

City Council Meeting
Via Telephone / Video Conference
May 12, 2020
7:00 P.M.

Council Members Present:

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

Council Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Interim City Administrator Daniel Moore; City Clerk Kelly J. Lovette; Finance Director Tyler Howanyk; Director of IT Ryan Byrd; Director of Public Works Chuck Denson; Police Chief LJ Roscoe; Public Information Officer Frank Johnson

Staff Absent:

Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:

Councilmember Corey McClary

Press Present:

None

Guests Present:

Mr. Grant Davis, Mauldin & Jenkins, CPA's

I. Regular Meeting – Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Habib called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Councilmember McClary said the invocation.

II. General Public Comments:

Note: It was stated on the meeting Agenda to send all comments via email to the City Clerk. There were no comments submitted by the general public.

III. Approval of Minutes:

- a) **City Council Meeting – April 14, 2020**
- b) **City Council Workshop – April 28, 2020**

Mayor Habib made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Condon seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

IV. Public Hearings, Presentations & Proclamations:

Mayor Habib proclaimed the following in the City of Goose Creek: 51st Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week May 3-9, 2020; National Public Works Week May 17-23, 2020; Building Safety Month May 2020.

Mayor Habib moved on to the annual audit report by Mr. Grant Davis of Mauldin & Jenkins CPA's. Mr. Davis stated the City of Goose Creek was in good financial shape and the City was issued an unmodified report, which is the best result the City can receive in a financial statement audit. Mr. Davis briefed City Council with a summary of the audit report wherein he reviewed some of the City's key Revenue and Enterprise Funds, as well as the General Fund. Mr. Davis stated the City collected more than it thought it would, and spent less than it originally planned; hence, showing very positive spending habits and conservative revenue estimates. Mr. Davis stated historically his firm has performed audits of the City with onsite field work. He stated as a testament to the City's Finance Director, his staff and managements of the City, his firm was essentially able to perform the entire audit remotely. He stated both sides have developed good communication and a relationship wherein Mr.

Howanyk's staff was able to provide his firm with literally hundreds of documents and pieces of information to perform the audit and it was probably more of a task for him and his staff this year than it has been in the past due to the Covid19. Mr. Davis stated it was pretty impressive to say from the City's perspective, as well as his firm's that they were able to perform the audit remotely and have it done and issued to City Council by May 12th, as social distancing is winding down. He stated he wished to say what a great job Mr. Howanyk's and his staff does with their financial reporting throughout the year.

Mayor Habib thanked Mr. Davis for his report, as well as Mr. Howanyk and the City's staff for the great job they do. Councilmember Harmon echoed Mayor Habib's sentiments to Mr. Howanyk, City staff and Mr. Davis.

VI. Old Business:

- a) **AN ORDINANCE TO SELL REAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5-7-260 (6) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED, PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS, 0.5 ACRES, A PORTION OF TMS 223-00-00-031 (SECOND & FINAL READING)**

Mayor Habib made a motion to approve the sale of real property as identified in the stated title of the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Harmon seconded the motion. Councilman Tekac - Aye; Councilmember McSwain - Aye; Mayor Pro Tem Condon - Aye; Councilmember Harmon - Aye; Councilmember McClary - Aye; Councilmember Green-Fletcher - Aye; Mayor Habib - Aye. Seven (7) in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

VII. New Business:

- a) **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A GROSS INCOME AGREEMENT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO (FIRST & FINAL READING)**

Mayor Habib read the title to the proposed Resolution and reminded City Council of their last City Council Workshop wherein it was discussed that the apportioned amount of local revenue for Quozel for use to establish their business license fees and this Agreement establishes that amount. Mayor Pro Tem Condon made a motion to approve the proposed Resolution as stated. Councilmember Green-Fletcher seconded the motion. Councilman Tekac - Aye; Councilmember McSwain - Aye; Mayor Pro Tem Condon - Aye; Councilmember Harmon - Aye; Councilmember McClary - Aye; Councilmember Green-Fletcher - Aye; Mayor Habib - Aye. Seven (7) in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

VIII. Department Report:

Postponed.

IX. City Administrator's Report:

- a) **Purchase Request – Police Department – Dodge Durango K9 Upfit**

Mr. Moore presented City Council with a request and supporting documentation from Chief Roscoe to upfit the two (2) new Dodge Durango's with a K9 upfit from equipment to be purchased from Tri-County Upfitters and two (2) K9 kennel cages from First Light Custom Builders, for the total cost of \$30,955.86. The purchase is included in the Police Department's 2020 FY Budget.

Councilmember Habib made a motion to approve the purchase as stated by Mr. Moore. Councilmember Green-Fletcher seconded the motion. Councilman Tekac - Aye; Councilmember McSwain - Aye; Mayor Pro Tem Condon - Aye; Councilmember Harmon - Aye; Councilmember McClary - Aye; Councilmember Green-Fletcher - Aye; Mayor Habib - Aye. Seven (7) in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

X. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Habib discussed the plans for the City to reopen to the public on May 18th. He stated City staff reported back to work that week. He stated as the other orders from the Governor begin to lift, the City will begin to open other areas throughout the City. Mayor Habib stated he was working with One Region, which includes the entirety of the Tri-County area working together to open back up the economy.

Councilmember McClary inquired about the parks the City opened. Mayor Habib stated the only parks that have been opened are the green spaces; however, the playgrounds are still closed. He stated the only park that was never closed was the hiker/biker trail around the pond behind City Hall.

XI. Adjourn:

Councilmember Tekac made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Harmon seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Date: June 9, 2020

Kelly J. Lovette, MMC
City Clerk

A copy of this meeting's agenda was sent to the Post and Courier and The Goose Creek Gazette; it was posted in City Hall 24 hours prior to the meeting.