



## **CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA**

### **MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL December 14, 2021**

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

**Call to Order of the Formal Meeting** Mayor Rick Danner – 6:31 P.M.

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

Councilmembers Wayne Griffin and Mark Hopper were absent.

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

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** Mayor Rick Danner

**Public Forum**

T. J. Swift, 104 Westmoreland Avenue, spoke in opposition to the DRD (Design Review District) zoning.

Trish Swift, 104 Westmoreland Avenue forfeited her time and did not speak.

Eddie Hamlin, 106 Westmoreland Avenue spoke in opposition to DRD (Design Review District) zoning.

Lisa Timms, 1028 Abner Creek Road shared her concerns regarding traffic safety in the Abner Creek Road area.

**Minutes of the Council Meeting** November 23, 2021

**ACTION** – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of November 23, 2021 be received as written. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

**VOTE** - Motion carried unanimously.

**Andy Merriman, City Administrator presented the following:**

**City Hall** – will be closed December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in observation of Christmas and December 31<sup>st</sup> in observation of the New Year' Eve.

**Mayor Danner** thanked the Recreation staff for their work over the weekend regarding the First Annual Greer Christmas 7's Rugby Tournament held at Country Club Park. It went amazingly well, people from five (5) different states participated. Also, hats off to Cultural Arts for their Holiday Fair.

**Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

**Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee**

**Bill Tyler's term will expire 12/31/2021.**  
**Andrew Carters' term will expire 12/31/2021.**  
**Erin Williams' term will expire 12/31/2021.**  
**Sierra Jones' term will expire 12/31/2021.**  
**Barbara Bohley's term will expire 12/31/2021.**  
**Sharon Murry's term will expire 12/31/2021.**  
**Reno Deaton's term will expire 12/31/2021.**

Andy Merriman, City Administrator presented the request to council.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Wryley Bettis nominated Bill Tyler, Jacqui Rose, Erin Williams, Sierra Jones, Barbara Bohley, Sharon Murry and Reno Deaton for appointment to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee with staggering terms as noted on the roster. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**Recreation Association, Inc. Board of Trustees**

**District 2 Travis Ware's term will expire 12/31/2021.**

No nominations was made.

**Old Business**

**Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 59-2021**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A REVISED BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BUSINESS LICENSE STANDARDIZATION  
ACT (2020 ACT NO. 176)**

**ACTION** – Councilmember Jay Arrowood stated with the understanding that the state business licensing legislation codified the definition of gross income (which includes revenues earned in non-business license taxing jurisdictions for domiciled contractors) subsequent to the fiscal year end and that this inclusion of revenues did not allow contractors to modify their business model prior to the tax being due, I move that we amend Ordinance Number 59-2021 to offer a one-year credit for the business license tax due in an amount equivalent to the tax paid on revenues earned in non-taxing jurisdictions. This will allow contractors to modify their business model to include the business license tax in their expenses for new jobs on which they will bid in subsequent years. Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

Discussion held.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 60-2021**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY NAPOLEON FOSTER LOCATED ON VALENTINE LANE FROM I-1 (INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT) TO DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT).**

Ashley Kaade, Senior Planner informed Council the townhomes would be for sale and would require a minimum of two (2) building materials.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 60-2021. Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

Discussion held. The developer Blake Lowdermilk, 304 Blackwood Store Rd, Moore, SC was present and spoke.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 61-2021**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY JESSICA AND JOSHUA ROBINSON LOCATED AT 119 PINE STREET FROM R-12 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT).**

Ashley Kaade, Senior Planner stated there was no new information.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 61-2021. Councilmember Lee Dumas seconded the motion.

Brief discussion held.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 62-2021**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF  
PROPERTY OWNED BY CLAUDIO MORENO RIOS AND CHRISTIAN HUGO  
RODRIGUEZ VIZCAVA LOCATED AT 2204 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD FROM  
DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT) TO R-12 (SINGLE FAMILY  
RESIDENTIAL).**

Ashley Kaade, Senior Planner stated there is no new information.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Judy Albert made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 62-2021. Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 63-2021**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF  
PROPERTY OWNED BY JEFF GOSSETT LOCATED AT 300 MORROW  
STREET FROM R-12 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO R-10  
(SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT).**

Ashley Kaade, Senior Planner stated there is no new information.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 63-2021. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 64-2021**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF  
PROPERTY OWNED BY BUTCH SIMS LOCATED AT 224 NORTH LINE  
STREET EXTENSION FROM RM-1 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL  
DISTRICT) TO R-5 (GARDEN COURT OR PATIO HOME DISTRICT).**

Ashley Kaade, Senior Planner stated there is no new information. The owner was present but did not speak.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 64-2021. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

Brief discussion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

## **New Business**

### **First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 21-2021**

**A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-1-170(C), CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, CONSENTING TO THE PLACEMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GREER IN A JOINT INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK OF SPARTANBURG AND CHEROKEE COUNTIES.**

Reno Deaton, Executive Director of Greer Development Corporation presented the request. (Freeman Farm Rd – Becknell Development)

**ACTION** – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 21-2021. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Brief discussion held.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

### **First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 22-2021**

**A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-1-170(C), CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, CONSENTING TO THE PLACEMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GREER IN A JOINT INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK OF SPARTANBURG AND CHEROKEE COUNTIES.**

Reno Deaton, Executive Director of Greer Development Corporation presented the request. (Carolina Commerce Park – Poplar Drive Ext.)

**ACTION** – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 22-2021. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Brief discussion held.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

## **Executive Session**

### **1. Contractual Matter – Project Chubbs**

**ACTION** – In (7:17 p.m.) – Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a Contractual Matter pertaining to Project Chubbs; as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70(a)(2). Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**ACTION** - Out (7:21 p.m.) – Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion after Executive Session**

**ACTION** – Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to allow the City Administrator to continue to negotiate and ultimately purchase a piece of property related to Project Chubbs. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment** – 7:22 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, December 10, 2021.



**Public Forum  
Sign in**

**December 14, 2021  
6:30 pm**

(a) **Public Forum.** During a period of thirty (30) minutes at the beginning of each city council meeting, referred to as a public forum, the presiding officer may recognize citizens of the municipality or others who have standing in the municipality, such as business owners, who wish to address council on matters pertaining to items on that meeting's agenda.

**Sign-up for Public Forum.** At least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the commencement of a city council meeting, a potential speaker, who is not already a petitioner appearing on the agenda and is not a previous petitioner speaking on the same subject, wishing to appear before council must place his or her name, address, and whether he or she is for or against an agenda item on the public forum list. This list shall be maintained by the municipal clerk. Sign ups for public forums will be on a first come, first served basis. The municipal clerk shall make the public forum list available for council and public inspection. No names will be added to the list once the list is given to the presiding officer and the public forum has begun. The presiding officer will give equal time to those for and against the agenda items that are to be discussed during a public forum.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>In Favor / Oppose</b>
TJ Swift	104 Westmoreland	60-2021	OPPOSE
Trish Swift	104 Westmoreland	60-2021	OPPOSE
Eddie Hamlin	106 Westmoreland	60-2021	OPPOSE
Lisa Timms	1028 Abner Creek Rd	60-2021	oppose