



MINUTES
CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020 – 6:00 PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
519 N GOOSE CREEK BOULEVARD

MAYOR/COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Gregory S. Habib
Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Condon
Councilmember Debra Green-Fletcher
Councilmember Christopher Harmon
Councilmember Corey McClary
Councilmember Gayla McSwain
Councilmember Jerry Tekac

PRESS PRESENT:

None

CITY STAFF:

City Administrator Natalie Zeigler
City Clerk Kelly J. Lovette
Chief Financial Officer Tyler Howanyk
Police Chief LJ Roscoe
Public Information Officer Frank Johnson
Director of Planning & Zoning Mark Brodeur
IT Director Ryan Byrd

GUESTS PRESENT:

Mr. Adam Williamson, TSW-Design

PURSUANT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 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.

Mayor Habib recognized Mr. Nash who inquired as to the status of the John McCants Veterans Memorial Park. Mayor Habib stated it has been funded, bid and some health issues struck the developer and his family, hence causing a delay. Mrs. Zeigler stated there has been some activity, the City was really successful in the sale of bricks; but there is a road issue wherein the roadway was never properly closed and the City's attorney has filed the legal paperwork and they do not expect there to be any problems.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None

IV. PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:

- a. **Recognition of Goose Creek Police Department's Citizen's Academy Graduates** – Mayor Habib and Chief Roscoe awarded the graduates with a certificate of completion.
- b. **Comp Plan Presentation** – Mr. Adam Williamson, TSW-Design, provided City Council with an update of the process, the schedule and how the public workshop went online, their next steps with the Comp Plan and to give City Council an opportunity to ask any questions. He stated March 9, 2021 is the projected date for first reading by City Council.

V. OLD BUSINESS & PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE “CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA”, BY AMENDING TITLE XV–LAND USAGE, CHAPTER 151. ZONING, SECTION 151.105 ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS AND MAPS; AND INSERT SECTION 151.138 BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL OFFICE DISTRICT (BPO) TO PROVIDE ADDITIONS OF ZONING DISTRICTS OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK (Second and Final Reading of a Public Hearing)**

Motion: Councilmember Tekac; Second: Councilmember Green-Fletcher
Discussion: None.
Carried: All ayes.

- b. AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021 (Second and Final Reading of a Public Hearing)**

Motion: Councilmember Tekac; Second: Councilmember Green-Fletcher
Discussion: Councilmember Tekac stated he knew the budget has the electric utility in it, however, he would like to keep it in the budget since the City is now appealing the judge’s ruling and in the event the judge rules in the City’s favor. Mayor Habib stated he concurred.
Carried: All ayes.

- c. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX (Second and Final Reading of a Public Hearing)**

Motion: Councilmember Harmon; Second: Councilmember McClary
Discussion: None.
Carried: Four (4) ayes, Two (2) nays (Councilmember Tekac and Mayor Pro Tem Condon)

- d. 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 243-03-06-031 (114 CHOWNINGS LANE) INTO THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (Second and Final Reading of a Public Hearing)**

Motion: Councilmember McSwain; Second: Councilmember McClary
Discussion: None.
Carried: All ayes.

VII. NEW BUSINESS & PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE FACE COVERINGS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO REAUTHORIZE AND AMEND THE AUTHORIZATION FOR ELECTRONIC MEETINGS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (Introduction and First Reding of a Public Hearing)**

Mayor Habib stated he has signed two (2) proclamations in the past requiring face coverings, 120 days ago and 60 days ago, and he has decided to present the proposed Ordinance, which is different than what was previously presented in that it includes a “Sunset Clause” which means once the Governor of South Carolina ends the State of Emergency, the Ordinance will cease.

Motion: Councilmember McSwain; Second: Councilmember McClary
Discussion: None.
Carried: Six (6) ayes, One (1) nay (Mayor Pro Tem Condon)

VII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

a. Appointments/Reappointments to the Planning Commission

Mrs. Zeigler stated Ms. Gena Glaze and Mr. John Wiggins would fill the unexpired terms of Mr. Jeffrey Smith and Mr. John Starzyk through December 31, 2020; and immediately carry on with an appointment for an additional three (3) years through to December 31, 2023 wherein at that time their terms will expire; and to reappoint Mr. Joshua Johnson and Mrs. Heather Byrd, through to December 31, 2023 whose terms will expire December 31, 2020. Mayor Habib pointed out these individuals were interviewed by City Council on October 27, 2020.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Condon; Second: Councilmember Tekac
Discussion: None.
Carried: All ayes.

b. Approval of Specific Records Retention (City Clerk)

Mrs. Zeigler stated City staff was requesting the records retention files for building inspections be reduced from eleven (11) years to three (3) years. There was some discussion between City Council, Mrs. Zeigler and Ms. Lovette concerning the retention of the files, the area in which records are stored and the City's transition to storing them electronically.

Motion: Councilmember Harmon; Second: Mayor Pro Tem Condon
Discussion: None.
Carried: All ayes.

VIII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Habib stated it would be the last regular City Council Meeting for two (2) City Councilmembers, Councilmember Harmon, and Mayor Pro Tem Condon. Mayor Habib thanked both for their service to the City of Goose Creek. Both Councilmember Harmon and Mayor Pro Tem Condon thanked everyone and stated they have enjoyed working with the Mayor, City Council, City staff and in serving the people of Goose Creek.

Mayor Habib congratulated the two (2) newly elected Councilmembers Ms. Melissa Enos and Mrs. Hannah Cox and stated he looked forward to working with them.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

X. ADJOURN

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Condon; Second: Councilmember Harmon
Discussion: None.
Carried: All ayes, 6:49 p.m.

Kelly J. Lovette, MMC
City Clerk

Date: December 8, 2020