



CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL August 22, 2017

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

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

The following members of Council were in attendance:
Jay Arrowood, Wayne Griffin, Kimberly Bookert, 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 Councilman Jay Arrowood

III. INVOCATION Councilman Jay Arrowood

IV. PUBLIC FORUM No one signed up to speak

V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING August 8, 2017

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of August 8, 2017 be received as written. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- A.** Building and Development Standards, Finance, Fire Department, Municipal Court, Parks & Recreation, Police Department, Public Services and the Website Activity Reports for **July 2017** were included in the packet for informational purposes.

Finance

David Seifert, Chief Financial Officer presented the Financial Report for the period ending July 31, 2017. (Attached)

General Fund Cash Balance: \$13,237,178.

General Fund Revenue: \$813,461. General Fund Expenditures: \$1,116,251.

Revenue Benchmark Variance: \$302,148. Expenditure Benchmark Variance: \$226,882.
Overall Benchmark Variance: \$529,030.

The City is 3% under budget during this time period.

Hospitality Fund Cash Balance: \$1,381,083.

Storm Water Fund Cash Balance: \$1,188,063.

B. Police Chief Matt Hamby provided highlights from the Police Departments Activity Report.

VII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

Items:

Total Eclipse Party – event was yesterday, Monday, August 21st at City Park from Noon until 3:00 pm. We estimate approximately 4000 people attended. Viewing glasses were be provided along with many other events including a food truck and events for children. The event was free. I personally spoke with people from Amsterdam, Boston, New Jersey and Virginia. I also received an email from a Dr. Susan Kirk from the University of Virginia who traveled to Greer for the event. (email was read aloud to Council)

Benefits Fair – will be held Thursday, September 14th more information will be forth coming from our Human Resources Department.

Election – The filing deadline ended August 15th currently Wayne B. Griffin is the only candidate in District 2, M. Lee Dumas is the only candidate in District 4 and Perry J. Williams is the only candidate for Commissioner of Public Works. District 6 candidates are Dexter L. Reaves and Judy P. Albert. Write-In Candidates have until Tuesday August 29th until Noon to notify the Municipal Clerk of their intent to become a write in candidate. The only candidate names that will appear on the ballot will be District 6 candidates. New election laws will take effect January 1, 2018.

Executive Session – we will share information with you during the next meeting on updates to the methodology and processes used for Councils discussion of items in Executive Session. These will be reviewed with the Mayor prior to the next meeting. We are working with our City Attorneys and Municipal Association of South Carolina on the updates.

Wellness Program – we are evaluating our Wellness Program and have made a few tweaks to the current program. We are continuing with our 10-point program. We require 6 points to be obtained for us to be able to provide a full discount on both the employee and dependent coverage for spouses. We are making a minor change to the premium. Last year is was a \$50.00 surcharge to our employees that did not meet the 6 points. This year it will be \$60.00, \$10.00 for each point. Last year we made a change and will continue that this year that if the employee is working toward one of the areas but may have not completely obtained everything that is necessary for credit for the program we want to make sure that the effort is being recognized. Our nurse will have the discretion

to award that point if in her communications with our employee that is was demonstrated that effort was being made in that area or the that the desire or intent for effort to be made in that area as well. We are giving a great degree of latitude to the nurse in making sure that that award of the point could continue. It is our intent to continue that and we will communicate that clearly in our program guidelines that we administer and provide to our employees when they come to the health fair. This was a recommendation made to us from Council last year. The program is an all or nothing type program in that you have the October, November and December period to demonstrate you have either obtained those points or you are working toward those points with the discretion the nurse would have. As a reminder, we have 10-point areas those are A1C (AMA Guidelines), Blood Pressure (AMA Guidelines), Cholesterol levels (AMA Guidelines), Annual Physical, Routine Eye or Dental Exam, BMI at 29 or less, meeting with the wellness nurse to review the completed risk assessments and measurements, completing the tobacco use affidavit and a cancer screening in the areas of skin, breast, colorectal, prostate and cervical and oral. 6 of the 10 points are required to receive full credit. It is our desire to see 100% participation. Our Employee Wellness Committee has put 19 scheduled events in place so folks can get the 1 required point under public Education. The program continues to move forward and we believe we've had success with the program. We do review it annually with Council as well. This applies to our employees and spouses. Greer Development Corporation and the Greer Housing Authority participates in our program as well. They voluntarily participated in the past but this year we are notifying them is it required.

Executive Session

Mr. Driggers stated he had one (1) Legal item (receive legal advice from Counsel for the City concerning a pending legal matter pertaining to the sale of the Allen Bennett Hospital property) for consideration during Executive Session.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. Election Commission

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

No nominations were made.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 25-2017

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY HERMAN E. COX LOCATED AT 401 NORTH MAIN STREET FROM C-2 (COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) TO R-7.5 (RESIDENTIAL – SINGLE FAMILY).

Kelli McCormick, Planning Manager stated there was no new information.

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 25-2017. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 26-2017

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY KEN LAVERTU LOCATED AT 200 BUNCOMBE STREET FROM R-12 (RESIDENTIAL - SINGLE FAMILY) TO R-10 (RESIDENTIAL – SINGLE FAMILY).

Kelli McCormick, Planning Manager stated there was no new information.

ACTION - Councilman Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 26-2017. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 12-2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT, SERIES 2017 IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$2,424,747 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 - Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 12-2017. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Rick Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to receive information on (1) Legal matter (receive legal advice from Counsel for the City concerning a pending legal matter pertaining to the sale of the Allen Bennett Hospital property).

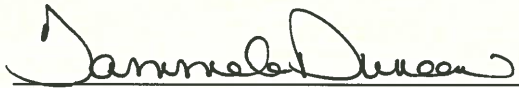
ACTION - In (7:13 p.m.) - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to go into Executive Session to receive information as stated by the Mayor. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

ACTION - Out (8:24 p.m.) – Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilman Lee Dumas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

8:25 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, August 18, 2017.



Financial Performance Summary

As of Month End July, 2017

Quick Look Indicators	This Month	This Year	Balance
General Fund Cash Balance	↓	↑	\$ 13,237,178
General Fund Revenue	↓	↑	\$ 813,461
General Fund Expenditures	↓	↓	\$ 1,116,251
Budget Percentage (Over) / Under	↓	↑	3%
Revenue Benchmark Variance	↓	↑	\$ 302,148
Expenditure Benchmark Variance	↓	↑	\$ 226,882
Overall Benchmark Variance	↓	↑	\$ 529,030
Hospitality Fund Cash Balance	↑	↑	\$ 1,381,083
Hospitality Fund Revenue	↓	↑	\$ 183,838
Hospitality Fund Expenditures	↓	↓	\$ 10,364
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance	↑	↑	\$ 1,188,063
Storm Water Fund Revenue	↑	↑	\$ 8,321
Storm Water Fund Expenditures	↓	↓	\$ 697