

CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL February 10, 2015

MEETING LOCATION: 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:
Wayne Griffin, Kimberly Bookert, Lee Dumas, Wryley Bettis and Judy Albert.
Jay Arrowood 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 Wryley Bettis

III. INVOCATION

Councilman Wryley Bettis

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

No one signed up to speak

V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

January 27, 2015

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of January 27, 2015 be received as written. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Rick Danner recognized Dan Cain upon his retirement with a certificate of appreciation and gift in recognition of his five years of dedicated service to the City of Greer.

VII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

Black History Month Essay Contest – Mr. Driggers recognized Julia Black Harrill, Events Supervisors with the Parks and Recreation Department. She informed Council they received one hundred and thirty entries from seven schools. The six winners attended a reception in the lobby of City Hall and were recognized during the Council Meeting. The winners were as follows:

Middle School:

3rd Place – Chandler Back

2nd Place – Jasmine May

1st Place – Kia Anderson

High School:

3rd Place – Nichole Schaffer

2nd Place – Amber McNeil

1st Place – Carlina Laura

Council Annual Planning Retreat Dates - Will be begin at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 24th and all day Wednesday, February 25th.

Police Department – is sponsoring a Youth Citizens Academy this summer. More information will be forthcoming from the Police Department.

Fire Department ISO Rating – We have received the results from the ISO rating report. You will hear some information tonight relative to the report but we do intend to bring you the full report during the February 24th meeting. The good news is we have maintained our ISO Class II Rating.

Allen Bennett Memorial Hospital – We have received our market analysis report concerning the Allen Bennett Memorial Hospital Campus. It is attached. As you are aware we have retained the services of Kimley Horn to look at the property and the market and what would be the highest and best use of the property.

Reno Deaton, Executive Director of the Greer Development Corporation spoke regarding the report. He highlighted some items from the report. He stated it was a very thorough analysis. He stated they did a great job analyzing the overall market conditions in our community. He stated they also looked at what the forecast might be for three very specific areas hospitality, retail and office opportunities including the kind of demand that we can forecast in the next several years. In the analysis they take into consideration what might happen next with the property, they looked at two scenarios specifically one a partial demolition and one a full demolition and the impacts they may or may not have on each of the three areas and the way that might present the property more favorably for marketing purposes. It would appear the greatest opportunity for the property lies in full demolition although there is some opportunity available for partial demolition keeping part of the existing building available for office development.

Mr. Driggers stated Kimley Horn has done an excellent job at looking at current market conditions. He referred Council to page 40 section 8 of the report this is where their recommendations are located. He also asked Council to review section 8.4 which is their Statement of Opinion. Section 8.5 has their recommended next steps.

Executive Session

Mr. Driggers stated he had one (1) **Personnel** matter (Building and Development Standards Department), one (1) **Economic Development** (Potential Project) matter and one (1) **Contractual** (Lease Agreement the City currently has) matter for consideration in Executive Session.

VIII. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

A. Recreation Association Board of Trustees

District 3 Janet Burton's term expires on 12/31/14

ACTION - Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert made a motion to nominate Linda Holmes for appointment to the District 3 seat on the Recreation Association Board of Trustees. Councilman Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant (SAFER)

The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER) was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities. The goal of SAFER is to enhance the local fire departments' abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards established by the NFPA (NFPA 1710 and/or NFPA 1720). We are asking councils approval to apply for the grant, which does not require a match. It is fully funded for two (2) years, the third year the city would have to fully fund the positions or in the event that the city could no longer fund the positions due to economic situations, the city could not retain these positions. We are requesting (4) positions.

Fire Chief Chris Harvey presented the information. He stated the grant was a one-hundred percent match for two years and on the third year the City has the ability keep / fully fund the positions but are not under any obligation to do so.

Brief discussion.

ACTION - Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert made a motion to approve the request to apply for The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant (SAFER). Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. First Reading of Ordinance Number 2-2015

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF GREER CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 90, UTILITIES, ARTICLE II SEWER USE AND PRETREATMENT, BY

**REPEALING IT IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACING IT WITH THE FOLLOWING
AND ADDING ATTACHMENT A, ATTACHMENT B, ATTACHMENT C AND
ATTACHMENT D**

Jeffery M. Tuttle, General Manager with The Greer Commission of Public Works, presented the ordinance.

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 2-2015. Councilman Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

**C. First Reading of Ordinance Number 3-2015
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MAJOR CHANGE TO A DESIGN REVIEW
DISTRICT (DRD) OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF GREER**

Glenn Pace, Planning and Zoning Coordinator presented the ordinance. Chuck Reichert of Reichert Consulting spoke briefly.

ACTION - Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 3-2015. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

**D. First Reading of Ordinance Number 5-2015
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED
BY 1010 POPLAR DRIVE EXTENSION LAND TRUST LOCATED ON POPLAR
DRIVE EXTENSION BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO
ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-12 (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE
FAMILY) FOR SAID PROPERTY**

Glenn Pace, Planning & Zoning Coordinator presented the ordinance. Neither the owner nor a representative was present.

ACTION - Councilwoman Judy Albert made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 5-2015. Councilman Lee Dumas seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

**E. First Reading of Ordinance Number 6-2015
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED
BY BRANDI S. AND MATTHEW A. VAN PATTON LOCATED AT 100 PEACHTREE
DRIVE BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A
ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-20 (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY) FOR
SAID PROPERTY**

Glenn Pace, Planning & Zoning Coordinator presented the ordinance. Neither the owner nor a representative was present.

ACTION - Councilman Lee Dumas made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 6-2015. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

F. First Reading of Ordinance Number 7-2015

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY TENIK HOLDINGS, INC. LOCATED AT 2204 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Glenn Pace, Planning & Zoning Coordinator presented the ordinance. Neither the owner nor a representative was present.

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 7-2015. Councilman Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

G. First Reading of Ordinance Number 8-2015

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF ANY AND ALL INTEREST IN CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF GREER

Glenn Pace, Planning & Zoning Coordinator presented the ordinance.

ACTION - Councilwoman Judy Albert made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 8-2015. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert 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) **Personnel** matter (Building and Development Standards Department), one (1) **Economic Development** (Potential Project) matter and one (1) **Contractual** matter (Lease Agreement the City currently has).

ACTION - In (7:28 p.m.) - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to go into Executive Session to receive information as stated by the Mayor. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Danner stated during Executive Session they received information on one (1) **Personnel** matter (Building and Development Standards Department), one (1) **Economic Development** (Potential Project) matter and one (1) **Contractual** matter (Lease Agreement the City currently has) and no action would be needed.

ACTION - Out (8:24 p.m.) - Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

8:24 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, February 6, 2015.