



CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL
June 9, 2020**

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

I. CALL TO ORDER OF THE REGULAR MEETING Mayor Rick Danner – 6:34 P.M.

The following members of Council were in attendance:
Jay Arrowood, Wayne Griffin arrived at 6:37 pm, Mark Hopper, Lee Dumas arrived at 6:50 pm, Wryley Bettis and Judy Albert.

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 Mayor Rick Danner

III. INVOCATION Mayor Rick Danner

IV. PUBLIC FORUM No one signed up to speak

V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING May 26, 2020

ACTION – Councilmember Mark Hopper made a motion that the minutes of May 26, 2020 be received as written. Councilmember Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

A. Dianne Moore in recognition of her retirement

Dianne Moore was recognized upon her retirement for twenty-two years of dedicated service to the City of Greer from May 30, 1998 until May 15, 2020.

B. Mayor Rick Danner read Resolution Number 16-2020 recognizing and commending the following City of Greer Employees for their dedicated and faithful service:

Steve Grant has served in the Public Services Department for 5 years;
Bobby Teague has served in the Parks and Recreation Department for 10 years;
Richard Bradshaw has served in the Fire Department for 20 years; and
Chad Richardson has served in the Police Department for 20 years;

VII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

CenterG – We are rapidly coming to the conclusion of this project. We will have substantial completion by June 30th. We will have punch list items and other things we will make sure are addressed as we wrap this up. Our contract called for us to have substantial completion by June 30th and we will meet that. You will also receive additional information that we will be recognizing many of our downtown property owners, business owners and employees that have worked with us over the last eighteen (18) months of this project and we will hold a celebration with that group of folks because unfortunately we are not able to do the larger scale event that we had hoped to do in the downtown area as we open CenterG. You will receive more information on that, it will be happening Sunday evening, July 12th. There will be a ribbon cutting and dedication on a smaller scale than we would have otherwise done. Again, the project is on budget and on schedule.

Kids Planet – work is progressing, they are grading and pouring sidewalks. Next will be installation of equipment, landscaping and then lighting.

Parks and Recreation – all parks and playgrounds are open. We installed hand sanitizers in all parks. We have a sanitizing service that comes in daily in the mornings.

Housing Starts – continue to be strong. We had ninety (90) housing starts in May, that is one hundred thirty-eight (138) more than this time last year. We are at four hundred and thirty (430) housing starts currently. To put that into perspective in 2017 we had four hundred twenty-nine for the year. Construction is going well.

VIII. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee

Christina Lewis resigned her term expires 12/31/2021.

David Seifert, Chief Financial Officer stated Staff recommended Sierra Jones to fill the seat.

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis nominated Sierra Jones to fulfill the seat on the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee. Councilmember Judy Albert second the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. Board of Zoning Appeals

District 3 Thomas McAbee's term expires 6/30/2020.

No action was taken.

**C. Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport Environs Planning Commission
Spartanburg County Representative Miles Nason's term expires 6/30/2020.**

ACTION – Councilmember Wayne Griffin nominated Miles Nason for reappointment as the Spartanburg County Representative on the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport Environs Planning Commission. Councilmember Jay Arrowood second the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

**A. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 23-2020
AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A PORTION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY WC VENTURES LLC LOCATED AT 300 TRYON STREET FROM R-12 (RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO DRD (DESIGN REVIEW 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 23-2020. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 24-2020
AN ORDINANCE TO TEMPORARILY WAIVE PENALTIES FOR THE LATE PAYMENT OF FEES FOR BUSINESS LICENSE TAX AND LOCAL HOSPITALITY TAX AND LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX PAYMENTS; AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

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

ACTION – Councilmember Mark Hopper made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 24-2020. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

X. NEW BUSINESS

**A. Bid Summary – Fairway and Tee Box Renovations Bid
Red Watson, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation presented the request. Staff recommended Benson Construction Company in the amount of \$126,077.00.**

Discussion held.

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to award the bid to Benson Construction Company in the amount of \$126,077.00. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. Purchase of Equipment – Golf Course Equipment for Maintenance

Red Watson, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation presented the request. Staff recommended purchasing the equipment (1 John Deere 1200A Bunker and Field Rake \$14,473.37, 1 Bernhard 3000IR Reel Grinder \$35,981 and 1 Bernhard MC3000 Bedknife Grinder \$15,595) from Greenville Turf and Tractor.

ACTION – Councilmember Wayne Griffin made a motion to purchase 1 John Deere 1200A Bunker and Field Rake \$14,473.37, 1 Bernhard 3000IR Reel Grinder \$35,981 and 1 Bernhard MC3000 Bedknife Grinder \$15,595 from Greenville Turf and Tractor. Councilmember Lee Dumas seconded the motion.

Discussion held.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

C. First Reading of Ordinance Number 25-2020

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, TAX-EXEMPT OR TAXABLE, TO FUND VARIOUS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PRESCRIBE THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS AND THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR BORROWING IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY RELATED TO THE BONDS; PROVIDING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FOR EXPENDITURES PRIOR TO BORROWING; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

David Seifert, Chief Financial Officer presented the request.

ACTION – Councilmember Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 25-2020. Councilmember Lee Dumas seconded the motion.

Discussion held.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

D. First Reading of Ordinance Number 26-2020
CITY OF GREER BUDGET ORDINANCE FISCAL YEAR 2020 - 2021
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE FISCAL AFFAIRS OF THE CITY OF
GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFORE,
LEVYING TAXES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ed Driggers, City Administrator, Mike Sell, Assistant City Administrator, David Seifert, Chief Financial Officer and Susan Howell, Budget and Audit Manager presented the request.

Council Recessed at 8:29 pm.
Council Called to Order at 8:36 pm.

ACTION – Councilmember Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 26-2020 with the amendment that our aid to subdivisions, the amount we normally deduct which is ten percent (10%) and apply that to a paving fund which is to be used for education and repair and paving concrete streets. Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

Lengthy discussion held.

ACTION – Councilmember Jay Arrowood withdrew his first motion. Councilmember Wryley Bettis withdrew his motion.

ACTION – Councilmember Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 26-2020. Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

E. First Reading of Ordinance Number 27-2020
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18 BUSINESS LICENSE, ARTICLE
II LICENSING, SECTION 18-35 TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENT OF
PROVIDING PROOF OF GROSS INCOME.

David Seifert, Chief Financial Officer presented the request.

ACTION – Councilmember Judy Albert made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 27-2020. Councilmember Lee Dumas seconded the motion.

Brief discussion held.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

F. Proposal Summary – Audit Services beginning Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2021
David Seifert, Chief Financial Officer presented the request. Staff recommended McKinley, Cooper & Company LLC in the amount of \$20,000.00 annually/\$23,000.00 (Yellow Book Audit).

Discussion held.

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to award the bid to McKinley, Cooper & Company LLC in the amount of \$20,000.00 annually/\$23,000.00 (Yellow Book Audit). Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

Add and Item to Executive Session

Ed Driggers, City Administrator requested Council add one Personnel Matter pertaining to the Fire Department to Executive Session as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70(a)(1).

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION – In (10:30 p.m.)

- (A) Personnel Matter** – Administration
- (B) Economic Development Matter** – Project Victor Mill
- (C) Economic Development Matter** – Project Fruit Stripe
- (D) Personnel Matter** – Fire Department

Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss two (2) Personnel Matters one (1) pertaining to the Administration Department, one (1) pertaining to the Fire Department; as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70(a)(1), and two (2) Economic Development Matters one (1) pertaining the Project Victor Mill and one (1) pertaining to Project Fruit Stripe; as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70(a)(5). Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

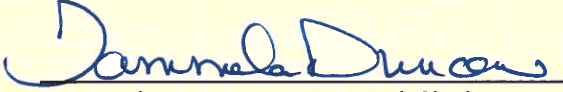
Mayor Danner stated during Executive Session they considered the above matters and no action was taken.

ACTION - Out (11:50 p.m.) – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

11:51 P.M.


Richard W. Danner, Mayor


Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk

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, June 5, 2020.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Congratulations upon your retirement from the City of Greer.
Presented In Appreciation of Twenty Two Years of Dedicated Service to the City of Greer

May 30, 1998 to May 15, 2020

DIANNE MOORE

Given at Greer, South Carolina
this 9th day of June 2020.



City Administrator

Mayor