



## CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

### MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL September 12, 2017

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING** Mayor Rick Danner - 6:31 P.M.

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

Councilmember Jay Arrowood was absent.

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** Councilman Wayne Griffin

**III. INVOCATION** Councilman Wayne Griffin

**IV. PUBLIC FORUM** No one signed up to speak

**V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING** August 22, 2017

**ACTION** - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of August 22, 2017 be received as written. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion.

**VOTE** - Motion carried unanimously.

**VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**A.** Lieutenant Jimmy Holcombe was recognized by Mayor and Council in recognition of his retirement. Lt. Holcombe served with the Greer Police Department from July 30, 1992 until September 14, 2017.

**VII. PRESENTATION**

**A.** Skipper Burns, Director of Public Services presented his Annual Report.

## VIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

### **Items:**

**Storm** – I had an opportunity to send a communication to you Friday after we held our last briefing here and we also held a conference call with the Emergency Preparedness Team again on Sunday. I want to remind everyone of the process we go through our Fire Chief serves as our Risk Management Coordinator and heads up our emergency preparedness process. All of the teams met Thursday at the Operations Center to review the impending storm. The storm had a trajectory on Thursday different than it had on Friday. Fortunately, it shifted and we were able to make some alternative arrangements to our preparedness plan. We continued to monitor the storm over the weekend and the team gathered again on Sunday in a conference call. We were very aware of the path of the storm and were anticipating what was to occur here. All of our teams are involved they include the floodplain manager, our police, fire, public services, public information and we also expand that to our partners at CPW (Commission of Public Works). We would be happy to involve you in the process just let us know if you would like to be included.

**Benefits Fair** – will be held Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 until 12:00 at the Cannon Centre. Your packets are in your mailboxes.

**Greer Trade Day** – will take place this Saturday downtown on Trade Street.

**Rail Fest** – will take place Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. We like to take the opportunity to celebrate the history in our community but to also use this opportunity to share public safety information with our community.

**Commission of Public Works and Friends of Lake Robinson** – we will participate with our partners at CPW (Commission of Public Works) and the Friends of Lake Robinson for the Friends of Lake Robinson Day on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Police Department** – Our police department provides a tournament each year to raise funds for fallen officer's families that fund unfortunately over the past year we completely depleted because of the need of the resources. Fortunately, our police department and community rose to the occasion and held a very successful event and raised over \$15,000.00 this year.

**Wade Hampton Boulevard Lighting Project** – we are moving forward with the project, if you've been through the Wade Hampton corridor at night you can see there is a portion from Gap Creek Road up to about Walmart where about 150 fixtures have been installed. We are at about the 2 ¼ mile mark for that project in the 7 miles stretch from city limit to city limit. The cable is being placed under ground. As we light sections we are taking down the old fixtures at that time.

**Christmas Decorations** – one of the things we knew we would encounter this year in moving from the old fixtures to the new fixtures would be making decisions regarding Christmas decorations on Wade Hampton Blvd I wanted you to be aware because the retro fitting that will be necessary for the new fixtures we will not be installing these

decorations on Wade Hampton Blvd this Christmas season. It will take us until the end of the year to inventory everything we have. Then we can do a plan for the placement of fixtures moving forward. It will also require us to purchase additional materials for next year.

**City Hall Lobby** – the outer lobby (second floor) hardwood floors and the stairwell floors have been completely refinished.

**Leadership Team Staff Retreat** – the Leadership Team will be involved in their staff retreat in the Greer Community October 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Executive Session**

Mr. Driggers stated he had no items for consideration during Executive Session.

## **IX. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

### **A. Election Commission**

**Mark Turnbull** resigned effective immediately his term expires 12/31/2018

**ACTION** – Mayor Rick Danner made a motion to appoint Ana Davis to the Election Commission. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Kids Planet 1 Equipment Purchase/Installation Proposal**

**Seeking Council's approval to purchase and contract the installation of playground equipment from Leathers and Associates of Ithaca, New York, the creator of the custom-designed community playground.**

Ann Cunningham, Director of Parks and Recreation presented the request. Mrs. Cunningham stated Leathers and Associates is the sole source for maintaining the equipment. The total cost of the project is \$32,353.00.

**ACTION** - Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to approve Leathers and Associates in the amount of \$32,353.00. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion.

Discussion held.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**B. First Reading of Ordinance Number 28-2017**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY PEARCE PROPERTIES LOCATED ON BRUSHY CREEK ROAD AND KINGS CREEK DRIVE FROM C-2 (COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) TO DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT).**

Brandon McMahan, Planning and Zoning Coordinator presented the request. He stated the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing August 21, 2017 and approved the request with conditions. Neither the owner nor a representative was present.

**ACTION** - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 28-2017. Councilman Lee Dumas seconded the motion.

Discussion held.

**VOTE** – Motion carried 5-1 with Councilmember Albert voting in opposition.

**C. First Reading of Ordinance Number 29-2017**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY WILLIAM BRADLEY MCABEE LOCATED ON CAMPBELL AVENUE FROM R-12 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO R-7.5 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT).**

Brandon McMahan, Planning and Zoning Coordinator presented the request. He stated the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing August 21, 2017 and approved the request. The owner was present but did not speak.

**ACTION** - Councilman Lee Dumas made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 29-2017. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**D. First Reading of Ordinance Number 30-2017**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY ROBERT JULIAN LOCATED AT 211 ARLINGTON ROAD FROM R-M1 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO C-2 (COMMERCIAL DISTRICT).**

Brandon McMahan, Planning and Zoning Coordinator presented the request. He stated the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing August 21, 2017 and approved the request. The owner was present and spoke briefly.

**ACTION** - Councilwoman Judy Albert made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 30-2017. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

Discussion held.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**E. First Reading of Ordinance Number 31-2017**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTIES OWNED BY (1) D & D CONSTRUCTION AND INVESTMENT LLC AND (2) DORRIS PROPERTIES LLC LOCATED AT 306 SOUTH BUNCOMBE ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF I-1 (INDUSTRIAL) FOR SAID PROPERTIES**

Brandon McMahan, Planning and Zoning Coordinator presented the request. He stated the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing September 18, 2017 to consider the request. Neither the owner nor a representative was present.

**ACTION** - Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 31-2017. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion.

Discussion held.

**VOTE** – Motion carried 5-1 with Councilmember Bettis voting in opposition.

**F. First Reading of Ordinance Number 32-2017**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY TREE FARM, INC. LOCATED ON ROBINSON ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF I-1 (INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT) FOR SAID PROPERTY**

Brandon McMahan, Planning and Zoning Coordinator presented the request. He stated the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing September 18, 2017 to consider the request. Neither the owner nor a representative was present.

**ACTION** - Councilwoman Judy Albert made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 32-2017. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**G. Intermodal Containers  
For discussion**

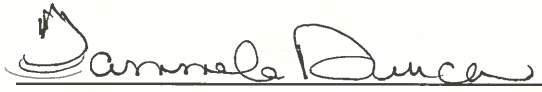
Brandon McMahan, Planning and Zoning Coordinator presented the request. Lengthy discussion was held. Staff was instructed to bring back more information regarding guidelines. No action was taken.

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Rick Danner stated an Executive Session was not needed

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

7:41 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, September 9, 2017.

