



## CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

### MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL May 26, 2015

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING** Mayor Rick Danner - 6:35 P.M.

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

Wayne Griffin arrived at 6:37.

Others present: Ed Driggers, City Administrator, Mike Sell, Assistant City Administrator, Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk, Steve Owens, Communications Manager and various other staff and media.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Councilman Wryley Bettis

**III. INVOCATION** Councilman Wryley Bettis

**IV. PUBLIC FORUM** No one signed up to speak

**V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING** May 12, 2015

**ACTION** - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of May 12, 2015 be received as written. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

**VOTE** - Motion carried unanimously.

**VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Building and Development Standards, Finance, Fire Department, Municipal Court, Parks & Recreation, Police Department, Public Services and the Website Activity Report for **April 2015** were included in the packet for informational purposes.

**Finance**

David Seifert, Director of Finance and Information Technology presented the Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 2015. (Attached)

The City is 5% under budget during this time period.

General Fund Cash Balance: \$9,053,813.

General Fund Revenue: \$17,156,339.      General Fund Expenditures: \$15,341,025.  
Revenue Benchmark Variance: \$1,007,207.      Expenditure Benchmark Variance: \$756,750.  
Overall Benchmark Variance: \$1,763,957.

Hospitality Fund Cash Balance: \$450,131.  
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance: \$1,189,211.

Mr. Seifert also stated we are finishing up our business license renewal season and we currently have one hundred seventy three (173) delinquent business licenses. However our collections have been very strong we've collected in excess of \$2,800,000.00 and that is a little more than \$320,000.00 over our budget for this current fiscal year.

Discussion held.

## **VII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

### **A. Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:**

**Greer Community Master Plan** – Mr. Driggers reminded Council we will be celebrating with Partnership for Tomorrow and Greer Development Corporation for the Greer Community Master Plan Celebration on Thursday evening, May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Cannon Centre from 5:30 until 7:30. A presentation has been planned for 6:30 until 7:00. We are now anticipating around two-hundred and twenty-five (225) people. Please let us know of your attendance plans.

**Greenville Area Development Corporation Annual Meeting** – will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Retirement** – Marv Smith our payroll coordinator will be retiring in June. We are hosting a reception for him this Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> in the lobby of City Hall from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm.

**Community Development Resources** – We have the opportunity to participate in one or both counties. Currently we have a contractual agreement with Greenville County Redevelopment Authority to manage our funds. We have to make notification of our intent to participate with one of the counties. Our commitment from Greenville County Redevelopment Authority continues to be strong and we work well with the staff. I am asking that we notify Spartanburg County that we are currently in an agreement with Greenville County Redevelopment Authority but if it is your desire moving forward that we completed that if you want to partner with another entity that we want to notify them as well. I am looking for some direction from Council it would not be staff recommendation that we would make a change but you may instruction us to do some additional research. The Executive Director Martin Livingston will be retiring in July.

Lengthy discussion held.

Council instructed staff to make no changes now but to inquire with Spartanburg County to gather additional information.

**GovDeals Auction (Surplus Equipment Auction)**– We held an auction in April and sold \$31,242.25 worth of items. The fee associated with that is \$2343.13.

**MASC Annual Meeting** – has been scheduled for Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> through Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup>. You received an email earlier from Mrs. Duncan concerning attendance at the meeting please communicate with her one way or the other regarding your attendance.

### **Executive Session**

Mr. Driggers stated he had one **(1) Contractual** matter and one **(1) Economic Development** matter for consideration in Executive Session. He also stated depending on the hour the items can be held over until the next meeting neither item is timely.

## **VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

### **A. City of Greer Planning Commission**

District 4 Micky Montgomery's term expires 6/30/15

District 5 Suzanne Traenkle's term expires 6/30/2015

**ACTION** - Councilman Lee Dumas made a motion to nominate Micky Montgomery for reappointment to the District 4 seat on the City of Greer Planning Commission. Councilman Wayne Griffin seconded the motion. No other nominations were made.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

### **B. City of Greer Board of Zoning Appeals**

District 2 Glendora Massey's term expires 6/30/2015

District 4 Kevin Duncan's term expires 6/30/15

District 5 T. D. Campbell's term expires 6/30/2015

At-Large Lynn Stewart's term expires 6/30/2015

**ACTION** - Councilman Lee Dumas made a motion to nominate Kevin Duncan for reappointment to the District 4 seat on the City of Greer Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**ACTION** - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to nominate T. D. Campbell for reappointment to the District 5 seat on the City of Greer Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion. No other nominations were made.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**C. City of Greer Appointee to the Greenville Spartanburg International Airport Environs Planning Commission**

Greenville County Representative William A. (Andy) Burleigh's term expires 6/30/15

**ACTION** – Mayor Rick Danner made a motion to nominate William A. (Andy) Burleigh for reappointment as the Greenville County Representative to the Greenville Spartanburg International Airport Environs Planning Commission. Councilman Wayne Griffin seconded the motion. No other nominations were made.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**D. Greer Trust Board of Trustees**

Robert Lynn, Perry Williams, Mark Thornton, Margaret Turner and Ellen Wall's terms expire 6/30/15

**ACTION** - Councilwoman Judy Albert made a motion to nominate Robert Lynn, Perry Williams, Mark Thornton, Margaret Turner and Ellen Wall for reappointment to the Greer Trust Board of Trustees. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**E. Board of Architectural Review**

Joda Hiatt's term expires 6/30/15  
Brandon Price's term expires 6/30/2015

No nominations were made.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 10-2015**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTIES OWNED BY PAUL E. CHICKY LOCATED AT 600 SOUTH BUNCOMBE ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF C-2 (COMMERCIAL) FOR SAID PROPERTY**

Glenn Pace, Planning and Zoning Coordinator presented the ordinance. He stated the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing May 18<sup>th</sup> and no one spoke in favor or opposition to the request. The owner was present but did not speak.

**ACTION** - Councilman Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 10-2015. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

Brief discussion held.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. First Reading of Ordinance Number 17-2015**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY BLUE WALL REAL ESTATE, INC. LOCATED AT 2980 GREEN ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF I-1 (INDUSTRIAL) FOR SAID PROPERTY**

Glenn Pace, Planning and Zoning Coordinator presented the ordinance. He stated the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing June 15<sup>th</sup>. Neither the owner nor a representative was present.

**ACTION** - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to receive First Reading of Ordinance Number 17-2015. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

### **B. Memorandum of Agreement between the Greenville Transit Authority and the City of Greer**

**A request approving the City Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Greenville Transit Authority (Greenlink) for the purpose of installing a bus/transit station within the city's Central Business District in support of the City of Greenville's TIGER VII Grant application to transform the existing Greenlink transit service to a full service, regional transportation network that reaches the farthest points of the county to include the City of Greer.**

Mike Sell, Assistant City Administrator presented the memorandum.

Lengthy discussion held.

**ACTION** - Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion allow the City Administrator to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the Greenville Transit Authority. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

### **C. First Reading of Ordinance Number 16-2015**

**CITY OF GREER BUDGET ORDINANCE FISCAL YEAR 2015 - 2016  
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE FISCAL AFFAIRS OF THE CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFORE, LEVYING TAXES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the ordinance.

A brief recess was taken at 8:59 pm. Council resumed the meeting at 9:07 pm.

Lengthy discussion held.

**ACTION** - Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to receive First Reading of Ordinance Number 16-2015. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

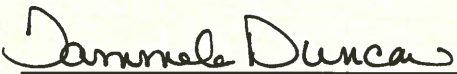
**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**


Mayor Rick Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to receive information on one (1) **Contractual** matter and one (1) **Economic Development** matter.

No motion was made to go into Executive Session.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

10:50 P.M.

  
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Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk

  
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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, May 22, 2015.





April 2015 Summary Financial Report



Financial  
Performance  
Summary

As of Month End April, 2015

<b>Quick Look Indicators</b>	<b>This Month</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Balance</b>
General Fund Cash Balance	↓	↑	\$ 9,053,813
General Fund Revenue	↑	↑	\$ 17,156,339
General Fund Expenditures	↑	↑	\$ 15,341,025
Budget Percentage (Over) / Under	↓	↑	5%
Revenue Benchmark Variance	↓	↓	\$ 1,007,207
Expenditure Benchmark Variance	↑	↑	\$ 756,750
Overall Benchmark Variance	↓	↑	\$ 1,763,957
Hospitality Fund Cash Balance	↓	↑	\$ 450,131
Hospitality Fund Revenue	↑	↑	\$ 1,453,362
Hospitality Fund Expenditures	↑	↑	\$ 1,431,954
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance	↑	↑	\$ 1,189,211
Storm Water Fund Revenue	↑	↑	\$ 920,311
Storm Water Fund Expenditures	↑	↓	\$ 607,003





05/26/2015

Hon. Anthony Foxx, Secretary  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
9th Floor, West Building  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the City of Greer, please accept this letter as our support for the TIGER VII Grant – Greenlink: Creating Circuits for Economic Success being submitted by the City of Greenville.

Receiving TIGER VII funding will help transform our public transit system in this unprecedented community-wide effort from a local to a regional transportation network designed to reach the farthest points of Greenville County with express bus routes served by zero-emission, electric buses. The transformed system will feature commuter express lines with reduced headways and expanded hours of service to better accommodate flexible work schedules and manufacturing shift changes. The creation of circular routes will connect West Greenville and other underserved neighborhoods within the City of Greenville, as well as the municipalities of Traveler Rest, Greer, Mauldin, Simpsonville, and Fountain Inn to the greater Greenlink system's express and fixed routes. Integrating Greenville County's railroad corridor to extend a multi-modal transportation corridor will complement the regional transit system by providing a 'last-mile' connection to jobs and job training and educational opportunities along a major county thoroughfare. Activation of this corridor includes connections to a redeveloped neighborhood in a distressed area of the county as well as a master-planned, mixed-use neighborhood.

Currently the City of Greer has no public transit or connection to a comprehensive transportation network. The awarding of these grant funds to implement a regional transportation network will provide the vital transit options to support economic and social sustainability while also providing alternatives to the use of automobiles that contribute to traffic congestion and air pollution.

The City of Greer is offering support by designating a portion of property for the purpose of constructing and operating a transit station and will also provide in-kind services to support planning and development coordination to identify those areas best suited for circulator transit stops and routing within the city.

This effort is in keeping with the city's Greer Community Master Plan that provides a roadmap for connectivity and transportation planning priorities that will support access to a broader, county-wide transportation network.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Danner". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor  
City of Greer

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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