND MARGARET SMITH LOCATED AT 203 EAST FAIRVIEW AVENUE FROM RM-1 (RESIDENTIAL MULTI FAMILY DISTRICT) TO DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT).**

Brandon McMahan, Planner presented the request. He stated the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing April 20, 2020 and recommended approval.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 16-2020. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Discussion held.

The owners of the property were available, Mrs. Smith spoke briefly.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**I. First Reading of Ordinance Number 17-2020**
**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY DEMETRIUS CHULKAS LOCATED AT 701 WEST**
POINSETT STREET FROM C-2 (COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) TO DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT).

Brandon McMahan, Planner presented the request. He stated the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing April 20, 2020 and recommended approval. Neither the owner nor a representative was present.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 17-2020. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Discussion held.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

J. **First Reading of Ordinance Number 18-2020**

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY MICHAEL S. BRUCE LOCATED ON NORTH HIGHWAY 14 FROM R-7.5 (RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT).

Brandon McMahan, Planner presented the request. He stated the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing April 20, 2020 and recommended approval.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 18-2020. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

A representative of the applicant Paul Harrison, Civil Engineer with Blue Water spoke briefly.

Discussion held.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

K. **First Reading of Ordinance Number 19-2020**

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY PANDION PROPERTIES, LLC LOCATED AT 306 WEST POINSETT STREET FROM DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT) TO O-D (OFFICE DISTRICT).

Brandon McMahan, Planner presented the request. He stated the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing April 20, 2020 and recommended approval.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 19-2020. Councilmember Mark Hopper seconded the motion.

A representative of the owner Kevin Byrd was present but did not speak.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.
L. First Reading of Ordinance Number 20-2020
AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTIES OWNED BY CULBERTSON LAND COMPANY, WES C. CULBERTSON LOCATED AT 606 AND 610 NORTH MAIN STREET FROM C-2 (COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) TO C-3 (COMMERCIAL DISTRICT).

Brandon McMahan, Planner presented the request. He stated the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing April 20, 2020 and recommended approval.

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 20-2020. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Discussion held.

A representative of the owner Sunit Vashi spoke.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

M. First Reading of Ordinance Number 21-2020
AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY CURTIS C. HIPP LOCATED ON VICTOR AVENUE FROM RM-1 (RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY DISTRICT) TO DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT).

Brandon McMahan, Planner presented the request. He stated the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing April 20, 2020 and recommended approval.

ACTION – Councilmember Wayne Griffin made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 21-2020. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Discussion held.

A representative of the owner Paul Harrison, Civil Engineer with Blue Water spoke. Doug Hunt, the applicant was also available for questions.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION – In (8:23 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 Judy Albert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**ACTION** - Out (9:03 p.m.) – Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

9:03 P.M.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk

Public Forum Sign Up List – April 28, 2020

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# Financial Performance Summary

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