



MINUTES
CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020 – 6:00 PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
519 N GOOSE CREEK BOULEVARD

MAYOR/COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Gregory S. Habib
Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Tekac
Councilmember Hannah Cox
Councilmember Melissa Enos
Councilmember Debra Green-Fletcher
Councilmember Corey McClary
Councilmember Gayla McSwain

PRESS PRESENT:

None

CITY STAFF:

City Administrator Natalie Zeigler
City Clerk Kelly J. Lovette
Public Information Officer Frank Johnson

GUESTS PRESENT:

PURSUANT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2020 AND WAS DULY POSTED AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 519 N GOOSE CREEK BOULEVARD, AN ACCESSIBLE FACILITY, AND ON CITYOFGOOSECREEK.COM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Habib called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and requested Councilmember Corey McClary to lead in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS: Note: All comments sent to the City Clerk by 12:00 noon on the date of this meeting, via US Mail or Email, as stated on the meeting Agenda, were forwarded to City Council.

There were no comments from the public.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. City Council Workshop – October 27, 2020
- b. City Council Meeting - November 10, 2020
- c. Special City Council Meeting - November 24, 2020

Motion: Councilmember Tekac; Second: Councilmember McClary

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

IV. PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:

- a. **Recognition of GCPD by The American Legion Goose Creek Post No. 166 – Post Commander Don Pace** – Commander Pace presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Chief Roscoe in recognition for the Goose Creek Police Department’s participation in providing a police escort for a VIP family member of Lt. J.G. Spencer, US Coast Guard, whose ship sunk in the Atlantic Ocean on March 9, 1944, and as a result he froze to death. Commander Pace stated during the American Legion’s Veterans Day

Program, a Purple Heart was presented to the family member of Lt. Spencer in honor of him and his service.

VII. NEW BUSINESS & PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. AN ORDINANCE TO SELL A PORTION OF REAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, KNOWN AS TMS# 244-05-01-059 (OFF LINDY CREEK ROAD), IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5-7-260 (6) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED (Introduction and First Reading of a Public Hearing)

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Tekac; Second: Councilmember Cox

Discussion: Councilmember McClary stated he objected to the sale of the property based on the principal that he felt the property should be appraised by the seller, not the buyer; and, regardless that the property is insignificant to the City and that it appraised for only \$2,000, he was opposed to selling the property. Councilmember McSwain stated she concurred with Councilmember McClary, and added she felt the property could be sold for more money.

Carried: Five (5) ayes; two (2) nays. Motion carried.

- b. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, BY REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY THE CURRENT SECTION 31.005, COMPENSATION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS AS FIXED, AND ADOPTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SECTION 31.005, COMPENSATION FREQUENCY OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL, WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE PART THEREOF AS IS FULLY SET OUT HEREIN (Introduction and First Reading of a Public Hearing)

Mayor Habib stated City Council currently gets paid once per month and it is being changed to the same pay schedule as City staff, as it will streamline the pay periods if everyone is on the same schedule.

Motion: Councilmember McClary; Second: Councilmember Green-Fletcher

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

- c. AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO TITLE 5, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 5-3-150, SUBSECTION 3, OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED, TO ANNEX AN AREA IDENTIFIED AS TMS 244-13-01-009 and TMS 244-13-01-010 INTO THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION – Formerly Known as The Oaks Golf Course - (Introduction and First Reading of a Public Hearing)

Mayor Habib recognized Mr. Joshua Johnson, President, of the Civic Club of The Oaks Estates, which includes the properties before City Council for a proposed annexation and rezoning. He stated as a collective whole for the neighborhood, the Civic Club has the vast majority support from the homeowners of The Oaks Estates, and for what they are moving towards which is the annexation and the proposed zoning that is being proposed to City Council. He stated what is still being discussed between the Civic Club and Beazer, is the architecture of the structures and the green space that has yet to be finalized. He stated he believes they should be able to come to some form of agreement by the time the proposed ordinance goes before City Council at the January City Council Meeting.

Mayor Habib recognized Mr. Dennis Ouellette, of Beazer Homes. Mr. Ouellette stated the latest community they were working toward developing was The Oaks, formerly The Oaks Golf Course and he just wished to reiterate what Mr. Johnson stated and they have enjoyed the cooperation

at this point, they were still working through the details, will continue to do so and hope to have everything tied by second reading.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Tekac; Second: Councilmember McClary

Discussion: Mayor Habib stated for the record the City will require prior to second reading of the proposed Ordinance either a Corporate Resolution or a Court Order naming Michael Mims with the power and authority to act on behalf of the owners of Mims Amusement. He stated it is proposed the City bring in the property as R-1/R-2. He stated R-2 is a slightly smaller lot than R-1, and that both are single family lots. Councilmember McSwain inquired if the property proposed to be annexed is subject to greater restrictions than the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants for The Oaks Estates. Mrs. Zeigler stated it was her understanding the restrictions would be the same. Mayor Habib stated the City would certainly encourage cohesiveness between the Civic Club and Beazer, but any restrictive covenants would be handled between the two (2) entities, it would not fall under the purview of the City of Goose Creek.

Carried: All ayes.

VII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

a. Appointments/Reappointments to the Architectural Review Board

Mrs. Zeigler stated on December 7th, applicants were interviewed by City Council for the Architectural Review Board. City staff recommended Ms. Mary Kay Soto be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Tom Riso, whose term expires December 31, 2020; and for Ms. Soto to continue to serve for a three (3) year term through December 31, 2023; and to reappoint Mr. David Cantrill and Mrs. Jennifer Wise, through to December 31, 2023 and whose terms will expire December 31, 2020.

Motion: Councilmember McSwain; Second: Councilmember Green-Fletcher

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

VIII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Habib stated this is the first City Council meeting following the recent election and he wished to congratulate Councilmember McSwain for her reelection and that he appreciates her service. Councilmember McSwain thanked Mayor Habib. Mayor Habib also congratulated and welcomed Councilmember Cox and Councilmember Enos and thanked them for their willingness to serve.

Mayor Habib recognized the City's new Fire Chief, Mike Nixon, from Portland, Maine and stated he looks forward to his leadership and what he will be doing for the City.

a. Election of Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmember Green-Fletcher motioned for Councilmember Tekac be elected as Mayor Pro Tem

Motion: Councilmember Green-Fletcher; Second: n/a

Discussion: Mayor Habib inquired if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, he called for the vote.

Carried: All ayes.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. SECTION 30-4-70 (A) (1) DISCUSSION OF EMPLOYMENT, APPOINTMENT, COMPENSATION, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISCIPLINE, OR RELEASE OF AN EMPLOYEE (**City Employee of the Year**)

Motion to go into Executive Session: Mayor Pro Tem Tekac; Councilmember Enos
Discussion: None.
Carried: All ayes. (6:30 pm)

Motion to come out of Executive Session: Mayor Pro Tem Tekac; Councilmember McClary
Discussion: None.
Carried: All ayes. (6:40 pm)

Motion: Councilmember Enos made a motion to nominate the nominee from the Police Department
as the Employee of the Year; Second: Councilmember Cox
Discussion: None
Carried: All ayes.

X. ADJOURN

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Tekac; Second: Councilmember McClary
Discussion: None.
Carried: All ayes, 6:42 p.m.

Kelly J. Lovette, MMC
City Clerk

Date: January 12, 2020