



CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL
October 13, 2015**

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

I. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne Griffin - 6:31 P.M.

The following members of Council were in attendance:

Jay Arrowood, Lee Dumas, Wryley Bettis and Judy Albert.

Absent: Councilmembers Kimberly Bookert and Rick Danner

Others present:

Ed Driggers, City Administrator, Mike Sell, Assistant City Administrator, Elizabeth Adams, Executive Administrative Assistant, Steve Owens, Communications Manager and various other staff and media. Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk was absent.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Councilman Wayne Griffin

III. INVOCATION Councilman Wayne Griffin

IV. PUBLIC FORUM No one signed up to speak

V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING September 22, 2015

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of September 22, 2015 be received as written. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

VI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

Calendar Items:

Council – Firearms Training Simulator (FATS) – a demonstration was held for Council prior to the Council meeting in the Police Department Training Room.

Employee Open Enrollment – Open enrollment will continue through the month of October for all employees relative to insurance and benefits. Also, employees will be scheduling appointments with the wellness nurse as part of our wellness program.

Employee Appreciation Breakfast – is scheduled for December 11th at 7:30 at Greer City Hall.

Greer Development Corporation – You are invited and should have received information on the last of the two Industry Appreciation luncheon. It is scheduled for October 15th. If you have any questions please contact me.

Snow Street Auditorium Tour – We had the opportunity to tour the auditorium property October 6th at 5:30. No decisions were made. Based on our discussions last week we are planning to invite some of the neighborhood leadership that are actively involved in the neighborhood association to the site and provide some ideas as well about how the asset could be used.

National Citizens Survey – Has now been distributed to a random selection of our citizens in our community. This survey is done every three (3) years. If you have residents inquire about the post card please encourage them to complete the survey they received in the next week or so. We will provide you with information regarding the survey titled "Frequently Asked Questions" so that you are prepared to answer those questions. We will keep you informed.

Brookwood Community Meeting – Was our most recent community meeting it is a community that is half in the City and half outside the City. There is a desire of the residents that are inside the City in that community for the entire community to be inside the City limits. They have asked us to work with them to develop a plan/strategy on how that may occur. We are working with the city residents and non-residents now on how that can occur.

Storm Preparedness – We were recognized as a site that could receive 12 to 15 inches of rain during the rain event. We immediately went into preparedness mode here. We activated the ability to open our Emergency Operations Center. All of our departments gathered we reviewed our strategies and our preparedness for that type of event from Police, Fire, Public Works, Recreation and Administration. We discussed who was on call and how folks were to be notified and how we were to communicate with Greer CPW in case of outages. We were prepared for that storm. We were very fortunate that the rain did not fall in quantities or time frames we anticipated. We did have some road closures and trees down but we were spared during the event. We do have some concerns with how our community responded to the storm. It is what we would consider reckless and dangerous disregard for the placement of barricades for roads. We found a large number of folks were removing the barricades from dangerous areas. We cannot over emphasize how dangerous that is. Rising flood waters change by the minute. When we block or barricade a road and someone removes that barricade because they believe it is safe for them to drive through and they may get though fine but within minutes that water can continue to rise and another vehicle that is lower to the road may have issues. We have never had an issue where someone moves the barricade and returns to move it back in place. It is an extremely dangerous situation. We are attempting to do some public education about it as well as inform the community it is illegal. It is a felony offense because it endangers others. We are encouraging our community if they see people

remove barricades from blocked roads during storm events to contact 911. We will follow up on that as well. We were very lucky. We have been responding with mutual aid assistance to some of those areas as well. Several members of our Fire Department responded as part of the State or County response teams. We had some folks as part of the Swift Water Response Team respond. We have two employees that are on standby right now, Ruthie Helms our Building Official and our Fire Marshall Scott Keeley to assist Richland County. We have resources available through the Police, Fire and Public Services departments. We have notified the Emergency Preparedness Office and the Municipal Association of South Carolina that we have teams prepared and ready to respond. We entered into Mutual Aid agreements many years ago for these types of events if something were to occur in our community we can request assistance as well as if something occurs in another community we can provide assistance.

Executive Session

Mr. Driggers stated he had no items for consideration in Executive Session.

VII. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. The Housing Authority of the City of Greer Board of Commissioners

Perry Dennis's term expires 10/31/2015

Janice Fowler, Executive Director of the Housing Authority recommended Mr. Perry Dennis for re-appointment.

ACTION – Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to re-appoint Perry Dennis to the Housing Authority of the City of Greer Board of Commissioners. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

No other nominations were made.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 20-2015

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY LINDA SLATON ETAL, JOSHUA LUNSFORD SLATON, MATTHEW BRENDAN SLATON, ZACHERY WILLIAM SLATON AND JENS WALKER SLATON LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST OF INTERSECTION OF BURNS ROAD AND SNOW ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-12 (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY-CLUSTER) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Glenn Pace, Planning and Zoning Coordinator presented the ordinance. The Planning Commission conducted a Public Hearing September 21st no one spoke in favor or opposition to the request. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the request. Neither the owner nor a representative was present.

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 20-2015. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2016 City of Greer Road Re-surfacing List

Steve Grant, City Engineer presented the 2016 City of Greer Road Re-surfacing list for Greenville and Spartanburg Counties.

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve the 2016 City of Greer Road Re-surfacing list as submitted. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. First Reading of Ordinance Number 21-2015

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY ALVERSON PROPERTIES, LLC LOCATED ON SOUTH BUNCOMBE ROAD (SC-23-136) BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF C-3 (HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Glenn Pace, Planning and Zoning Coordinator presented the ordinance. He stated the additional 1600 feet of roadway along Buncombe Road has been withdrawn based on legal advice. The Planning Commission will consider this during their November 16th Public Hearing.

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 21-2015. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

C. City of Greer Policy and Procedure Manual Revision

Alicia Williamson, Human Resources Manager requests to revise the pay rates on Transfers, Promotions or Demotions and change the Education Incentive Pay distribution for Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certification in the City of Greer Policy and Procedure Manual.

Presented by Mike Sell, Assistant City Administrator

ACTION - Councilman Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve the request as stated. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously

D. Request for Use of Sidewalk Funds

Councilwoman Judy Albert requested funds to match C-Funds to provide a sidewalk for a strip of land on Hammett Bridge Road at Riverside Chase in front of the school. The school crosswalk leads into this strip of land. There are sidewalks leading up to and away from this strip of land that does not have a sidewalk, more specifically from Fawn Brooke Drive to Riverside Chase Circle (600 to 800 Feet). Students travel this strip of land every day in the ditch. I have turned in paperwork to obtain C-Funding and I am to go before them October 22nd to present this request. Generally, they ask if any other division would be willing to contribute money. I wanted to ask Council if the funding is approved will we contribute fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.).

Discussion held.

ACTION - Councilwoman Judy Albert made a motion to dedicate twenty percent (20%) not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.) for Hammett Bridge Road sidewalks if C-Funds are granted. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro-Tempore Wayne Griffin stated an Executive Session was not needed.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

7:24 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, October 9, 2015.

