



**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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  
(Joined 6:25 pm, 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  
Chief Financial Officer Tyler Howanyk  
Chief of Police LJ Roscoe  
Fire Chief Mike Nixon  
Public Information Officer Frank Johnson  
Director of Public Works Chuck Denson  
Tim Domin, City Attorney

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Crystal Reed

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PURSUANT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021, AND 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 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. Russell Donnelly, resident at 312 Farm Road, who stated his grievances over the new median on St. James Avenue. Ms. Alice Cassannello, a resident at 122 Elaine Street, inquired what the City's plans are with the monies from the Federal government for the American Rescue Plan. Mayor Habib stated the City of Goose Creek is getting approximately \$21,000,000 and City Council and City staff have been working on eligible projects that will be allowed with the funding. He stated everything the City spends is open to the public and how the funds will be spent will be privy to the public.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a. City Council Meeting – August 10, 2021

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

**IV. PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:**

None.

**V. OLD BUSINESS & PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. 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 (Second and Final Reading of a Public Hearing)

Mayor Habib stated the City’s current Ordinance contradicts South Carolina state law and said “U” turns are allowed unless there is a sign that says you cannot.

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

**VI. NEW BUSINESS & PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE AND CONTACT PERSON FOR PURPOSES OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 (Introduction and Final Reading)

Mayor Habib stated City Council was required to identify individuals as “point of contact” for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and with City Council’s approval the City Administrator Natalie Zeigler and Mr. Tyler Howanyk the City’s Chief Financial Officer will be appointed with City Council’s approval.

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

- b. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO AUTHORIZE MEETINGS TO BE HELD BY TELEPHONIC OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS AND TO GENERALLY UPDATE OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE CITY CODE, AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO (Introduction and First Reading)

Mayor Habib stated with the proposed Ordinance a Councilmember can legally participate in a City Council meeting electronically in case for some reason there is something that may be keeping one from participating in person.

Motion: Councilmember Green-Fletcher; Second: Councilmember Cox  
Discussion: Mayor Pro Tem Tekac stated the proposed Ordinance also allows the City’s boards and commissions to meet electronically as well.  
Carried: All ayes.

**VIII. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

- a. Approval to hire Crystal Reed as Director of Recreation.

Mrs. Zeigler requested City Council’s approval to hire Ms. Crystal Reed as the City’s new Director of Recreation.

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

- b. Request to Purchase vehicle for Assistant Fire Chief of EMS

Mrs. Zeigler requested the approval of the purchase for a 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe (\$43,985) that was not budgeted for 2021; however, there are additional funds from some salary savings from some unfilled positions and it would be for the Assistant Fire Chief of EMS.

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

**IX. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Habib reminded everyone of Outdoor Movie Night at Carnes, Frozen Two September 25; Fall Festival October 2; National Night Out October 5; and October 7<sup>th</sup> former Mayor Michael Heitzler will again be giving history lectures at the Fire Department Headquarters' Training Room through November. Mayor Habib stated he would be conducting Town Hall Meetings and currently the first one is tentatively scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup>; those announcements will be posted on social media and the City's website. Mayor Habib encouraged everyone to get vaccinated.

**X. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a. DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTURAL ARRANGEMENTS PER 30-4-70 (A) (2) - BERKELEY COUNTY ROADS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Tekac; Second: Councilmember Green-Fletcher  
Discussion: None.  
Carried: All ayes. (6:25 pm, Councilmember Enos joined the meeting.)

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Tekac; Second: Councilmember McClary  
Discussion: None.  
Carried: All ayes. (6:58 pm)

**XII. ADJOURN**

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Tekac; Second: Councilmember Green-Fletcher  
Discussion: None.  
Carried: All Ayes. 6:58 p.m.

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Kelly J. Lovette, MMC  
City Clerk

Date: October 12, 2021