



MINUTES
CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 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
Councilmember Debra Green-Fletcher
Councilmember Corey McClary
Councilmember Gayla McSwain

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
Planning & Zoning Director Mark Brodeur
Public Information Officer Frank Johnson
IT Director Ryan Byrd

PRESS PRESENT:

None

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, MARCH 4, 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 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.

Mr. Willis Sanders stated he was there representing the Goose Creek Artist Guild and Berkley Electric Cooperative, as well as several other organizations he is affiliated with and that serve our community. He shared two (2) pieces of artwork with Mayor Habib and expressed the meaning of behind each. Mayor Habib thanked Mr. Sanders and stated he was very proud to call Mr. Sanders a friend for probably more than thirty (30) years now and he genuinely appreciates him sharing his artwork and his thoughts.

Mr. Allen McDowell stated he was not much for social media, but he misses out on quite a bit with activities being held within the City. He suggested putting up a sign on St. James Avenue or somewhere to communicate activities going on in the City. Mayor Habib stated he appreciated his comments, and that the City realizes this is an issue and they are working on ways to be able to communicate activities with the community.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. City Council Meeting – February 9, 2021
- b. Special City Council Meeting – February 23, 2021

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

IV. PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:

- a. Recognition of Ms. Kelly Kernich – “Purchase Award Winner” and “Best in Show Winner” – Acrylic Painting “Morning Run” – 2021 Goose Creek Artists Guild

Mayor Habib recognized Ms. Kelly Kernich as the City of Goose Creek’s annual “Purchase Award Winner” for her acrylic painting “Morning Run” through the Goose Creek Artist’s Guild’s annual art show. Ms. Kernich was also recognized for her painting winning “Best in Show” at the annual art show.

- b. Proclamation – City of Goose Creek’s 60th Anniversary

Mayor Habib read the Proclamation.

V. OLD BUSINESS & PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO TITLE, 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 234-11-04-010 (102 ASHFIELD PLACE) INTO THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (Second and Final Reading of a Public Hearing)

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

- b. 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 AND THE REPEAL OF SUBCHAPTER 151.135 HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT IN ITS ENTIRETY AND CREATE A NEW SUBCHAPTER 151. 135 – HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (Second and Final Reading of a Public Hearing)

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS & PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. A SUPPLEMENTAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA SPECIAL OBLIGATION BONDS (HOSPITALITY FEE PLEDGE), IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$2,500,000, IN ORDER TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, BY CONSTRUCTION OR PURCHASE, OF A RECREATIONAL FACILITY, APPURTENANCES AND IMPROVEMENTS RELATED THERETO; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND THE FINANCE DIRECTOR, OR ANY TWO OF THEM ACTING TOGETHER, TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO THE BONDS; PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO (Introduction and First Reading of a Public Hearing)

Mayor Habib stated this is to give the City the authority to take out a loan for \$2,500,000 that is secured against the City’s Hospitality Tax Revenue to finance the construction of a new all

inclusive, handy capable park on the old Casey Center property of what the City believe will be the finest, if not the largest, all-inclusive park in the southeast. He stated it will include a splash pad, a multi-purpose pavilion, an area where they can have food truck festivals, with a playground and parking. He stated it is a \$5,000,000 park and at present, the City has the cash for half of the cost.

Motion: Councilmember Green-Fletcher; Second: Councilmember Enos

Discussion: Councilmember McSwain had a couple of inquires with Mr. Howanyk regarding the Bond agreement, wherein Mr. Howanyk answered her questions and/or told her he would provide the information to her. Councilmember Tekac thanked Councilmember Green-Fletcher for continuing to push this to the top of Council's wish list.

Carried: All ayes.

VII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

a. IT Department Server/SAN Refresh – (2021 Budgeted Item)

Mrs. Zeigler presented a request from the IT Department to approve the purchase of a server/SAN Refresh, \$187,615.68, and stated the proposed purchase was under the budgeted amount.

Motion: Councilmember McSwain; Second: Councilmember McClary

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

VIII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Habib asked everyone to think about the changes that have occurred throughout the City during the time they have lived here. He stated they will continue to focus on recreation, clean water, quality sanitation and good police and fire services. Mayor Habib reviewed the numerous ways the City's Public Information Officer continues to disburse information to the public about various activities, and added the City is working on other ways to communicate but they had to first work on the Sign Ordinance. Mayor Habib stated the John McCants Veterans Memorial Park should be substantially completed by July 4th; including the brick area honoring our veterans and walking trail. He stated the playground has been completed; however, the park is not yet open to the public.

IX. ADJOURN

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Tekac; Second: Councilmember Enos

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes, 6:28 p.m.

Date: April 13, 2021

Kelly J. Lovette, MMC
City Clerk