



CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

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

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

I. CALL TO ORDER OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Rick Danner – 6:36 P.M.

The following members of Council were in attendance:
Wayne Griffin, Mark Hopper, Lee Dumas, Wryley Bettis
and Judy Albert.

Councilmember Jay Arrowood was absent.

Others present: Andy Merriman, City Administrator,
Mike Sell, Deputy City Administrator, Tammela Duncan,
Municipal Clerk, Steve Owens, Communications
Manager and various other staff and media.

Subject: Consideration of the Closure of a Portion of a City Owned Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Greer, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Carolina, will hold a public hearing for consideration of an ordinance to close a portion of the city-owned road known as Biblebrooke Drive pursuant to Resolution 6-2020 on August 25, 2020 at 6:30 pm at Greer City Hall. The portion of Biblebrooke Drive to be abandoned and closed is identified as "15,010 square feet/0.345 acre" and more particularly described on a survey dated July 8, 2020 prepared by Upstate Surveying Associates, LLC for the City of Greer. The portion of the road to be closed is bordered on all sides by properties owned by AHOP 143 Properties, LLC, Timberlake Properties, LLC, Kenneth Darron Wilson, and Morris Kenneth Howard, Sr. and Barbara W. Howard, as Trustees of the Ken and Barbara Howard Family Living Trust dated January 14, 2020 and identified by Spartanburg County Tax Map Nos. 5-18-00-001.00; 5-18-00-002.00; 5-18-00-010.00; and 5-18-00-009.03.

Discussion held.

Mayor Danner opened the Public Hearing for public comment.

- 1) Daniel Hughes, Duggan & Hughes LLC, City Attorney presented the request.
- 2) Allison Rauch, 227 Galena Lane spoke in opposition to closing the road.
- 3) Ron Conover, 128 Flint Lane spoke in opposition to closing the road.
- 4) Karuiam Booker, 554 Biblebrook Drive spoke in opposition to closing the road.
- 5) Kenneth Wilson, 675 Biblebrook Drive spoke in opposition to closing the road.

6) Tarek Itani, 111 Flint Lane spoke in opposition to closing the road. Mayor Danner again offered 3 times for additional speakers.

7) Sharon Conover, 128 Flint Lane spoke in opposition to closing the road.

Mayor Danner offered one last time and no one chose to speak.

The Public Hearing adjourned 6:59 P.M.

II. CALL TO ORDER OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Rick Danner – 6:59 P.M.

The following members of Council were in attendance: Wayne Griffin, Mark Hopper, Lee Dumas, Wryley Bettis and Judy Albert.

Councilmember Jay Arrowood was absent.

Others present: Andy Merriman, City Administrator, Mike Sell, Deputy City Administrator, Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk, Steve Owens, Communications Manager and various other staff and media.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Wryley Bettis

IV. INVOCATION

Councilmember Wryley Bettis

V. PUBLIC FORUM

Amanda Hopper, 172 Lemon Creek Drive spoke in support of New Business, Item A Lemon Creek Drive speed bumps.

VI. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

August 11, 2020

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of August 11, 2020 be received as written. Councilmember Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- A.** Building and Development Standards, Finance, Fire Department, Municipal Court, Parks & Recreation, Police Department, Public Services and the Website Activity Reports for **July 2020** were included in the packet for informational purposes.

Finance

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

General Fund Cash Balance: \$12,540,339.
General Fund Revenue: \$590,576.
General Fund Expenditures: \$1,387,903.
Revenue Benchmark Variance: \$64,907.
Expenditure Benchmark Variance: \$14,802.
Overall Benchmark Variance: \$79,709.

The City is 3% under budget during this time period.

Hospitality Fund Cash Balance: \$1,348,413.
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance: \$2,402,334.

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Andy Merriman, City Administrator presented the following:

Financial Report – Fund Balance expenditures have been added to the financial report. As those funds are spent you will be made aware.

Parking Garage – The garage is going vertical, precast installation has begun at the garage. It is due to be completed in five to six weeks.

Streetscape Extension – has begun. You will see crews working on Main Street. Thursday afternoon Mayor Danner will appear before the Greenville Legislative Delegation and Transportation Committee with an application for C Funds to assist in this project to offset those costs. We are very hopeful they will look at our application favorably.

IX. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals David Greer has resigned his term expires 12/31/2024.

ACTION – Mayor Rick Danner nominated Gwinn Harvey to serve on the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 41-2020 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY CJN, LLC LOCATED AT 220 B STREET BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-7.5 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) FOR SAID PROPERTY.

Ashley Kaade, Planner stated the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing August 17, 2020 and recommended approval.

Discussion held.

ACTION – Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 41-2020. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 42-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY CROWN PROPERTIES, LLC LOCATED AT 210 AND 200 B STREET BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-7.5 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) FOR SAID PROPERTY.

Ashley Kaade, Planner stated the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing August 17, 2020 and recommended approval.

ACTION – Councilmember Wayne Griffin made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 42-2020. Councilmember Lee Dumas seconded the motion.

Discussion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

C. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 43-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF A PORTION OF PROPERTIES OWNED BY HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL LLC LOCATED AT 85 AND 87 BEECO ROAD AND SOUTH BUNCOMBE ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF I-1 (INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT) FOR SAID PROPERTIES.

Ashley Kaade, Planner stated the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing August 17, 2020 and recommended approval.

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 43-2020. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

Discussion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Lemon Creek Drive Speed Bumps

Lemon Creek Drive in the River Dale subdivision previously had four rubber speed bumps that were in poor condition. These speed bumps were removed during paving operations and not replaced. Property owners have petitioned to replace the speed bumps.

Robert Roux, Assistant City Engineer presented the request. Staff recommends approval. (Attachment)

ACTION – Councilmember Mark Hopper made a motion to approve the request for speed bumps on Lemon Creek Drive. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

Discussion.

ACTION – Councilmember Mark Hopper amended his first motion to include Lemon Creek Drive, Yamasee Court, provide an exception for item number 5 in the list of qualifications and move forward with the process. Councilmember Judy Albert amended her second.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 23-2020

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE GREENVILLE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Dorian Flowers, Fire Chief presented the request.

ACTION – Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 23-2020. Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

C. Fiscal Year 2019 Assistance to Firefighter Grant

Your application submitted for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Grant funding opportunity has been approved in the amount of \$177,540.00 in Federal funding. As a condition of this grant, you are required to contribute non-Federal funds equal to or greater than 10.0% of the Federal funds awarded, or \$17,754.00 for a total approved budget of \$195,294.00. Please see the FY 2019 AFG Notice of Funding Opportunity for information on how to meet this cost share requirement.

Dorian Flowers, Fire Chief presented the request. (Attachment)

Discussion.

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to accept Fiscal Year 2019 Assistance to Firefighter Grant. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

D. First Reading of Ordinance Number 45-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY VICTORY PROFESSIONAL LLC LOCATED AT 811 WEST POINSETT STREET FROM C-2 (COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) TO R 7.5 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT).

Ashley Kaade, Planner presented the request. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing August 17, 2020 and recommended approval. The owner Victor Naranjo was present and spoke briefly.

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to receive First Reading of Ordinance Number 45-2020. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

E. First Reading of Ordinance Number 46-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY APRIL BAUR LOCATED AT 305 BUNCOMBE STREET FROM R-12 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO RM-2 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT).

Ashley Kaade, Planner presented the request. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing August 17, 2020 and recommended approval. Staff recommends approval. The owner April Baur was present and spoke briefly.

ACTION – Councilmember Judy Albert made a motion to receive First Reading of Ordinance Number 46-2020. Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

Discussion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

F. First Reading of Ordinance Number 47-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY JOSHUA TYNER LOCATED AT 228 DAVID ROAD FROM C-3 (HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) TO R-12 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT).

Ashley Kaade, Planner presented the request. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing August 17, 2020 and recommended approval. Staff recommends approval. The owner Joshua Tyner was present and spoke briefly.

Lengthy discussion.

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to receive First Reading of Ordinance Number 47-2020. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried 4-2 with Councilmember Albert and Mayor Danner voting in opposition.

G. First Reading of Ordinance Number 48-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A PORTION OF PROPERTIES OWNED BY GREENVILLE OFFICE PARK LLC LOCATED AT 220 AND 240 J STREET FROM DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT) TO R 7.5 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT).

Ashley Kaade, Planner presented the request. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing August 17, 2020 and recommended approval. Neither the owner nor a representative was present.

ACTION – Councilmember Judy Albert made a motion to receive First Reading of Ordinance Number 48-2020. Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

Discussion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

H. First Reading of Ordinance Number 49-2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A ROAD CLOSURE (Biblebrook Drive)

Steve Grant, City Engineer, Robert Roux, Assistant City Engineer, Dorian Flowers, Fire Chief spoke.

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to receive First Reading of Ordinance Number 49-2020. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

Lengthy discussion.

VOTE – Motion carried 4-2 with Councilmembers Griffin and Albert voting in opposition.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION – In (8:28 p.m.)

(A) Economic Development Matter – Project Orange

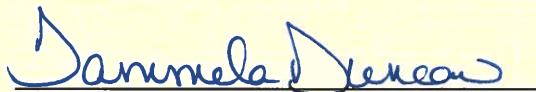
Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss an Economic Development matter pertaining to Project Orange; as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70(a)(5). Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

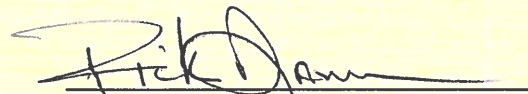
Mayor Danner stated during Executive Session they considered the above matters and no action was taken.

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

8:43 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, August 21, 2020.



Financial Performance Summary

As of Month End July, 2020

Quick Look Indicators	This Month	This Year	Balance
General Fund Cash Balance	↓	↓	\$ 12,540,339
General Fund Revenue	↓	↑	\$ 590,576
General Fund Operational Expenditures	↓	↓	\$ 1,387,903
Budget Percentage (Over) / Under	↓	↑	3%
Revenue Benchmark Variance	↓	↑	\$ 64,907
Expenditure Benchmark Variance	↓	↑	\$ 14,802
Overall Benchmark Variance	↓	↑	\$ 79,709
Hospitality Fund Cash Balance	↑	↓	\$ 1,348,413
Hospitality Fund Revenue	↓	↓	\$ 199,470
Hospitality Fund Expenditures	↓	↓	\$ 1,875
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance	↑	↑	\$ 2,402,334
Storm Water Fund Revenue	↓	↓	\$ 55
Storm Water Fund Expenditures	↓	↓	\$ 965