



CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL January 12, 2021

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

Call to Order of the Public Hearing Mayor Rick Danner – 6:29 P.M.

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

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.

DATE: November 23, 2020
TO: Greer Citizen
FROM: Brandon McMahan

Requesting ad to run on December 2, 2020

The City of Greer City Council will hold a Public Hearing for the 2030 Comprehensive Plan at the regularly scheduled Greer City Council meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at Greer City Hall located at 301 E. Poinsett Street.

Documents related to the requests are available for public inspection in the Planning and Zoning Office located at 301 E. Poinsett Street.

Subject: Ordinance Number 63-2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO ADOPT THE GREER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSISTENT WITH REQUIREMENTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ACT OF 1994.

Mayor Danner opened the Public Hearing for public comment.

Mayor Danner asked three times if anyone would like to speak and no one indicated an interest in speaking.

The Public Hearing adjourned 6:31 P.M.

Call to Order

Mayor Rick Danner – 6:31 P.M.

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Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance Councilmember Judy Albert

Public Forum No one signed up to speak.

Minutes of the Council Meeting December 8, 2020

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of December 8, 2020 be received as written. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

Departmental Reports

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

Finance

David Seifert, Chief Financial Officer presented the Financial Report for the period ending November 30, 2020. (Attached)

General Fund Cash Balance: \$6,206,156.

Revenue: \$4,050,018.

Operational Expenditures: \$10,818,552.

Fund Balance Usage: \$741,824.

Total Expenditures: \$11,560,376.

Operational Expenditures: 6% under Budget

Total Percentage: 2% under Budget

Revenue Benchmark Variance: \$662,765.

Expenditure Benchmark Variance: \$(580,193.)

Overall Benchmark Variance: \$82,572.

Hospitality Fund Cash Balance: \$1,646,567.

Storm Water Fund Cash Balance: \$2,413,530.

Andy Merriman, City Administrator presented the following:

Citizens (Civics) Academy – The first meeting was held last night. The Academy is a six weeks course on how local government works. It takes citizens in a deep dive into Council, Administration, Finance, Fire Department, Police Department, Building and Development Standards Department and explains how and why they work the way they do. In my experiencing these academies have been a very positive and beneficial offering to the citizens. We had nine (9) in person and eleven (11) online. Kate with Neighborhood Services did a great job.

City of Greer's MLK Celebration – Monday, January 18, 2021. Due to the recent spike in COVID-19 cases, event organizers will restrict in-person attendance to performers, speakers and sponsors. The program, which is presented by Greer Memorial Hospital and Prisma Health, begins at 11:30 a.m. and will be streamed live on the City of Greer's Facebook page. A highlight video will be posted to the city's homepage and the City of Greer YouTube channel that evening. Please let Tammy know if you are coming so that she can make to appropriate arrangements.

Greer Relief – As time goes along Greer Relief is wanting to expand their operations and is putting wheels into moving out of our downtown but still being able to participate and serve the citizens they help. This is to get that information to you so that you can be thinking about how we will assist them. Not only vacating the property we own downtown but how we are going to assist them in getting relocated. Staff is working with Greer Relief Staff and we will bring recommendations as time progresses.

Greer Heritage Museum – Is becoming more and more on the radar. I know this year's class of Leadership Greer has taken an interest in the Museum and participating in some way buoying the Museum as a community asset. So as those things are taking place our role as not only the landlord of the Greer Heritage Museum but having a vested interest in the cultural heritage and history of Greer we are going to have to some level of involvement in that. Staff is working through some things and we will come back to you with some recommendations sooner than later on how to handle the museum moving forward.

Noise Ordinance – Mrs. Albert has some concerns regarding the noise ordinance and construction starting and stopping. We batted that around pretty healthy yesterday at our Leadership Team Meeting. Chief Hamby (Police) and I have had a conversation about it, Mrs. Helms (Director of Building and Development Standards) and I have had a conversation about it. I'm not coming to you with a recommendation for an ordinance change at this time. I would like to take more of a community approach and work with the builders themselves and address the concerns individuals have in the neighborhoods without bringing the heavy hand of government down on an ordinance or policy yet. That's not off the table but I think that's the approach we recommend taking at this time.

Mrs. Albert shared the concerns and issues she has received from her constituents.

Discussion was held.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Recreation Association Board of Trustees

District 5 Pamela G. Taylor's term expired 12/31/2020.

No action taken.

Old Business

Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 63-2020

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Brandon McMahan, Planner stated they did hear the comments Council made during the first reading and they have relayed those comments to the UDO (Unified Development Ordinance) Consultant. They plan to be onsite for the next meeting to do a workshop on January 26th.

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 63-2020. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 66-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY GLOBAL COMMERCE PARK, LLC LOCATED ON BROCKMAN MCCLIMON ROAD FROM S-1 (SERVICE DISTRICT) TO I-1 (INDUSTRIAL 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 66-2020. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session


Personnel Matter – Boards and Commissions


ACTION – In (7:02 p.m.) – Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter pertaining to Boards and Commissions; as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70(a)(1). Councilmember Mark Hopper seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

ACTION - Out (7:20 p.m.) – Councilmember Judy Albert made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment – 7:21 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, January 8, 2021.



Financial Performance Summary

As of Month End November, 2020

Quick Look Indicators	This Month	This Year	Balance
GENERAL FUND			
Cash Balance	↓	↓	\$ 6,206,156
Revenue	↓	↑	\$ 4,050,018
Operational Expenditures	↑	↑	\$ 10,818,552
Fund Balance Usage	↓	↓	\$ 741,824
Total Expenditures	↓	↓	\$ 11,560,376
Operational Percentage (Over) / Under	↑	↓	6%
Total Percentage (Over) / Under	—	↓	2%
Revenue Benchmark Variance	↓	↑	\$ 662,765
Expenditure Benchmark Variance	↑	↓	\$ (580,193)
Overall Benchmark Variance	↑	↑	\$ 82,572
HOSPITALITY FUND			
Cash Balance	↓	↓	\$ 1,646,567
Revenue	↑	↑	\$ 1,049,821
Expenditures	↑	↑	\$ 551,864
STORM WATER FUND			
Cash Balance	↓	↑	\$ 2,413,530
Revenue	↑	↑	\$ 111,782
Expenditures	↓	↓	\$ 111,244