



CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL
May 12, 2020**

MEETING LOCATION:

Mayor Rick Danner and Jim Ridgill, IT Manager were located at Greer City Hall, 301 East Poinsett Street, Greer, SC 29651. Councilmembers and all other participants and viewers were on Remote Access through Zoom Meeting. Viewing is also available on YouTube.

I. CALL TO ORDER OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Rick Danner – 6:37 P.M.

The following members of Council were on remote access: Jay Arrowood, Wayne Griffin, Mark Hopper, Lee Dumas, Wryley Bettis and Judy Albert.

Others on remote access: Ed Driggers, City Administrator, Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk, Mike Sell, Deputy City Administrator, Steve Owens, Communications Manager and various other staff.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Wryley Bettis

III. INVOCATION

Councilmember Wryley Bettis

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

No one signed up to speak

V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

April 28, 2020

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of April 28, 2020 be received as written. Councilmember Mark Hopper seconded the motion.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

VI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

COVID19 –

May 4, 2020 Governor Henry McMaster lifted the Home Work order allowing restaurants to open limited outdoor dining. Local law enforcement has the responsibility of assisting with making sure local compliance is in place. It has gone very well, we've not has any issues or concerns. We've has a couple of compliance issues, very small matters, once

we've been able to have a conversation with the proprietors of those businesses they've quickly made sure they are getting the distancing and things that have been requested.

May 6, 2020 The Governor implemented Phase 1 – the opening of Parks and Recreation Facilities. We started preparing well before that date in a 5 Phase process of getting things reopened. I sent you information on Phase 1 identifying the larger community parks and what we are doing there. This recommended opening some of our parks allowing access to some of our green spaces and trails. We were able to do that on a staggered approach and based on certain amenities that we had in each park is how we identified those. We were able to provide social distancing and physical distancing in those facilities. The following parks, Greer City Park, Center for the Arts Park, Century Park, Veterans Park, Victor Park Walking Trails, and the Golf and Country Club which had remained open, were opened to some capacity.

May 11, 2020 The Governor implemented Phase 2 allowing tennis courts and pickle ball courts to be opened. We hope to get additional fields open this week. We are trying to manage those sites now getting signage ready so that we can make folks aware of the recommendations relative to social distancing, also making sure we have hand washing stations/hand sanitizing areas provided for those facilities. Some of those will include both Turner Fields, Stevens's field and some of our neighborhood parks. We are not recommending that we open children's playground equipment, we continue to keep those areas blocked off. We will provide additional information regarding Phase 3, Phase 4 and Phase 5. We will provide more information regarding Phase 3 in early to mid-June, Phase 4 mid to late June and Phase 5 in early to mid-July.

Employees – Beginning Monday May 18th, we will return all operations to regular schedules. We've had some alternative schedules, with some departments opening earlier or later bringing people in at different times. We will evaluate how that will work for us as we move forward but at this point we are asking everyone to resume their normal schedules beginning on the 18th. We will also cease our work from home program that we've had in place for various employees. We will have some special exceptions, we've already had some requests primarily related to child care. We are recognizing that most childcare facilities are indicating they intend to open June 1st so we are working with a couple of our employees that may need to trade off with a spouse or with another child care provider.

Recycling Center – we will fully reopen Monday, May 18th. We hope that visitors to the center will take precautionary measures as they deem necessary. It isn't mandatory to go to the recycling center we will continue to pick up at curbside.

May 25, 2020 - Lobbies to reopen – we are looking to reopen our lobbies in all facilities except the Fire Department, they will be an exception because of the very nature of their work. We do not intend, unless Council would give us some other direction, it is not our intent to require masks either by our employees or by the public when they enter our facilities, but we do intend to have those items available for our staff if they so choose to wear a mask or if a visitor to our facility chooses that they would like to have one on when they arrive we will have those available. We believe we will have the supply available for that. We will continue to promote social distancing and standards in our public facilities. There are some components of the Governors Executive Orders that still restrict events in public spaces we are waiting for those restrictions to be lifted, once those are lifted we will

be in a position to notify customers that have scheduled rentals in our facilities how we can accommodate getting them back in.

Special Called Meeting – May 19, 2020 the Mayor has called a special called meeting for next Tuesday, May 19th. The purpose of that meeting will be an Executive Session there will be no other business conducted in that meeting. That will be an onsite meeting here at City Hall. You will be in a different environment in Hall A relative to seating and spacing. If there are any issues you have coming out of that meeting we can address those at that point. Prior to your next meeting on May 26th our emergency declaration will have expired so Council will no longer have the ability to cast votes electronically so it will be necessary for that meeting to be conducted in a public environment. Again, we will be working to make sure we are providing distancing in that area that gives you the comfort level that you need as well as the public as they come in for public portions of that meeting. Again, you will only be in Executive Session on the 19th so there will be no public allowed into that meeting.

Events Center – we continue to work through all of the scheduled rentals in our events center as we go forward looking for clarification from the Governor’s Office on that but we are imposing cleaning protocols that we will have in place for those and then advising users of our facility the recommendations that are coming from the Governor.

Emergency Ordinance – our emergency ordinance expires sixty-one (61) days from when it was enacted and that sixty-first day will be Sunday, May 24th.

Executive Session – there are some items in executive session we would like to talk with you about and some advice from our City Attorney relative to how we are handling things going forward without the emergency declaration.

Track IT – through the use of our Track It System here at City Hall permitting, everything that we do to keep business of the City going forward from that respect that has gone extremely well for us. It’s been a challenge for some contractors that have been out there but we’ve been able to work with them to make sure we continue to do business and address their needs going forward.

Discussion held.

VII. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. Board of Architectural Review

Marney Hannon resigned his term expires 6/30/2020.

No action was taken.

B. Planning Commission

District 3 Mark Hopper resigned his term expires 6/30/2021.

No action was taken.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 16-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY CHESTER AND MARGARET SMITH LOCATED AT 203 EAST FAIRVIEW AVENUE FROM RM-1 (RESIDENTIAL MULTI FAMILY DISTRICT) TO DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT).

Brandon McMahan, Planner stated there was no new information.

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 16-2020. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 17-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY DEMETRIUS CHULKAS LOCATED AT 701 WEST POINSETT STREET FROM C-2 (COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) TO DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT).

Brandon McMahan, Planner stated there was no new information.

ACTION – Councilmember Wayne Griffin made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 17-2020. Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

C. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 18-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY MICHAEL S. BRUCE LOCATED ON NORTH HIGHWAY 14 FROM R-7.5 (RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT).

Brandon McMahan, Planner stated there was no new information.

ACTION – Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 18-2020. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

D. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 19-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY PANDION PROPERTIES, LLC LOCATED AT 306

WEST POINSETT STREET FROM DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT) TO O-D (OFFICE DISTRICT).

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 19-2020. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

E. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 20-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTIES OWNED BY CULBERTSON LAND COMPANY, WES C. CULBERTSON LOCATED AT 606 AND 610 NORTH MAIN STREET FROM C-2 (COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) TO C-3 (COMMERCIAL DISTRICT).

Brandon McMahan, Planner stated there was no new information.

ACTION – Councilmember Wayne Griffin made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 20-2020. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

F. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 21-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY CURTIS C. HIPP LOCATED ON VICTOR AVENUE FROM RM-1 (RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY DISTRICT) TO DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT).

Brandon McMahan, Planner stated there was no new information.

ACTION – Councilmember Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 21-2020. Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

Discussion held.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. First Reading of Ordinance Number 22-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF GREER ZONING ORDINANCE BY AMENDING ARTICLE 5 ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS, SECTION 18 DT DOWNTOWN GREER OVERLAY DISTRICT.

Brandon McMahan, Planner stated the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing April 20, 2020 and recommended approval of the request.

ACTION – Councilmember Mark Hopper made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 22-2020. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Discussion held.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION – In (7:43 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 Wayne Griffin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

ACTION - Out (8:47 p.m.) – Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

8:48 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, May 8, 2020.

Public Forum Sign Up List – May 12, 2020

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