



CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL March 23, 2021

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

Call to Order of the Formal Meeting Mayor Rick Danner – 6:33 P.M.

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

Councilmember Wayne Griffin 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.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance Councilmember Lee Dumas

Public Forum No one signed up to speak.

Minutes of the Council Meeting March 9, 2021

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of March 9, 2021 be received as written. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

Special Recognition

Black History Month Essay Contest Winners

The goal of the City of Greer Black History Month essay contest is to highlight the contributions that African-American men and women have made in the history of the United States. Students were asked to write an essay that celebrates and honors their African-American Hero. 50 High School and Middle School students Participated.

Mayor Rick Danner and Emma Hagg, Events Staff recognized the following individuals:

- 1st Place - Naomi Wright from Riverside High School with an essay about Mae Carol Jemison
2nd Place – Dawson Leipprandt from Riverside High School with an essay about W.E.B. DuBois
3rd Place – Emma Knous from Riverside High School with an essay about Cheryl White

Proclamation – Donate Life

Mayor Danner presented Ian Dyke, Public Education Coordinator with We Are Sharing Hope SC with a proclamation proclaiming April 2021 as Donate Life Month.

Introduction

Freddie Gault with Congressman William R. Timmons office introduced himself and informed Council both the Greenville Office and the Spartanburg Office have been closed and they have opened an office at 114 Trade Street in downtown Greer.

Departmental Reports

Building and Development Standards, Finance, Fire Department, Municipal Court, Parks & Recreation, Police Department, Public Services and the Website Activity Reports for **February 2021** were included in the packet for informational purposes.

Finance

Susan Howell, Budget and Audit Manager presented the Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2021. (Attached)

General Fund Cash Balance: \$16,796,208.
Revenue: \$21,756,856.
Operational Expenditures: \$17,919,570.
Fund Balance Usage: \$818,721.
Total Expenditures: \$18,738,291.
Operational Expenditures: 6% under Budget
Total Percentage: 3% under Budget

Revenue Benchmark Variance: \$2,013,004.
Expenditure Benchmark Variance: \$50,354.
Overall Benchmark Variance: \$2,063,358.

Hospitality Fund Cash Balance: \$2,120,122.
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance: \$2,380,268.

Andy Merriman, City Administrator presented the following:

Dine on Trade – will be held every Friday night on Trade Street during April.

Pergola Replacement – Walkway work is being done to replace failing timbers, so I encourage everyone to find other ways around City Park. The work should be over by the end of next week.

Statement of Economic Interest – Deadline - Tuesday, March 30th.

Ethics Report – Deadline - April 10, 2021.

Employee Picnic – Friday, April 23, 2021, City Park will be closed.

Council Budget Workshop – is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 6:00p.m.

Old Business

Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 64-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY BEN DILLARD LOCATED AT 531 ABNER CREEK ROAD AND A PORTION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY MARY GREEN LOCATED AT 551 ABNER CREEK ROAD FROM RM-1 (RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY DISTRICT) TO DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT).

Ashley Kaade, Planner stated the property owner requested the ordinance be held over and we have now been contacted by the property owner and they are requesting that the ordinance move forward.

ACTION – Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 64-2020. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried 5-1 with Councilmember Judy Albert voting in opposition.

Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 11-2021

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF GREER ZONING ORDINANCE BY AMENDING ARTICLE 5 ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS, SECTION 5, SUBSECTION 4, R-5, SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR LOTS ZONED FOR A GARDEN COURT OR PATIO HOUSE.

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 11-2021. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 2-2021

ALLOCATION OF GREENVILLE COUNTY CDBG AND HOME FUNDS FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2021

Mike Sell, Deputy City Administrator presented the request.

Discussion held.

ACTION – Councilmember Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 2-2021. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 3-2021
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF GREER ANNUAL SAFETY STATEMENT

Fire Chief Dorian Flowers presented the request.

ACTION – Councilmember Judy Albert made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 3-2021. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 4-2021
A RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE CITY OF GREER BLOOD BORNE PATHOGEN STANDARD TO COMPLY WITH OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Fire Chief Dorian Flowers presented the request.

ACTION – Councilmember Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 4-2021. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

First Reading of Ordinance Number 13-2021
AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY PALMETTO STATE CAPITAL LLC. LOCATED AT 229 EAST CHURCH STREET FROM RM-1 (RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY DISTRICT) TO RM-2 (RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY DISTRICT).

Ashley Kaade, Planner presented the request. She stated the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing March 15th and recommended approval.

ACTION – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to receive First Reading of Ordinance Number 13-2021. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

First Reading of Ordinance Number 14-2021

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX A TEN (10') FOOT STRIP OF LAND THAT IS PART OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON MCELRATH ROAD (TAX MAP PARCEL #9-04-00-040.01) BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION METHOD PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF S.C. CODE SECTION 5-3-150(3) AND AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA AND 361, LLC, OR ITS ASSIGNS, WITH RESPECT TO INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF GREER, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Andy Merriman, City Administrator presented the request.

ACTION – Councilmember Judy Albert made a motion to receive First Reading of Ordinance Number 14-2021. Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

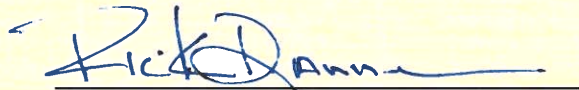
Executive Session

An Executive Session was not needed.

Adjournment – 7:07 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, March 19, 2021.



Financial Performance Summary

As of Month End February, 2021

Quick Look Indicators	This Month	This Year	Balance
GENERAL FUND			
Cash Balance	↑	↓	\$ 16,796,208
Revenue	↓	↑	\$ 21,756,856
Operational Expenditures	↓	↑	\$ 17,919,570
Fund Balance Usage	↑	↓	\$ 818,721
Total Expenditures	↓	↑	\$ 18,738,291
Operational Percentage (Over) / Under	↑	↓	6%
Total Percentage (Over) / Under	↑	↑	3%
Revenue Benchmark Variance	↓	↑	\$ 2,013,004
Expenditure Benchmark Variance	↑	↓	\$ 50,354
Overall Benchmark Variance	↓	↑	\$ 2,063,358
HOSPITALITY FUND			
Cash Balance	↑	↑	\$ 2,120,122
Revenue	↓	↑	\$ 1,668,278
Expenditures	↑	↓	\$ 701,945
STORM WATER FUND			
Cash Balance	↓	↑	\$ 2,380,268
Revenue	↓	↓	\$ 1,013,787
Expenditures	↓	↓	\$ 651,240