



CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL August 9, 2016

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

I. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING Mayor Rick Danner - 6:30 P.M.

The following members of Council were in attendance:
Wayne Griffin, Kimberly Bookert, Lee Dumas, Wryley Bettis and Judy Albert.

Jay Arrowood was absent.

Others present: Ed Driggers, City Administrator, Mike Sell, Assistant City Administrator, Elizabeth Adams, Executive Administrative Assistant, Steve Owens, Communications Manager and various other staff and media.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Councilman Wryley Bettis

III. INVOCATION Councilman Wryley Bettis

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

James Roger Moon, 2520 Old Ansel School Rd spoke in opposition to closing Hillside Drive.
Chip Radford, 217 Blue Ridge Drive spoke in opposition to closing Hillside Drive.
Bryan Stokes, 100 Chestnut Avenue spoke in favor of closing Hillside Drive.

V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING July 26, 2016

ACTION - Councilwoman Judy Albert made a motion that the minutes of July 26, 2016 be received as written. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- A.** Bobby James with the Fire Department was not present but was recognized for his twenty-nine (29) years of dedicated service upon his retirement August 4, 2016.

VII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

Items:

Police Department Youth Summer Camp – The police department completed three (3) Youth Summer Camps this year. All camps were at capacity.

Fire Department Citizens Fire Academy – We have filled all of the spots in this program. We are looking at ways to offer this again in the future and expand the program.

Summer Camp Programs – Our summer camp program through the recreation departments have concluded. We averaged one hundred and forty (140) youths during the two (2) summer camp programs.

Back to School Bash – the recreation department also involved in the Back to School Bash this program supplies backpacks and school supplies to children that do not have them. We had over one thousand (1000) local children participate.

National Night Out – We had a great turnout and great exposure during National Night Out. Local media outlets were on site and conducted several interviews.

Food Truck Roll Out – We held our first Food Truck Roll Out this past Friday. Four (4) food trucks and entertainment participated in City Park. Very successful inaugural event.

Century Park – Kids Planet at Century Park construction project at the ball field is moving very well. We are ahead of schedule.

City Auditorium – Phase one of the project is complete. We have received applications for Artists in Residence spaces and are being reviewed now. We hope to get some of the artists in the building next week. We will have a grand opening of the facility in October.

Rail Fest – Saturday, September 10th Rail Fest will take place in City Park from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Admission is free. The festival will communicate the history and safety of the rail system.

Allen Bennett – We are receiving good inquiry on the project. Submissions are due October 4th.

Awards – We received awards for safety (worker's compensation) and risk management (property and liability) from our insurance provider. They will be on site the morning of our Employee Safety breakfast to recognized the efforts of our employees.

We were also recognized by the American Heart Association as a "Fit Workplace" and will be receiving the fit workplace award.

Mike Sell, Assistant City Administrator – the National Research Center has awarded the City of Greer the "2016 Voice of the People Award" for transformation in foundations

of livability. The Voice of the People Awards are the only honor given in local government based on community opinion.

Executive Session

Mr. Driggers stated he had one (1) Personnel matter and one (1) Economic Development matter for consideration during Executive Session.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 23-2016

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY RANDY VAUGHN AND DONNA DAVIS LOCATED ON WESTMORELAND ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R7.5 (RESIDENTIAL – SINGLE FAMILY) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Mr. Driggers, City Administrator stated the Planning Commission held the Public Hearing July 18th and approved R-10 (Single Family Residential) zoning. He requested Council amend the current zoning to reflect the recommendation of the Planning Commission of R-10 zoning.

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to amend the current zoning to R-10 (Residential Single Family) and approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 23-2016. Councilman Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 24-2016

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY SHERRY SUDDUTH, SCOTT SATTERFIELD, CASEY SATTERFIELD AND CODY SATTERFIELD LOCATED AT 612 WESTMORELAND ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R7.5 (RESIDENTIAL – SINGLE FAMILY) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Mr. Driggers, City Administrator stated the Planning Commission held the Public Hearing July 18th and approved R-10 (Single Family Residential) zoning. He requested Council amend the current zoning to reflect the recommendation of the Planning Commission of R-10 zoning.

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to amend the current zoning to R-10 (Residential Single Family) and approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 24-2016. Councilman Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Traffic concerns on Hillside Drive

Requested by Councilman Lee Dumas

Lengthy discussion held.

ACTION - Councilman Lee Dumas made a motion to engage a traffic engineer to study the area. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Rick Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to receive information on one (1) **Personnel** matter and one (1) **Economic Development** matter.

ACTION - In (7:31 p.m.) - Councilwoman Judy Albert made a motion to go into Executive Session to receive information as stated by the Mayor. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

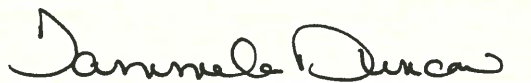
Mayor Danner stated during Executive Session they received the information as stated above and no action would be needed.

ACTION - Out (8:12 p.m.) – Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

8:12 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, August 5, 2016.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

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

October 2, 1986 to August 4, 2016

BOBBY JAMES

Given at Greer, South Carolina
this 9th day of August 2016.



City Administrator

Mayor



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City of Greer earns national 'Voice of the People' award

Key planning through such tools as the Greer Community Master Plan and monitoring progress through the National Citizen Survey have proven to be effective as the City of Greer works to improve not only infrastructure but also the quality of life for residents.

National Research Center, Inc. (NRC) has validated the effectiveness of those planning efforts, naming the City of Greer as winner of the 2016 Voice of the People Award for Transformation in Foundations of Livability. The award is presented only to jurisdictions that best listen and act to improve their communities.

NRC president Tom Miller said City of Greer residents' responses through the National Citizen Survey reflected the highest levels of improvement with foundations of livability and economy compared with all other participating jurisdictions.

"This is a unique opportunity to see evidence of best practices quantified by survey results," Miller said, noting that awarding top jurisdictions can even benefit other communities. "Others can understand the successes of their colleagues and get to know what's working best in America."

Greer City Administrator Ed Driggers shared news of the award with Greer City Council Tuesday evening.

"It's a tremendous honor to be among the nation's leaders for improvement in foundations of livability and economy. That's our ultimate goal and to have those efforts validated by those who live here is very rewarding," Driggers said.

The Voice of the People Awards are the only honor given in local government based on community opinion. The perspectives of the residents themselves determine nominees for the very best of community engagement, safety, mobility, foundations of livability, recreation and wellness, education and enrichment, natural environment, built environment and economy.

The City of Greer utilized the National Citizen Survey in both 2011 and 2015 to measure resident opinions and satisfaction with local government and services with a scientific, representative sample approach.

"The results of those surveys play an important role in how we strategically prepare for budgeting, performance measurement and program planning," said Assistant City Administrator Mike Sell, who coordinates the survey and performance reporting. "We're grateful to all residents who completed the National Citizen Survey and helped to create a blueprint for how we can better serve the community. Our goal is to see continued improvement when we survey citizens in 2019."

Now running nine years, the Voice of the People Awards are presented by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and National Research Center, Inc. They will be presented next month at the 102nd annual ICMA conference in Kansas City, Mo.

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