



MINUTES
CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 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
Planning & Zoning Director Mark Brodeur
Public Information Officer Frank Johnson
Director of Recreation TJ Rostin
General Manager of Golf Troy Sanders

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, APRILS 9, 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.

Ms. Sharina Haynes, President of the Goose Creek NAACP, congratulated the City on the planning of its all-inclusive park to be built on the old Casey Center property. She expressed that the members of the NAACP wished to request and ensure the Casey name be included in the naming of the all-inclusive park. Ms. Haynes provided some history as it relates to the Casey name and the area in which the property exists.

Mr. Lamont Joshua, Vice President of the Goose Creek Concerned Citizens, congratulated the City on its planning of the all-inclusive park. He stated one of his family members, Mr. Larry Gourdine, was a member of the Casey community where he lived and attended church and school, before dying for his country in the Vietnam War in 1968. He stated the members of the Goose Creek Concerned Citizens would like to ensure the Casey name is included in the naming of the all-

inclusive park. Mr. Joshua provided City Council with some history regarding those who laid the foundation of diversity for the present-day Goose Creek. He stated they would like to see a historical marker in the name of the Casey Community, be erected on the old Casey Center property.

Ms. Brenda Vines-Watson, a member of Joshua United Methodist Church Administrative Council, shared some of the important rich history of the Casey and Mt. Holly communities prior to 1961. She stated it was imperative that we celebrate and include contributions of those individuals who laid the foundation for the diversity of our present-day City. Ms. Vines-Watson stated they hope City Council shares in the importance of the inclusion of the Casey Community in the naming of the all-inclusive park.

A gentleman from the audience was recognized and stated his concerns about the City choosing to lease lawn equipment instead of purchasing the items.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

Motion: Councilmember Cox; Second: Councilmember McSwain

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

IV. PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:

- a. Proclamation – Plasma Appreciation Week (CSL Plasma – Lorenzo Bowser, Center Manager)

Mayor Habib read and presented the proclamation to Mr. Bowser.

V. OLD 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 EXCEEING \$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 MATTER RELATING THERETO (Second and Final Reading of a Public Hearing)

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Tekac; Second: Councilmember Enos

Discussion: Mayor Habib stated the proposed Ordinance authorizes the City to sell Bonds, guaranteed by the City’s Hospitality Tax, essentially taking out a loan, to borrow the monies to build the all-inclusive park on the old Casey Community Center property.

Carried: All ayes.

VI. NEW BUSINESS & PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. A RESOLUTION AND CERTIFICATE OF INCUMBANCY (PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC (Introduction and Final Reading of a Public Hearing))

Mayor Habib stated the Resolution is to lease mowing equipment in the Recreation Department. There were no comments from the audience.

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

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

- b. AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2021 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE FOR THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, PURSUANT TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ENABLING ACT 1994, AS AMENDED (Introduction and First Reading of a Public Hearing)

Motion: Councilmember Green-Fletcher; Second: Councilmember Enos

Discussion: Councilmember McSwain stated she understood the recommendation to mean there would be a removal of the zoning conditions to multi-family residential developments with fewer than 10-15 dwelling units and it would be removed from the ZBA's authority. Mrs. Zeigler stated it is merely an option City staff would have before bringing it before City Council for approval. Mayor Habib stated the City needs to redo its entire Zoning Ordinance and one of the things are the parameters falling under Conditional Use that currently go before the Zoning Board of Appeals. Councilmember McSwain stated based on the redline changes that were added since the Planning Commission recommended the Comprehensive Plan, she did not know if that might be something City Council should ask them about regarding the recommendation in the proposed Ordinance. Mayor Habib stated City Council and City staff had their own discussion about the Comprehensive Plan at a recent City Council Workshop and that was one of the things that was discussed. Mrs. Zeigler stated the Planning Commission approved the Comprehensive Plan that went before City Council at their recent City Council Workshop, and it was only a recommendation. She stated City Council has the right to make changes to the Comprehensive Plan, City Council also has the right to send it back to the Planning Commission and they also have the right to pass the proposed Ordinance as presented that evening.

Carried: Six (6) ayes; One (1) nay (Councilmember McSwain).

VII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- a. Approval of Stewart Cooper Newell Architects (Fire Station IV – Carnes Crossroads Area)

Mrs. Zeigler presented a request for Stewart Cooper Newell Architects to enter into an Agreement for \$48,000, plus travel reimbursements which would include programming, conceptual site design and schematic design phases. She stated if we continue to work with them, these initial fees will be applied towards the building phase fees.

Motion: Councilmember McSwain; Second: Mayor Pro Tem Tekac

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

b. Administration Department – Request to Approve Low Bid for H-Tax Finance for Eubanks Park

Mrs. Zeigler presented a request to approve the low bid for Hospitality Tax Financing for Eubanks Park, and stated the City will secure funding of the project with the lowest interest rate of 1.490%.

Motion: Councilmember McClary; Second: Councilmember Cox

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

c. Recreation Department – Request to Purchase / Grass Cutting Contract (2021 Budgeted Item)

Mrs. Zeigler presented a request from the Director of Recreation to approve the low bid from Tideland Landscaping, LLC in the total amount of \$30,000, as the contractor who will be responsible for cutting, weed eating, edging various parks and green spaces for the Recreation Department.

Motion: Councilmember Cox; Second: Councilmember Green-Fletcher

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

d. Golf Department – Request to Purchase / Equipment Lease (2021 Budgeted Item)

Mrs. Zeigler presented a request from the General Manager of the Golf Department to approve a budgeted expense in the total amount of \$548,817.60 as a 60-month equipment lease agreement with Wells Fargo Equipment Finance. Mr. Howanyk briefed City Council on the details of the agreement and why City staff was proposing a lease versus purchasing of the property. All questions were thoroughly answered.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Tekac; Second: Councilmember McSwain

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

e. Police Department – Request to Purchase Police Vehicle Equipment (2021 Budgeted Item)

Mrs. Zeigler presented a request from the Chief of Police to approve the purchase of emergency equipment under State Contract pricing, which include lights and sirens for eleven (11) police vehicles.

Motion: Councilmember Enos; Second: Councilmember Cox

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

f. Police Department – Request to Purchase SWAT Vests (2021 Budgeted Item)

Mrs. Zeigler presented a request from the Chief of Police to approve the purchase of fifteen (15) SWAT vests in the total amount of \$34,450, to replace expiring vests.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Tekac; Second: Councilmember McClary

Discussion: Councilmember McSwain inquired how does a SWAT vest expire and how long do they last.

Chief Roscoe stated they last five (5) years, and they are a bit more robust than a regular patrol officer's vest and she described the differences.

Carried: All ayes.

g. Office of the City Clerk – Request for Approval of Police Department Records Retention

Mrs. Zeigler presented a request from the City Clerk to approve a police Records Retention Schedule for records regarding Internal Affairs/Supervisory Investigations, it would require the City to keep them for three (3) years and it was approved by the South Carolina State Archives and History.

Motion: Councilmember Enos; Second: Councilmember McClary

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

h. Office of the City Clerk – Request for Approval of Police Department Records Retention

Mrs. Zeigler presented a request from the City Clerk to approve a newly created fire Records Retention Schedule EMS Self-Inspection Report for a period of two (2) years and it was approved by the South Carolina State Archives and History.

Motion: Councilmember Green-Fletcher; Second: Councilmember McClary

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

VIII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Habib stated City Council and City staff met for a day long Strategic Planning Workshop to discuss the direction they would like to see the City of Goose Creek heading in the next one (1) to three (3) years and what the City's goals and ambitions are in the future. He stated during that workshop, they also took an hour and a half and discussed a Strategic Plan for our City's parks. He stated those parks and everything else contribute to the quality of life we all share and that we all love, and he wants to make sure everyone understands we are all on the same page.

Mayor Habib mentioned and elaborated on a few upcoming events, Eat In The Creek and Spring Concert Series at the City's golf course in Crowfield and invited everyone to attend.

IX. ADJOURN

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

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes. 6:43p.m.

Date: May 11, 2021

Kelly J. Lovette, MMC
City Clerk