



CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL
January 9, 2018**

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

I. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING Mayor Rick Danner - 6:37 P.M.

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

Kimberly Bookert was absent.

Others present: Ed Driggers, City Administrator, Mike Sell, Assistant City Administrator, Elizabeth Adams, Exec. Admin. Assistant, Steve Owens, Communications Manager and various other staff and media.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Councilman Wayne Griffin

III. INVOCATION Councilman Wayne Griffin

IV. SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Judge Henry J. Mims administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner of Public Works Perry Williams, Councilman Wayne Griffin, Councilman Lee Dumas, and Councilwoman Judy Albert.

V. PUBLIC FORUM No one signed up to speak

VI. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING December 12, 2017

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of December 12, 2017 be received as written. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

VII. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- A.** Healthy Community 50 presented the City of Greer with a plaque recognizing Mayor and Council with their involvement and dedication to supporting healthy community initiatives.

VIII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A.** Building and Development Standards, Finance, Fire Department, Municipal Court, Parks & Recreation, Police Department, Public Services and the Website Activity Reports for **November 2017** were included in the packet for informational purposes.

Finance

David Seifert, Chief Financial Officer presented the Financial Report for the period ending November 30, 2017. (Attached)

General Fund Revenue: \$3,825,000. General Fund Expenditures: \$7,775,000.
Overall Benchmark Variance: \$1,620,000.

The City is 9% under budget during this time period.

Hospitality Fund Cash Balance: \$1,757,474.
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance: \$1,148,706.

IX. PRESENTATION

- A.** City of Greer Core Communities Presentation
Presented by Kelli McCormack, Planning Manager

X. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

Calendar Items:

Downtown Construction

MLK Luncheon

Monday, January 16th at 11:30 am.

Chamber's Annual Banquet

Thursday, February 15th, 2018.

MASC Hometown Legislative Action Day

Tuesday, February 6th, 2018. Training will be held on Wednesday, February 7th.

T. Duncan injured her foot and we wish her the best until she can join us again.

Walk with Elected Officials

Saturday, February 17, 2018.

Council's annual planning retreat- late February or early March.

Downtown Façade Grant program update.

XI. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. Board of Zoning Appeals

District 6 William Henry's term will expire 12/31/2017. No nominations were made.

ACTION – Councilwoman Judy Albert made a motion to appoint Steve Griffin to the District 6 Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. Recreation Association Board of Trustees

District 1 Amanda Somers term expired on 12/31/2017.

ACTION – Councilman Jay Arrowood made a motion to appoint John Bohannan to the District 1 Recreation Association Board of Trustees. Councilman Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Mayor Pro Tempore

ACTION - Councilman Jay Arrowood made a motion to nominate Councilman Griffin. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. First Reading of Ordinance Number 1-2018

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY CAROLYN CHAPMAN LOCATED AT 847 HARVEY ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF I-1 (INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT) FOR SAID PROPERTY (Action Required)

Kelli McCormick, Planning Manager stated there was no new information. Property owner was in attendance but did not speak.

ACTION - Councilman Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 1-2018. Councilwoman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

C. First Reading of Ordinance Number 2-2018

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18 BUSINESS LICENSE, ARTICLE II LICENSING, SECTIONS 18-32, 18-34, AND 18-52, APPENDIX A, APPENDIX B, AND APPENDIX C TO ADD DEFINITIONS, CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM TAX, AND TO REFLECT CHANGES IN BUSINESS LICENSE TAX RATES AND THE RECLASSIFICATION OF VARIOUS INDUSTRY SECTORS. (Action Required)

David Seifert, CFO, presented the ordinance and additional information.

ACTION - Councilwoman Judy Albert made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 2-2018. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION - In (7:42 p.m.) – Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to enter into Executive to discuss matters relating to the proposed location and the provision of service encouraging location of Project Inland 85 and to discuss matters relating to Berkshire Place; as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70(a)(5). Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Griffin left the meeting at 8:34pm

ACTION - Out (8:42 p.m.) – Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

8:42 P.M.


Richard W. Danner, Mayor


Elizabeth Adams, Executive Administrative Assistant

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, January 5, 2018.