



CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL June 13, 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, Kimberly Bookert, Lee Dumas arrived at 7:08 pm, Wryley Bettis and Judy Albert.

Councilmember Wayne Griffin 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 Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert

III. INVOCATION Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert

IV. PUBLIC FORUM No one signed up to speak

V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING May 30, 2017

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of May 30, 2017 be received as written. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PRESENTATION

A. David Seifert, Chief Financial Officer presented his Annual Report. (attached)

VII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

Items:

IT System Upgrade – as the Mayor mentioned we have updated the IT system in the multi-purpose rooms / halls. It is our desire to continue to provide a state of the art facility for our residents.

Sidewalk Policy – As Council is aware we require sidewalks along the frontage of properties when there is development whether it is residential or commercial. We have been advised through SCDOT (South Carolina Department of Transportation) it is their policy they do not allow sidewalks on an SCDOT Highway within the highway right-of-way if the sidewalk is not continuous and has a termination and collection of the sidewalk. This is in conflict with our requirements. We have been able to work with them on what we think is a remedy. We would offer verification that at such time until that sidewalk would be connected or continuous along the right-of-way route that we would assume the responsibility for maintenance of the sidewalk. I have no issue with that because our experience with SCDOT is they build sidewalks and never touch them again. If they are ever maintained we do the maintenance. I wanted you to be aware that we are continuing with your policy of requiring the installation of sidewalks for development of residential and commercial. We are issuing a release to SCDOT, we will continue to monitor this and once we have the connection we will make notice to SCDOT that the sidewalk should be placed back into their system for maintenance. We do maintain liability for the sidewalk.

Calendar Items:

Employee/Family Picnic – Mr. Driggers stated this year's picnic was the highest attended event we've ever had. It was a great event. This was our 17th year.

Moonlight Movies – continue on Thursday evenings. The crowds are continuing to grow. It is a very popular event for us.

Greer Market – continues to take place on Thursday evenings as well and it continues to draw a steady crowd.

Freedom Blast – Saturday, June 24th in City Park. We will have music, food and fellowship and one of the most fabulous firework shows that you will see in upstate South Carolina.

Employee Meetings – I am conducting a series of employee meetings. It is one of the things I do each year during budget season. I meet with all of our employees in group settings, I have 9 scheduled in the next few weeks. I am meeting with them about the budget and the budget process. I find it is a very worth time spent with our employees.

Executive Session

Mr. Driggers stated he had two (2) items for consideration during Executive Session. One (1) **Personnel** matter (Administration/Finance) and one (1) **Legal Update** (Pending Litigation).

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 8-2017

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE CITY OF GREER TO CONTINUE THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF GREENVILLE AND THE GREENVILLE COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN ORDER TO OBTAIN URBAN COUNTY STATUS WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Stan Wilson, Executive Director of Greenville County Redevelopment Authority presented the resolution. The agreement is for 2018-2020.

ACTION - Councilwoman Judy Albert made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 8-2017. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 9-2017

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT HEATHERFIELD SUBDIVISION STREETS, NAMELY HEATHERWOOD LANE AND MAYDEN COURT INTO THE CITY OF GREER STREET SYSTEM

Steve Grant, City Engineer presented the resolution. Staff recommended approval.

ACTION - Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 9-2017. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

C. First Reading of Ordinance Number 16-2017

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTIES OWNED BY HER WILL, LLC LOCATED ON PALMER STREET FROM R-M1 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO C-2 (COMMERCIAL DISTRICT).

Kelli W. McCormick, Planner presented the request. The owner was present but did not speak.

ACTION - Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 16-2017. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

D. First Reading of Ordinance Number 17-2017

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY STEVE SANDLIN LOCATED AT 9 INGLESBY STREET FROM PD (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT) TO DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT).

Kelli W. McCormick, Planner presented the request. The Planning Commission recommended approval. Neither the owner nor a representative was present.

Discussion held.

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 17-2017. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried 5-1 with Mayor Rick Danner voting in opposition.

E. First Reading of Ordinance Number 18-2017

**CITY OF GREER BUDGET ORDINANCE FISCAL YEAR 2017 - 2018
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE FISCAL AFFAIRS OF THE CITY OF GREER,
SOUTH CAROLINA, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFORE, LEVYING
TAXES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Ed Driggers, City Administrator and David Seifert, Chief Financial Officer presented the request.

Lengthy discussion held.

ACTION - Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 18-2017. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried 5-1 with Councilman Jay Arrowood voting in opposition.

F. First Reading of Ordinance Number 19-2017

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18 BUSINESS LICENSE, ARTICLE II
LICENSING, SECTION 18-52 TO REFLECT CHANGES ON THE NORTH
AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM (NAICS) NUMERICAL
INDEX**

David Seifert, Chief Financial Officer presented the request.

Discussion held.

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 19-2017. Councilman Lee Dumas seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Rick Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to receive information on (1) Personnel matter (Administration/Finance) and (1) Legal Update.

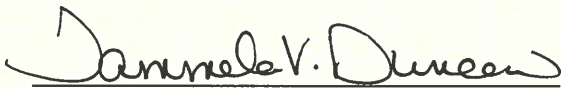
ACTION - In (8:25 p.m.) - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to go into Executive Session to receive information as stated by the Mayor. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.


Mayor Danner stated during Executive Session they received information as stated above and action will be needed on two of the items.

ACTION - Out (8:43 p.m.) – Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

X. ADJOURNMENT

8:44 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, June 9, 2017.

