



MINUTES
CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021 – 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 (By Phone)
Councilmember Debra Green-Fletcher
Councilmember Corey McClary
Councilmember Gayla McSwain

PRESS PRESENT:

None

CITY STAFF:

City Administrator Natalie Zeigler
Assistant City Administrator Brian Cook
City Clerk Kelly J. Lovette
Director of Economic Development Matt Brady
Field Services Div. Commander Captain Tom Hill
Public Information Officer Frank Johnson
Director of Planning and Zoning Mark Brodeur

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

PURSUANT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2021, AND DULY POSTED AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 519 N GOOSE CREEK BOULEVARD, AN ACCESSIBLE FACILITY, AND ON CITYOFGOOSSECREEK.COM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Habib called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and requested Mr. Dustin Wise, resident of the City of Goose Creek and Pastor of Step Church in Moncks Corner, to lead in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Habib made a motion to amend the Agenda so City Council could consider an emergency Ordinance to authorize and permit the use of electronic meetings and other materials related thereto should the need arise.

Motion: Mayor Habib; Second: Mayor Pro Tem Tekac

Discussion: None.

Carried: Six (6) Ayes. (Councilmember Enos not present for vote.)

Motion: Councilmember McSwain; Councilmember McClary

Discussion: Mayor Habib stated the proposed emergency Ordinance is to allow the City to go back to electronic meetings, if necessary; it was unclear what the future holds; and, a councilmember was not physically present.

Carried: Six (6) Ayes. (Councilmember Enos not present for vote.)

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.

Ms. Sharina Haynes, a resident of the City of Goose Creek, spoke regarding any decisions City Council may make in the future concerning its municipal elections being changed to November during odd numbered years. She stated she wished to keep it during even number years and elaborated on those reasons.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. City Council Meeting – July 13, 2021
- b. City Council Workshop – July 27, 2021

Motion: Councilmember Green-Fletcher; Second: Councilmember Cox
Discussion: None.
Carried: All Ayes.

IV. PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:

- a. Presentation to City Council from Goose Creek Recreation Commission – Chairman Jerry Glass

Mr. Glass presented City Council a check in the amount of \$28,465.78. He provided some history of the Goose Creek Parks & Playgrounds which later became Goose Creek Recreation Commission, as well as the Booster club which was instrumental in the collection of the monies that were collected and what was being presented to the City that evening.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. SECTION 30-4-70 (A) (5) DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED LOCATION, EXPANSION, OR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES ENCOURAGING LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES OR OTHER BUSINESSES IN THE AREA SERVED BY THE CITY (Discussion Only of Project Visitor - No Action Will Be Taken)
- b. SECTION 30-4-70 (A) (2) RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE RELATED TO ELECTION MATTERS. (Discussion Only - No Action Will Be Taken In Executive Session.)

Motion to go into Executive Session:

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Tekac; Second: Councilmember McClary
Discussion: None.
Carried: All Ayes. 6:20 pm

Motion to come out of Executive Session:

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Tekac; Second: Councilmember McSwain
Discussion: None.
Carried: All Ayes. 7:09 pm

VI. OLD BUSINESS & PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF NEW BUSINESS LICENSES, PERMITS FOR EXPANSION, AND/OR CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY FOR USED AUTOMOBILE-VEHICLE SALES AND/OR REPAIR-SERVICE SHOPS IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK - (Second and Final Reading of a Public Hearing)

Motion: Councilmember Cox; Second: Councilmember McClary
Discussion: None.

Carried (Roll Call Vote): Mayor Pro Tem Tekac - Nay; Councilmember McSwain - Aye; Councilmember Enos - Aye; Councilmember Cox - Aye; Councilmember McClary - Aye; Councilmember Green-Fletcher - Aye; Mayor Habib - Aye: Six (6) Ayes; One (1) Nay.

- b. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA BY REVISING AND MAKING CHANGES TO CHAPTER 37 ELECTIONS, SECTION 37.03 WHEN ELECTIONS TO BE HELD - (Second and Final Reading of a Public Hearing)

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Tekac made a motion to Table the proposed Ordinance until November 2021 to allow City Council an opportunity to seek additional legal guidance; Second: Councilmember Green-Fletcher

Discussion: None.

Carried: (Roll Call Vote): Mayor Pro Tem Tekac - Aye; Councilmember McSwain - Aye; Councilmember Enos - Aye; Councilmember Cox - Aye; Councilmember McClary - Aye; Councilmember Green-Fletcher - Aye; Mayor Habib - Aye: Seven (7) Ayes.

- c. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 33: CITY ORGANIZATIONS, CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, BY REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 33.102 COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS AND ADOPTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SECTION 33.102 COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS, WHICH IS MADE A PART HEREOF AS IS FULLY SET OUT HEREIN - (Second and Final Reading of a Public Hearing)

Motion: Councilmember McClary; Second: Mayor Pro Tem Tekac

Discussion/Motion to Amend: Councilmember McSwain made a motion to amend the proposed Ordinance to change “shall” to “may” wherein it states “two (2) may be citizens of the Goose Creek Recreation Special Purpose Tax District; or own a business inside the City limits of Goose Creek, and who shall be appointed by City Council to serve two-year terms at the pleasure of City Council.”; Seconded: Councilmember McClary.

Carried: (Roll Call Vote): Mayor Pro Tem Tekac - Aye; Councilmember McSwain - Aye; Councilmember Enos - Aye; Councilmember Cox - Aye; Councilmember McClary - Aye; Councilmember Green-Fletcher - Aye; Mayor Habib - Aye: Seven (7) Ayes.

Discussion: There was no discussion to the original motion to the proposed Ordinance.

Carried: (Roll Call Vote): Mayor Pro Tem Tekac - Aye; Councilmember McSwain - Aye; Councilmember Enos - Aye; Councilmember Cox - Aye; Councilmember McClary - Aye; Councilmember Green-Fletcher - Aye; Mayor Habib - Aye: Seven (7) Ayes.

VII. NEW BUSINESS & PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 107 ETLING AVENUE. (TMS # 243-08-05-052) FROM MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-2) TO RESTRICTED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (RC) (Introduction and First Reading of a Public Hearing)

Mayor Habib stated the proposed Ordinance was removed from the Agenda to allow for a few errors to be corrected and City Council will revisit the proposal when the applicant resubmits their request.

- b. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE VII: TRAFFIC CODE, CHAPTER 70, SECTION 70.29 “U” TURNS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (Introduction and First Reading of a Public Hearing)

Mayor Habib stated the City’s current Ordinance prohibits “U” turns saying you cannot make them unless there is a sign that says you can, and South Carolina State Statute says you can make “U” turns unless there is a sign that says you cannot; therefore, the City needs to mirror the SC State Statute.

Motion: Councilmember Green-Fletcher; Second: Councilmember Cox

Discussion: None.

Carried (Roll Call Vote): Mayor Pro Tem Tekac - Aye; Councilmember McSwain - Aye; Councilmember Enos - Aye; Councilmember Cox - Aye; Councilmember McClary - Aye; Councilmember Green-Fletcher - Aye; Mayor Habib - Aye: Seven (7) Ayes.

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

- a. REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR MAYOR TO PROCEED WITH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM THE BERKELEY CHARLESTON DORCHESTER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO DRAFT A NEW ZONING ORDINANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND

Mrs. Zeigler presented a request for approval to authorize the City to enter into a contract agreement with Berkeley Charleston Dorchester Council of Governments to draft a new Zoning Ordinance as highly suggested in the City’s Compensation Plan. She stated the City spoke with other organizations, this was the least costly and BCDCOG is familiar with the City, they worked with the City on the Compensation Plan and City staff recommends the proposed contract.

Motion: Councilmember McSwain; Second: Councilmember McClary

Discussion: Mayor Habib elaborated a little on the proposed contract and stated the City’s Code of Ordinances has been developed over sixty (60) years and it has been found wherein the Zoning Code sometimes contradicts itself, which happens anytime over that period of time, and it needs to be redone to make it simpler and easier to apply, and this is why we are contracting with BCDCOG. Mrs. Zeigler reviewed a little bit of the process and stated the goal is a year or less for completion.

Carried (Roll Call Vote): Mayor Pro Tem Tekac - Aye; Councilmember McSwain - Aye; Councilmember Enos - Aye; Councilmember Cox - Aye; Councilmember McClary - Aye; Councilmember Green-Fletcher - Aye; Mayor Habib - Aye: Seven (7) Ayes.

IX. MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Habib reminded everyone of the Veteran Banners that are still on sale to honor a Veteran; he also mentioned the following upcoming events: Red Cross Blood Drive August 13; Outdoor Movie Night at Carnes Toy Story 4 on August 21 and Frozen September 25; Fall Festival October 2; National Night Out October 5; and in October and November former Mayor Michael Heitzler will again be giving history lectures at the Fire Department Headquarters’ Training Room. Mayor Habib encouraged people to get the COVID shot. He also remarked on Pastor John Davis, a personal friend of his and pastor of Summit Church, as well as campus minister of Charleston Southern University. Mayor Habib asked for prayers from the community for Pastor Davis and his family, as he is going through some major health issues.

X. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. MONTHLY REPORT OF CONTRACTS OVER \$25,000; EXEMPTIONS AND 2021 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET APPROVALS (Informational Purposes Only)
- b. July Monthly Department Reports (Informational Purposes Only)

XI. ADJOURN

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Tekac; Second: Councilmember Green-Fletcher

Discussion: None.

Carried: All Ayes. 7:31 p.m.

Kelly J. Lovette, MMC
City Clerk

Date: September 14, 2021