I. CALL TO ORDER OF THE REGULAR MEETING

The following members of Council were in attendance:
Jay Arrowood, Wayne Griffin, Mark Hopper, 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 and various other staff and media.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Wayne Griffin

III. INVOCATION

Councilmember Wayne Griffin

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

1) John Weston, 302 Becky Gibson Rd spoke in opposition to Ordinance Number 20-
2020 and Ordinance Number 30-2020.

2) Dr. Jack Davis, 111 W. Wade Hampton Blvd spoke in opposition to Ordinance Number
36-2020.

3) Stan Coster, 202 Pine Street spoke in opposition to Ordinance Number 36-2020.
4) TJ Swift, 104 Westmoreland Rd spoke in opposition to Ordinance Number 36-2020.
5) Benjamin Montgomery, 400 W. Arlington Ave spoke in favor of Ordinance Number
36-2020.

6) William Forsythe, 117 Woodvale Cir spoke in opposition to Ordinance Number 36-
2020.

7) Denise Vandenberghe, 103 Depot Street spoke in opposition to Ordinance Number
36-2020.

8) Dr. Quentin Thomas, 1203 W. Poinsett Street spoke in opposition to Ordinance
Number 36-2020.

9) Vaughn Bragg, 302 Trade Street spoke in opposition to Ordinance Number 36-2020.

10) Adam Clark, 112 Trade Street spoke in opposition to Ordinance Number 36-2020.

11) Brian Lohmeyer, 132 Circle Dr. spoke in opposition to Ordinance Number 36-2020.
V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

June 23, 2020

ACTION – Councilmember Jay Arrowood made a motion that the minutes of June 23, 2020 be received as written. Councilmember Wryley Betis seconded the motion.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

A. Ed Driggers in recognition of his retirement

Ed Driggers was recognized upon his retirement for twenty years of dedicated service to the City of Greer from June 1, 2000 until August 1, 2020.

VII. PETITIONER

A. Dr. Norma Nesbitt Givens, 103 Stokes Street shared her concerns regarding the Sunnyside Community related to insufficient infrastructure, limited recreational activities for the youth and limited services of Animal Control. (attached)

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

Commemorative Pen – Council was provided with a pen made from trees removed from the downtown area during the streetscape project known as CenterG.

Transitioning – I am in the process of transitioning as you are aware. I will officially finish up with the State Retirement System August 2nd and the new city administrator will start the following day. I will conclude my responsibilities next Friday, July 24th but will be available that following week should you need me.

Mr. Andrew Merriman – I had an opportunity to meet with Mr. Merriman today, it was a wonderful opportunity. The two of us got to know each other a bit and I am confident you’ve made a very good selection and I think you know that as well. We had a wonderful conversation about what he will be doing when he comes onboard.

Employees - We continue to have discussions about meeting the needs of our employees relative to social distancing, the use of masks, and how we are continue to provide employees the ability to work in a safe environment. I wanted to make you aware we are continuing to do some alternate scheduling, we continue to allow some employees to come and go at different times. We are finding if there is a request from one of our staff we are able to accommodate that request. With nearly 300 employees we take seriously our responsibility that 1) they are protected in the workplace and 2) we at the best of our ability accommodate their needs to be able to do that as well.
Ribbon Cutting and Dedication of CenterG Project — We wrapped up with the ribbon cutting and dedication last Sunday of our CenterG Project. There are still punch list items out there that we are working on, some landscaping and an intersection that needs to be completed. The crews will be on board with us for several more weeks as we work through that you will see the crosswalks will be lighted and way finding sign will be installed.

CenterG Phase II — we are moving forward with Phase II of the Streetscape project. That will allow us to move down Main Street, Cannon Street from Poinsett Street and down to Arlington and Jason Street. We will be making improvements to that area relative to storm drainage, curb, gutter and decorative light fixtures, brick banning and new sidewalks and new pavement in those areas as well. We will continue with Sossamon Construction as we work through that project.

Press Conference with Greer Development Corporation — We partnered earlier today with Greer Development Corporation and had the opportunity to share information relative to the hotel project. The owners and managers were with us today to share additional information on that new project that we have been referring to as Project Homecoming. You will be receiving information later in the agenda relative to the development agreement for that project.

Kids Planet — we continue to work on Kid Planet. Rain slowed us down and we had some bad soil issues but we are moving forward on that project. We have scheduled installation of the playground equipment, it has arrived onsite.

IX. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. Board of Zoning Appeals
District 3 Thomas McAbee’s term expires 6/30/2020.

ACTION — Councilmember Mark Hopper nominated Christi Poole for appointment to the District 3 seat on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE — Motion carried unanimously.

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 22-2020
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF GREER ZONING ORDINANCE BY AMENDING ARTICLE 5 ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS, SECTION 18 DT DOWNTOWN GREER OVERLAY DISTRICT.

Brandon McMahan, Planner presented the requested changes.

ACTION — Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 22-2020. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.
Lengthy discussion held.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 28-2020**

APPROVING A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH PROJECT HOMECOMING;
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS; AND RELATED MATTERS.

Mayor Danner requested Council hold this matter over until after Executive Session.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 17-2020**

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING 9 INGLESBY STREET AS AN ABANDONED
TEXTILE MILL SITE IN CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

Reno Deaton, Executive Director of Greer Development Corporation presented the request. Mr. Richard Few attorney for the applicant was present but did not speak.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Judy Albert made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 17-2020. Councilmember Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**B. First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 19-2020**

SOUTH CAROLINA LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL CONSENT FORM

David Seifert, Chief Financial Officer presented the request.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Wayne Griffin made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 19-2020. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**C. First Reading of Ordinance Number 35-2020**

AUTHORIZING A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT, SERIES 2020, IN THE
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING $2,057,103 RELATING TO THE
FINANCING OF EQUIPMENT FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; AUTHORIZING
THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE LEASE
AGREEMENT; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS
David Seifert, Chief Financial Officer presented the request.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Jay Arrowood made a motion to receive First Reading of Ordinance Number 35-2020. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

Discussion held.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**D. First and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 36-2020**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REQUIRING INDIVIDUALS TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

Mayor Rick Danner presented the request.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Wayne Griffin made a motion to receive First and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 36-2020. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Each councilmember spoke regarding the ordinance.

**VOTE** – Motion failed 2-5 with Councilmembers Arrowood, Hopper, Dumas, Bettis and Albert voting in opposition.

**E. First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 20-2020**

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING INDIVIDUALS TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

Councilmember Wryley Bettis presented the request.

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

Discussion held.

**VOTE** – Motion carried 4-3 with Councilmembers Griffin, Hopper and Danner voting in opposition.

**Council Recessed at 9:14 pm.**
**Council Called to Order at 9:23 pm.**

**F. First Reading of Ordinance Number 29-2020**

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AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY MARK III PROPERTIES LOCATED ON NORTH HOWELL ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT) FOR SAID PROPERTY.

Brandon McMahan, Planner presented the request. The Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) met May 28, 2020 to consider the request. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing June 22, 2020 and recommended approval. Paul Garrison with Blue Water Civil Design was present and spoke.

ACTION – Councilmember Judy Albert made a motion to receive First Reading of Ordinance Number 29-2020. Councilmember Lee Dumas seconded the motion.

Lengthy discussion held.

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

G. First Reading of Ordinance Number 30-2020
AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A PORTION OF PROPERTIES OWNED BY MICHAEL BRUCE AND A PORTION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY GAP CREEK LLC LOCATED ON NORTH HOWELL ROAD AND GAP CREEK ROAD FROM R-12 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) AND C-2 (COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) TO DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT).

Brandon McMahan, Planner presented the request. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing June 22, 2020 and recommended approval.

ACTION – Councilmember Jay Arrowood made a motion to receive First Reading of Ordinance Number 30-2020. Councilmember Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

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

H. First Reading of Ordinance Number 31-2020
AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY MARY GREEN LOCATED AT 551 ABNER CREEK ROAD FROM R-12 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO RM-1 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT).

Brandon McMahan, Planner presented the request. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing June 22, 2020 and recommended approval.

Discussion held.

ACTION – Councilmember Wriley Bettis made a motion to receive First Reading of Ordinance Number 31-2020. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried 6-1 with Councilmember Albert voting in opposition.
I. **First Reading of Ordinance Number 32-2020**

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY BEN DILLARD LOCATED AT 531 ABNER CREEK ROAD FROM R-12 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO RM-1 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT).

Brandon McMahan, Planner presented the request. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing June 22, 2020 and recommended approval.

**ACTIONS** – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to receive First Reading of Ordinance Number 32-2020. Councilmember Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

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

J. **First Reading of Ordinance Number 33-2020**

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY DEANNA ROGERS LOCATED AT 2924 BRUSHY CREEK ROAD FROM DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT) TO R-12 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT).

Brandon McMahan, Planner presented the request. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing June 22, 2020 and recommended approval. A representative of the owner was present but did not speak.

**ACTIONS** – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to receive First Reading of Ordinance Number 33-2020. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

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

K. **First Reading of Ordinance Number 34-2020**

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY RED DRAGONFLY LLC LOCATED AT 1111 POPLAR DRIVE EXTENSION BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-5 (GARDEN COURT OR PATIO HOUSE DISTRICT) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Brandon McMahan, Planner presented the request. The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing July 20, 2020. A representative was present but did not speak.

**ACTIONS** – Councilmember Wayne Griffin made a motion to receive First Reading of Ordinance Number 34-2020. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

XII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
ACTION – In (10:02 p.m.)

(A) Economic Development Matter – Project Homecoming

Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss one (1) Economic Development Matters pertaining the Project Homecoming; 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 matter and no action was taken.

ACTION - Out (10:29 p.m.) – Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION TAKEN AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

OLD BUSINESS

B. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 28-2020

APPROVING A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH PROJECT HOMECOMING; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS; AND RELATED MATTERS.

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 28-2020. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

10:30 P.M.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk

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