



## **CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA**

### **MINUTES of the WORKSHOP MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL May 18, 2021**

**Meeting Location: Greer City Hall, 301 East Poinsett Street, Greer, SC 29651**

**Call to Order of the Workshop Meeting** Mayor Rick Danner – 5:18 P.M.

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

Others present: Andy Merriman, City Administrator, Mike Sell, Deputy City Administrator, Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk, Steve Owens, Communications Manager, David Seifert, Chief Financial Officer, Susan Howell, Audit and Budget Manager and media. Department Heads present Dorian Flowers, Fire Chief, Matt Hamby, Police Chief, Ann Cunningham, Director of Parks and Recreation, Ruthie Helms, Building Official, Kirsten Pressley, Court Administrator, Steve Grant, City Engineer.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** Mayor Rick Danner

**Subject: 2021-2022 Proposed Budget Workshop**  
Presented by Andy Merriman, City Administrator

**General Fund (Fund 11)**  
Requesting 11 new positions  
**Administration** - Project Manager

**Building and Development Standards**  
Commercial Plan Reviewer, Residential Plan Reviewer, Building Inspector

**Public Services**  
2 Public Services Worker I  
1 Public Service Worker II

**Parks and Recreation**  
Groundskeeper  
Athletics Coordinator (Fund 9 funded)

**Police**  
Corporal (Safe Communities Program)  
Corporal (Patrol)

**Fire Department**

Quick Response Vehicle Program (call volume attached)

**Salary adjustments** - 1.23% CPI, 3% pool for merit based increases

**Health Benefits** – Anticipate increase of health benefits costs

**Capital Equipment Fund (Fund 10)**

Front Line Engine \$640K – Fire Department  
Compactor and Trailer – Public Services  
Knuckleboom – Public Services  
Mini-Excavator – Public Services  
7 Police Vehicles

**Contingency Fund (Fund 8)**

\$207K transfer from General Fund to maintain Financial Policy of 1% of General Fund

**Recreation Programs Fund (Fund 9)**

Expenses for Freedom Blast and the International Festival will be consolidated into Fund 9.

**Neighborhood Services Fund (Fund 13)**

Transfer funds to Real Property (Fund 23), \$75k for S. Tyger Trail System

**Hospitality Fund (Fund 18)**

98% of this fund is debt payment related, bulk of funding goes to 2020 Golf Course Revenue Bond, 2017 Downtown/Arts Center Renovation Bond, 2007 Victor Park Gym and Field (purchase and renovation), 2006 City Complex Bond (partial funding).

**Real Property Fund (Fund 23)**

\$1 Million programmed for Greer Relief (hospital sale proceeds)  
\$185k for Turner Park Restrooms  
\$120k Gateway signage  
\$516k for Recycling Center Earthwork/Paving  
\$50k for continued ADA improvements

**Facilities Fund (Fund 50)**

\$88k for Event Hall technology additions for remote meetings  
\$250k for Cannon Centre Deck replacement

**Greer Golf (Fund 57)**

Transfer loan from General Fund (Fund 11) to cover anticipated shortfall of \$142k.

**Dedicated Millage \*includes 1.1 mill increase (2.2 mills total)**

Operations 90.9 mills  
Debt 3.8 mills\*  
Infrastructure 5.3 mills\*  
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**Operations**

90.9 mills of Ad Valorem taxes, all license and permit fees, fire service revenues, grants, miscellaneous

**Debt**

contains all of our general obligation bond debt

**Infrastructure Millage**

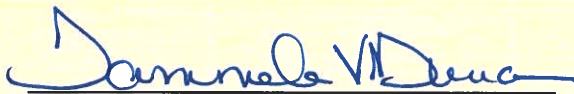
5.3 Mills to cover paving, sidewalks etc. This millage includes a \$750,500 increase to our Paving Fund over last FY (total \$1.4 million). Intended to maintain a PCI of 57.

Additional information attached.

**Executive Session**

**An Executive Session was not needed.**

**Adjournment – 6:45 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, May 14, 2021.