



CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL
February 25, 2020**

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 arrived at 7:07 pm, Mark Hopper, 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 Mayor Rick Danner

III. INVOCATION Mayor Rick Danner

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Reno Deaton, Executive Director of Greer Development Corporation provided information related to the potential Economic Impact of the Victor Park Project (Ordinance Number 5-2020). (attached)

V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING February 11, 2020

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of February 11, 2020 be received as written. Councilmember Judy Albert 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 **January 2020** were included in the packet for informational purposes.

Finance

Susan Howell, Budget and Audit Manager presented the Financial Report for the period ending January 31, 2020. (Attached)

General Fund Cash Balance: \$17,541,800.
General Fund Revenue: \$15,650,081.
General Fund Expenditures: \$17,729,597.
Revenue Benchmark Variance: \$2,349,770.
Expenditure Benchmark Variance: (\$2,851,058.)
Overall Benchmark Variance: (\$501,288.)

The City is 4% under budget during this time period.

Hospitality Fund Cash Balance: \$808,568.
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance: \$1,189,538.

VII. PRESENTATION

- A.** Police Chief Matt Hamby presented his Annual Report (attached)

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

Statement of Economic Interest Report is due March 30th. The report must be completed online.

Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) – myself and a team from the City traveled to Columbia earlier today and made a presentation in the communications category for the Municipal Achievement Award. It was very well received. We are looking forward to the results shortly. We partnered with Greer Commission of Public Works, Greer Station Association and Chamber of Commerce with Steve Owens, Communications Manager directing our communications efforts for the City.

Council Planning Retreat thanked Council for there time last week during the Council Retreat.

IX. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. Planning Commission

District 3 Mark Hopper resigned effective 12/31/2019 his term expires 6/30/2021.

No action was taken.

B. Recreation Association, Inc. Board of Trustees

District 4 Wayne Yount resigned effective 1/31/2020 his term expires 12/31/2021.

ACTION – Councilmember Lee Dumas nominated Trevor Hoffman to fulfill the remaining term of the District 4 seat on the Recreation Association, Inc. Board of Trustees. Councilmember Mark Hopper second the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 1-2020

A SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$2,800,000 CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA, ACCOMMODATIONS TAX AND HOSPITALITY TAX REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2020; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

David Seifert, Chief Financial Officer presented the ordinance.

ACTION – Councilmember Wayne Griffin made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 1-2020. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 2-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY PROFESSIONAL PHARMACY OF GREER LOCATED ON SUNNYSIDE DRIVE FROM C-2 (COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) TO RM-1 (RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY DISTRICT).

Ashley Kaade, Planner stated there was no new information.

ACTION – Councilmember Judy Albert made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 2-2020. Councilmember Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

C. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 3-2020

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

Ashley Kaade, Planner stated there was no new information.

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 3-2020. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. First Reading of Ordinance Number 4-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY ROBERT BROWN LOCATED AT 948 OLD JONES ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF I-1 (INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT) FOR SAID PROPERTY.

Ashley Kaade, Planner presented the request.

ACTION – Councilmember Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 4-2020. Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

Discussion was held.

Joel Repiscak, Becknell Industrial and Dan Esteban, Stantec Consulting Services spoke briefly.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. First Reading of Ordinance Number 5-2020

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MAJOR CHANGE TO A DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT (DRD) OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF GREER

Ashley Kaade, Planner presented the request. She stated the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing January 27, 2020 and recommended denial. Staff recommended approval.

ACTION – Councilmember Wayne Griffin made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 5-2020. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Lengthy discussion held. Chris Hill, future owner of property and McFaddin Blanding with Orange Capital spoke.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION – In (7:48 p.m.)

(A) Personnel Matter – Administration

(B) Legal Matter

Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel matter pertaining to the Administration Department; as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70(a)(1) and a Legal matter; as allowed by State Statute Section

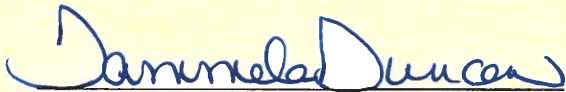
30-4-70(a)(2). Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

ACTION - Out (8:18 p.m.) – Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Wayne Griffin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

8:18 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, February 21, 2020.



Financial Performance Summary

As of Month End January, 2020

Quick Look Indicators	This Month	This Year	Balance
General Fund Cash Balance	↑	↑	\$ 17,541,800
General Fund Revenue	↑	↑	\$ 15,650,081
General Fund Expenditures	↑	↑	\$ 17,729,597
Budget Percentage (Over) / Under	↓	↓	(4 %)
Revenue Benchmark Variance	↑	↑	\$ 2,349,770
Expenditure Benchmark Variance	↓	↓	\$ (2,851,058)
Overall Benchmark Variance	↑	↓	\$ (501,288)
Hospitality Fund Cash Balance	↓	↓	\$ 808,568
Hospitality Fund Revenue	↑	↑	\$ 1,454,473
Hospitality Fund Expenditures	↑	↑	\$ 1,864,764
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance	↓	↓	\$ 1,189,538
Storm Water Fund Revenue	↑	↑	\$ 844,444
Storm Water Fund Expenditures	↑	↑	\$ 927,673