



MINUTES
CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020 – 6:00 PM
FIRE DEPARTMENT HQ – TRAINING ROOM
201 BUTTON HALL AVENUE

Mayor/Council Present:

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

City Staff:

Acting City Administrator Daniel Moore
City Clerk Kelly J. Lovette
Director of Economic Development Matt Brady
Director of Finance Tyler Howanyk

Mayor/Council Absent:

Councilmember Corey McClary

Guests Present:

Representatives - Local Development Corporation

Press 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, MAY 22, 2020 AND DULY POSTED AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 519 N GOOSE CREEK BOULEVARD, AN ACCESSIBLE FACILITY, AND ON CITYOFGOOSECREEK.COM

Mayor Habib called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS & UPDATES:

I. GOOSE CREEK BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (DISCUSSION ONLY):

Mr. Matt Brady made a presentation to City Council to describe the proposed partnership between the City of Goose Creek and the Charleston Local Development Corporation (LDC) to create a Goose Creek Business Assistance Program. Mr. Brady stated it is proposed the City and the LDC team up to create a Loan Fund for small businesses in Goose Creek impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. He stated the City would grant the LDC \$500,000 in unrestricted funds through two (2) \$250,000 disbursement rounds. The second \$250,000 will be disbursed only if necessary due to the depletion of the first round's funds. Mr. Brady thoroughly reviewed the proposed program and answered all of City Council's questions. There was discussion between City staff and City Council about the pros and cons with partnering with the LDC by creating and administering a City of Goose Creek Business Assistance Program.

After much discussion, City staff was directed by Mayor Habib and City Council to bring before them at their regular City Council meeting in June, a Resolution for the consideration of \$250,000, with room to increase the dollar amount, authorizing the City to enter into an

agreement with Charleston Local Development Corporation in a partnership to create a revolving loan fund and also initiate the “Kickstart the Creek” Business Assistance Program.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: A motion was made to adjourn by Mayor Habib, seconded by Councilmember Tekac.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried. (7:01 p.m.)

Date: October 13, 2020

Kelly J. Lovette, MMC
City Clerk