



CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL
September 24, 2019**

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

I. CALL TO ORDER OF THE REGULAR MEETING Mayor Rick Danner – 6:34 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, Police Officer Joel Galli and various other staff and media.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Councilmember Wryley Bettis

III. INVOCATION Councilmember Wryley Bettis

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Chip Patat, 102 Rubiwood Circle, Greer (member of Board of Directors for Daily Bread Ministries) spoke in favor of Ordinance Number 35-2019.

Robert Phillips, 111 River Oaks Rd spoke in favor of Ordinance Number 35-2019.

V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING September 10, 2019

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of September 10, 2019 be received as written. Councilmember 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 **August 2019** were included in the packet for informational purposes.

Finance

Susan Howell, Budget and Audit Manager presented the Financial Report for the period ending August 31, 2019. (Attached)

General Fund Cash Balance: \$14,137,139.
General Fund Revenue: \$1,465,243.
General Fund Expenditures: \$4,074,867.
Revenue Benchmark Variance: \$317,439.
Expenditure Benchmark Variance: (\$597,794.)
Overall Benchmark Variance: \$(280,355.)

The City is 1% under budget during this time period.

Hospitality Fund Cash Balance: \$1,614,295.
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance: \$1,518,829.

VII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

Calendar:

Center for the Arts held their Grand Opening September 20th, 21st and 22nd. Friday, September 20th began with the Gala, it was a wonderful event. Absolutely a showcase event. Saturday, September 21st dedication of the facility was held and Sunday, September 22nd was the Open House, we held tours and approximately 500 people came through the facility.

Rail Fest will be held this Saturday, September 28th in City Park from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. A history of the railroad in our community will be provided along with information regarding rail safety.

Greer Station Association Chili Cook Off will be held Thursday, October 3rd at City Park.

Employee Safety Breakfast will be held Friday, October 4th at City Hall starting at 7:30 am.

Municipal Parking Garage The mandatory pre-bid conference will be held Thursday, October 3rd at 1:00 pm and bid will open at City Hall Wednesday, October 16th at 1:00 pm.

John Doehler was introduced by Deputy City Administrator Mike Sell. Mr. Doehler is participating in a program through ICMA (International City County Management Association) and United States Department of Defense partnering program. This program looks for opportunities to provide mentoring opportunities for Veterans who are transitioning from active service to civilian life who have an interest in working for local government. Mr. Doehler will be with us for the next 16 to 20 weeks. He will be working on establishing a neighborhood services program.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 34-2019

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY GREER MILL, LLC. LOCATED AT 300 CONNECTICUT AVENUE FROM I-1 (INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT) TO PD (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT).

Brandon McMahan, Zoning Coordinator stated there was no new information.

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 34-2019. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. First Reading of Ordinance Number 35-2019

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY DAILY BREAD MINISTRIES, INC. LOCATED AT 521 EAST POINSETT STREET FROM C-2 (COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) TO DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT).

Brandon McMahan, Zoning Coordinator stated there was no new information. City Administrator Ed Driggers clarified information regarding the vote.

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 35-2019. Councilmember Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

Lengthy discussion held.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bid Summary – Fire Department Turnout Gear

Fire Chief Dorian Flowers presented the request. Staff recommended Newton's Fire and Safety Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$125,012.16. (attachment)

ACTION – Councilmember Judy Albert made a motion to approve staff's recommendation of Newton's Fire and Safety Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$125,012.16. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 16-2019

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT PLEASANT MEADOWS SUBDIVISION STREETS, NAMELY PLEASANT MEADOW COURT AND ANA ROSE COURT INTO THE CITY OF GREER STREET SYSTEM

Robert Roux, Assistant City Engineer presented the request.

ACTION – Councilmember Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 16-2019. Councilmember Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

Discussion held.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION – In (7:19 p.m.)

(A) Economic Development Matter – Project Homecoming


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


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

ACTION - Out (8:10 p.m.) – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

8:11 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 20, 2019.



**Public Forum
Sign in**

**September 24, 2019
6:30 pm**

(a) **Public Forum.** During a period of thirty (30) minutes at the beginning of each city council meeting, referred to as a public forum, the presiding officer may recognize citizens of the municipality or others who have standing in the municipality, such as business owners, who wish to address council on matters pertaining to items on that meeting's agenda.

Sign-up for Public Forum. At least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the commencement of a city council meeting, a potential speaker, who is not already a petitioner appearing on the agenda and is not a previous petitioner speaking on the same subject, wishing to appear before council must place his or her name, address, and whether he or she is for or against an agenda item on the public forum list. This list shall be maintained by the municipal clerk. Sign ups for public forums will be on a first come, first served basis. The municipal clerk shall make the public forum list available for council and public inspection. No names will be added to the list once the list is given to the presiding officer and the public forum has begun. The presiding officer will give equal time to those for and against the agenda items that are to be discussed during a public forum.

Name	Address	Agenda Item	In Favor / Oppose
CITIP PATAT		Ord 35 -2019	
ROBERT PHINES		Ord 35. 2019	



Financial Performance Summary

As of Month End August, 2019

Quick Look Indicators	This Month	This Year	Balance
General Fund Cash Balance	↓	↓	\$ 14,137,139
General Fund Revenue	↑	↑	\$ 1,465,243
General Fund Expenditures	↓	↑	\$ 4,074,867
Budget Percentage (Over) / Under	↑	↓	1%
Revenue Benchmark Variance	↑	↑	\$ 317,439
Expenditure Benchmark Variance	↑	↓	\$ (597,794)
Overall Benchmark Variance	↑	↓	\$ (280,355)
Hospitality Fund Cash Balance	↑	↑	\$ 1,614,295
Hospitality Fund Revenue	↓	↑	\$ 421,086
Hospitality Fund Expenditures	↑	↓	\$ 15,375
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance	↓	↑	\$ 1,518,829
Storm Water Fund Revenue	↑	↓	\$ 9,233
Storm Water Fund Expenditures	↓	↑	\$ 131,715

Memorandum

To: Ed Driggers, City Administrator

From: Dorian Flowers, Fire Chief

Subject: Fire Department - Turnout Gear

Date: September 17, 2019

CC: Tammy Duncan, City Clerk

The Fire Department has been working to evaluate our current turnout gear and what the department needs moving forward. We have met with numerous vendors and the bids were as follows:

- Newton's Fire and Safety Equipment, INC - \$125,012.16
- Delta Industrial Service and Supply (HGAC), Port Neches, TX - \$137,182.20

Staff recommends the project be awarded to Newton's Fire & Safety Equipment, INC in the amount of \$125,012.16

BID SUMMARY

Below, please find the summary of bids for Turnout gear for the Fire Department.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Location of Company</u>	<u>Price</u>
Newton's Fire and Safety Equipment, INC	PO Box 13 Swepsonville, NC 27359	\$125,012.16
Delta Industrial Service & Supply (HGAC BUY)	3159 Summit Dr. Port Neches, TX 77651	\$137,182.20