



CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL September 22, 2020

Meeting Location: Greer City Hall, 301 East Poinsett Street, Greer, SC 29651

Call to Order

Mayor Rick Danner – 6:32 P.M.

The following members of Council were in attendance: Jay Arrowood, Wayne Griffin arrived at 6:36 pm, Mark Hopper, Lee Dumas, Wryley Bettis and Judy Albert.

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

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rick Danner

Public Forum

No one signed up to speak

Minutes of the Council Meeting

September 8, 2020

ACTION – Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion that the minutes of September 8, 2020 be received as written. Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

Special Recognition

Mayor Rick Danner read Resolution Number 26-2020 recognizing and commending the following City of Greer Employees for their dedicated and faithful service:

Joe Aughtry has served in the Building and Development Standards Department for 5 years;
Tom Brenna has served in the Public Services Department for 5 years;
Alexander Cooper has served in the Police Department for 5 years;
Anthony Copeland has served in the Public Services Department for 5 years;
Robbie Davis has served in the Parks and Recreation Department for 5 years;
Dorian Flowers has served in the Fire Department for 5 years;
Julie Hunter has served in the Fire Department for 5 years;
Tiara Pouncy has served in the Administration Department for 5 years;
Smokey Price has served in the Parks and Recreation Department for 5 years;
Christian Aguayo Ruiz has served in the Police Department for 5 years;
Joe Borelli has served in the Fire Department for 10 years;

Mike Davis has served in the Parks and Recreation Department for 10 years;
Mike Ferrell has served in the Police Department for 10 years;
Susan Howell has served in the Administration Department for 10 years;
Wes Keller has served in the Police Department for 10 years;
Dwayne Brown has served in the Fire Department for 25 years;
Kirsten Pressley has served in the Courts Department for 25 years and
Chuck McConnell has served in the Fire Department for 30 years.

Departmental Reports

Building and Development Standards, Finance, Fire Department, Municipal Court, Parks & Recreation, Police Department, Public Services and the Website Activity Reports for **August 2020** 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, 2020. (Attached)

General Fund Cash Balance: \$10,328,123.
Revenue: \$1,592,264
Operational Expenditures: \$3,907,228.
Fund Balance Usage: \$485,813.
Total Expenditures: \$4,393,041.
Operational Expenditures: 3% under Budget
Total Percentage: 2% under Budget

Revenue Benchmark Variance: \$416,995.
Expenditure Benchmark Variance: \$(640,742.)
Overall Benchmark Variance: \$(223,747.)

Hospitality Fund Cash Balance: \$1,559,657.
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance: \$2,485,605.

Andy Merriman, City Administrator presented the following:

Absentee Voting Satellite Location – Greenville County Voters Registration and Election Office will provide a satellite absentee voting location in the City of Greer at the Tryon Recreation Center. October 12th through October 30th. Any registered voter in Greenville County may vote at this location.

Paving – Greenville County side paving contractor is scheduled to start work in the Greer area the week of September 28th. Initial streets that week are expected to be Gallivan St, Lindall St, and McCall Street. Paving operations expected to last through mid-October.

Dine on Trade Event – working with Greer Station and Greer Development Corporation we will close down Trade Street every Friday night in October to allow on street dining. We are

looking forward to this and hopefully the weather will remain warm throughout October. I think this has the potential of being a great program and hopefully the restaurants downtown will see the benefits of it.

Paving Program Standards – Staff continues to work on the questions that have been raised and how they may be integrated into the larger UDO (Unified Development Ordinance) or Land Development Regulations. One of those things we will deal with utilities and cuts in the streets. Councilmember Arrowood asked if one of the things is how we regulate or inspect the street cuts made by utility providers and utility contractors. Mr. Merriman stated one of the things we specifically focus on this time is the UDO (Unified Development Ordinance) is just the standards themselves as far as pavement depth, width etcetera and that will all be integrated as part of the UDO (Unified Development Ordinance) but certainly it is of interest to staff how we regulate those efforts of our utility providers and what they do to our streets. I'll take any advice or guidance from Council regarding that matter. Councilman Arrowood stated he thinks instead of a policy is should be an ordinance. Mr. Merriman stated if you are so inclined to consider an ordinance staff can bring an ordinance for your consideration specific to how we regulate street cuts for all utility providers. Mr. Arrowood state that would be appropriate. Discussion held. Mayor Danner stated this was an issue that has concerned Council for some time and suggested to include sidewalk cuts as well.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Board of Zoning Appeals

District 5 Lisa Lynn has resigned, her term expires 6/30/2021.

Councilmember Bettis introduced his nominee William Crosby and asked him to introduce himself to Council. Mr. Crosby spoke briefly.

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis nominated William Crosby to serve on the District 5 seat of the Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 51-2020

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 26-2020, THE BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURES OF CERTAIN FUNDS; AND TO ALLOCATE SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE SAID FUNDS.

Andy Merriman, City Administrator stated there was no new information.

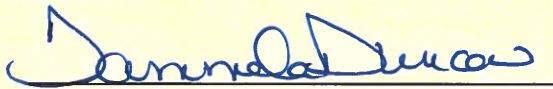
ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 51-2020. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

An Executive Session was not needed.

Adjournment – 6:56 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 18, 2020.



Financial Performance Summary

As of Month End August, 2020

Quick Look Indicators	This Month	This Year	Balance
GENERAL FUND			
Cash Balance	↓	↓	\$ 10,328,123
Revenue	↑	↑	\$ 1,592,264
Operational Expenditures	↑	↑	\$ 3,907,228
Fund Balance Usage	↓	↑	\$ 485,813
Total Expenditures	↑	↑	\$ 4,393,041
Operational Percentage (Over) / Under	—	↓	3%
Total Percentage (Over) / Under	—	↓	2%
Revenue Benchmark Variance	↑	↑	\$ 416,995
Expenditure Benchmark Variance	↓	↓	\$ (640,742)
Overall Benchmark Variance	↑	↓	\$ (223,747)
HOSPITALITY FUND			
Cash Balance	↑	↓	\$ 1,559,657
Revenue	↑	↓	\$ 415,400
Expenditures	↑	↓	\$ 5,060
STORM WATER FUND			
Cash Balance	↑	↑	\$ 2,485,605
Revenue	↑	↑	\$ 96,052
Expenditures	↑	↓	\$ 11,357