



CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL
April 9, 2019**

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

I. CALL TO ORDER OF THE REGULAR MEETING Mayor Rick Danner – 6:38 P.M.

The following members of Council were in attendance:
Jay Arrowood, Wayne Griffin arrived at 6:41, 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 Councilmember Jay Arrowood

III. INVOCATION Councilmember Jay Arrowood

IV. PUBLIC FORUM No one signed up to speak

V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING March 26, 2019

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of March 26, 2019 be received as written. Councilmember Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- A.** Mayor Rick Danner read Resolution Number 10-2019 recognizing and commending the following City of Greer Employees for their dedicated and faithful service:

Anna Barnett has served in the Police Department for 5 years;
James Pruitt has served in the Public Services Department for 5 years;
Ronald "Red" Watson has served in the Parks and Recreation Department for 20 years;
Brian Wilson has served in the Parks and Recreation Department for 20 years;
Jeffery Smith has served in the Police Department for 25 years; and
Tammela Duncan has served in Administration for 30 years.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- A.** Skipper Burns, Director of Public Services highlighted his monthly report.

VIII. PRESENTATION

- A. Caroline Robertson, Executive Director of Greer Relief presented her Annual Report. (Attached)
- B. Madeleine Bolick, GIS Planner provided Council with a GIS Demonstration.

IX. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

Employee Family Picnic will be held Friday, April 12th at 5:00 pm in City Hall/Greer City Park. We hope you will be able to join us.

Eggstastic will be held Saturday, April 13th from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm at Century Park.

Spring Clean Up Day will be held Saturday, April 27th from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm at the Recycling Center on Buncombe Street.

International Festival will be held April 27th in City Park from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm.

Family Fest will be held Friday and Saturday May 3rd and 4th. Changes have been made due to our streetscape project downtown. Much of the festival will be held in City Park.

Partnership for Tomorrow has provided information regarding their community visit to Chattanooga. Many are participating in the event. It will be held Wednesday, May 15th, Thursday, May 17th and Friday, May 18th, if you are interested in participating in the visit please let us know. We will get you registered.

Freedom Blast will be held Saturday, June 29th in City Park.

CenterG is moving forward. We mobilized yesterday morning on the 200 Block of Trade Street. We are in the process of completing the work on the 300 Block of Trade Street. Pavers arrived today and we are working with the contractor to get the remainder of the paver in as well as remaining pavers for the parking areas and finalizing any cuts and dressing up paver cuts on the pedestrian side. No vehicles can travel through Trade Street between Randall and Victoria Streets. There is a five (5) foot section of sidewalk in front of every business that will remain open the entire time we are doing the demolition and the construction in the middle of Trade Street once we are prepared, we will start demoing those areas in front of the businesses, removing that section of sidewalk and installing the pavers. It is a very brief window that a business has restricted access to the front of their building. We think we can limit that to two (2) or three (3) days. Most of the businesses in the 300 Block have rear accesses to their businesses. They are prepared to alter the entrance of the customers from the front to the back. We've had very good feedback from the businesses in the 200 Block. We held a meeting last week made available to all merchants downtown. We held two (2) sessions last week, a morning session and an afternoon session as well as we continue to provide weekly updates and periodic walk-ins to those businesses down town. Project is on schedule.

Shuttle System is working really well. We are getting more and more riders on a regular basis. We rolled out a new app last week that enables people to request "On Demand" service for the shuttle system. The app will locate where the shuttles are and you can request the shuttle pick you up at your location and it will come to you. The shuttle will deliver you to the business and pick you up and deliver you back to your vehicle.

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 1-2019

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTIES OWNED BY WILLIAM AND MARSHA JOHNSON AND ELLA SUDDUTH NICHOLS LOCATED AT 1689 GIBB SHOALS ROAD AND 122 NICHOLS DRIVE BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT) FOR SAID PROPERTIES.

Kelli McCormick, Planning Manager stated the Planning Commission held a public hearing January 14, 2019 and recommended approval.

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 1-2019. Councilmember Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

Brief discussion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 9-2019

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA AND [PROJECT O'HARE], WITH RESPECT TO INFRASTRUCTURE CREDITS TO BE APPLIED AGAINST FEE IN LIEU OF TAX PAYMENTS RELATED TO CERTAIN INVESTMENTS IN THE CITY; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the request. He stated there was no new or additional information.

ACTION – Councilmember Wayne Griffin made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 9-2019. Councilmember Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Memorandum of Understanding – Greenville County Multi-jurisdictional Drug Force Unit

Matt Hamby, Police Chief presented the request.

ACTION – Councilmember Judy Albert made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Greenville County Multi-jurisdictional Drug Force Unit. Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

Lengthy discussion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. Seeking Approval of Purchase – Ladder Truck

Dorian Flowers, Fire Chief and David Seifert, Chief Financial Officer presented the request.

ACTION – Councilmember Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve the purchase of the ladder truck. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

Lengthy discussion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

C. First Reading of Ordinance Number 10-2019

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF GREER ZONING CODE OF ORDINANCE BY REPEALING AND REPLACING ARTICLE 5 ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS, SECTION 5:3.3 AND SECTION 5:5.4-5 ACCESSORY BUILDING SETBACK WITHIN THE CITY OF GREER.

Brandon McMahan, Zoning Coordinator stated the Planning Commission held a public hearing March 22, 2019 and recommended approval.

ACTION – Councilmember Wayne Griffin made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 10-2019. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

Lengthy discussion held.

ACTION – Councilmember Wayne Griffin withdrew his motion. Councilmember Judy Albert withdrew her second.

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to place First Reading of Ordinance Number 10-2019 on hold. Councilmember Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

D. First Reading of Ordinance Number 11-2019

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING (1) THE TERMINATION OF A GROUND LEASE AND (2) THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF GREER FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 306 SNOW STREET, GREER, SC 29651.

First Reading of Ordinance Number 11-2019 was held over until after Executive Session.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION – In (8:44 p.m.)

(A) Economic Development Matter

Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss an Economic Development Matter pertaining to Project Maple; as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70(a)(5). Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

(B) Economic Development Matter

Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss an Economic Development Matter pertaining to Project Hot Stove; as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70(a)(5). Councilmember Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

(C) Contractual Matter

Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a Contractual Matter pertaining to Senior Action; as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70(a)(2). Councilmember Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Danner stated during Executive Session they considered the above matters and no action was taken.

ACTION - Out (10:39 p.m.) – Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Wayne Griffin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

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ACTION – Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to place First Reading of Ordinance Number 11-2019 on hold for the purpose of gathering additional information. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

8:22 P.M.


Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk


Richard W. Danher, 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, April 5, 2019.

