



CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL July 14, 2015

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

I. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING Mayor Rick Danner - 6:34 P.M.

The following members of Council were in attendance:

Jay Arrowood, Wayne Griffin, Kimberly Bookert, Wryley Bettis and Judy Albert.

Lee Dumas was absent.

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 Jay Arrowood

III. INVOCATION Councilman Jay Arrowood

IV. PUBLIC FORUM No one signed up to speak

V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING June 23, 2015

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of June 23, 2015 be received as written. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- A.** Mayor Rick Danner read Resolution Number 7-2015 recognizing and commending the following City of Greer Employees for their dedicated and faithful service:

Michael Ferrell has served in the Police Department for 5 years;
Kevin Meadows has served in the Fire Department for 5 years;
Edward Driggers has served in Administration for 15 years; and
Dwayne Brown has served in the Fire Department for 20 years.

- B.** Mayor Rick Danner presented Martin L. Livingston, Executive Director of Greenville County Redevelopment Authority with a proclamation thanking him for providing exceptional leadership in the Authority's community development and revitalization efforts and his

dedication to the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority and the City of Greer. Mr. Livingston is leaving the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority after ten years of service.

VII. PRESENTATION

- A. Removing Fluoride from the Water presented by Jeff Tuttle, General Manager and Brad Nelson, Water Treatment Plant Manager of Greer Commission of Public Works.

Mr. Tuttle and Mr. Nelson were unable to attend.

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A. Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

Mr. Driggers thanked Council for giving him the opportunity to serve the City of Greer for the last fifteen years.

Calendar Items:

General Election Filing – Filing will begin July 15th at Noon and end August 17th at Noon for City Council Districts 1, 3 and 5, Mayor and Commissioner of Public Works for the November 3, 2015 General Election.

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Workshop – The City of Greer, Ten at the Top and Greenville Can will host an ADA Workshop for Local Governments next Tuesday, July 21st at Greer City Hall.

Fiscal Year End – As we completed the end of the fiscal year in June from a housing standpoint it was very strong. We had 28 housing starts in June.

2015-2016 Budget – Bound copies of the budget were provided the Council. Copies are also available for staff and the general public. The budget is also available on our website.

Executive Session

Mr. Driggers stated he had one **(1) Contractual** matter (Potential purchase of property owned by the City) and one **(1) Personnel** matter (Police Department) for consideration in Executive Session.

Mayor Rick Danner stated he had one **(1) Contractual** matter (Sale or purchase of property) for consideration in Executive Session.

IX. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. City of Greer Board of Zoning Appeals

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

Mayor Rick Danner nominated Monica Ragin to fill the Board of Zoning Appeals At-Large seat.

ACTION – Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to appoint Monica Ragin to the At-Large seat on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

No other nominations were made.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Second and Final 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. The Planning Commission conducted a Public Hearing June 5th no one spoke in favor or opposition to the request. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the request. Mr. Pace informed Council of changes made to the recorded plat and deed. Copies of the amended documents were provided to Council confirming the recorded documents on file with Spartanburg County. There was a three acre reduction in parcel. The owner of the property Bogue Wallin was present but did not speak.

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 17-2015 as amended. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 18-2015

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF A PORTION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY SWAFFORD PROPERTIES, LLC LOCATED AT 1672 OLD HIGHWAY 14 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. The Planning Commission conducted a Public Hearing June 5th no one spoke in favor or opposition to the request. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the request.

ACTION - Councilman Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 18-2015. Councilman Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request to Cancel the July 28, 2015 Council Meeting

Mayor Danner stated that both he and the City Administrator were bringing the request to cancel the July 28th Council meeting because both were going to be away during that time. Mr. Driggers added currently there were no items of business for the meeting only monthly reports.

ACTION - Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert made a motion to cancel the July 28, 2015 Council Meeting. Councilman Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Rick Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to receive information on two **(2) Contractual** matters and one **(1) Personnel** matter.

ACTION - In (7:02 p.m.) - Councilwoman Judy Albert made a motion to go into Executive Session to receive information as stated by the Mayor. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Danner stated during Executive Session they received information on two **(2) Contractual** matters and one **(1) Personnel** matter and no action would be needed.

ACTION - Out (7:58 p.m.) – Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

7:58 P.M.



Richard W. Danner, Mayor



Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk

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, July 10, 2015.



PROCLAMATION

Mayor Rick Danner and Greer City Council honor

MARTIN LIVINGSTON

WHEREAS, Martin Livingston has served with distinction as Executive Director of the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority for the past 10 years, providing exceptional leadership in the authority's community development and revitalization efforts; and

WHEREAS, his talented and passionate work with GCRA has enriched the lives of many City of Greer residents by making available new homes, improving existing homes, and making infrastructure upgrades, particularly in the Needmore Community, during the past decade; and

WHEREAS, his work to distribute annual sub-recipient funding through GCRA has made possible such programs as afterschool and summer camps for the city's children and programs for seniors and those in need of assistance; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, GCRA has accepted prestigious awards from the National Association of County Community and Economic Development, the South Carolina Community Development Association, and the Greater Greenville Association of Realtors for its work to advance economic development in distressed areas; and

WHEREAS, his departure from GCRA this month leaves a void, the organization has a bright future thanks to the groundwork laid through his commitment to the residents of Greenville County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the City of Greer expresses its deepest thanks and admiration to Martin Livingston for his dedication to GCRA and the City of Greer, and with best wishes for the future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND
AND CAUSED THIS SEAL TO BE AFFIXED

RICHARD W. DANNER
MAYOR

WITNESS

July 14, 2015

DATE