

**MINUTES  
CITY OF GOOSE CREEK  
PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2020  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2020, 5:00 P.M.  
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE**

**I. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRMAN JOSH JOHNSON**

**Action:** Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.  
**Present:** Heather Byrd; Paul Connerty; Judie Edwards; Josh Johnson; Jeffrey Smith; John Starzyk; Gary Berenyi  
**Absent:** None  
**Staff Present:** Interim City Administrator Daniel Moore; Planning Director Mark Brodeur; Planning Technician Brenda Moneer  
**Council Present:** None

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** A motion was made to accept the agenda as presented. **Moved by** Commissioner Smith; **Seconded by** Commissioner Edwards.  
**Discussion:** There was none.  
**Vote:** All voted in favor. The motion carried (7-0).

**III. OUTLINE AND PRESENTATION FOR GOOSE CREEK COMP PLAN 2020, SCHEDULE AND DETAILS: BCDCOG**

Mr. Brodeur stated the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments (BCDCOG) prepared a presentation to share with City staff and the Planning Commission. The following members of the BCDCOG were in attendance: Shannon Bush, Kathryn Basha, Michelle Emerson and Daniel Brock. Ms. Bush stated she is the Project Manager of the BCDCOG and she presented on behalf of the organization.

Ms. Bush explained that a Comprehensive Plan (comp plan) defines a vision, establishes goals and identifies opportunities and strategies. She stated Goose Creek adopted its current Comprehensive Plan in 2010. She stated the comp plan must have a complete update every ten (10) years. Ms. Bush stated the City develops a comp plan for the following reasons:

- population changes
- encourage/discourage land use
- ensure future growth is consistent with the public's vision
- create a sense of community with desirable places and spaces
- provide for orderly development of growth

She stated nine (9) topics must be included in the comp plan:

1. Population
2. Housing
3. Economic Development
4. Natural Resources
5. Cultural Resources
6. Community Facilities
7. Transportation
8. Land Use
9. Priority Investment

Ms. Bush provided brainstorming questions that the Commission can think over for the next meeting:

1. What words describe how you currently experience the City?
2. How do you envision the City twenty years from now?
3. What are the City's strengths and opportunities to realize that vision?
4. What are some of the challenges to anticipate in getting there?
5. How might we define the City's planning area for the buildout analysis?

Ms. Bush presented three (3) planning area scenarios:

1. Maintain Current City Boundaries
2. Moderate Expansion
3. Larger Expansion

Mr. Brodeur shared his concerns for the City. Discussion regarding Century Aluminum (formerly known as Alumax) ensued as the two (2) names for this property caused confusion. The Commission and BCDCOG answered questions from the attendees. Topics of transportation, industries, land use and annexations were discussed.

Ms. Bush stated the next steps for the Planning Commission and the public involvement is as follows:

- June 2, 2020, the BCDCOG will present a draft to the Planning Commission and seek feedback.
- The entire month of June the BCDCOG will work on changes to the draft with the Planning Commission.
- July 7, 2020, a public workshop will be held seeking public comments.
- A community survey will be available in early May.
- The BCDCOG will be holding a monthly project status meeting at the end of May.

#### **IV. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION**

Commissioner Edwards inquired if there will be a regular Planning Commission meeting in May. It was suggested that due to the pandemic the next regularly schedule Planning Commission meeting be put off until the following month. Mrs. Moneer stated the only item on the agenda was street naming. Chairman Johnson stated the next meeting will be held in June.

Chairman Johnson stated a job working on vehicles can be concealed as a hobby. He stated there are holes in the ordinance concerning this topic and he wanted to examine the ordinance. He inquired if section ninety-five (95) of the City's ordinance is the correct section. Mr. Brodeur stated he would like to involve our Code Enforcement officers and suggested adding a report in the June meeting regarding this topic.

**V. COMMENTS FROM STAFF**

There was none.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 pm. ( zoom video stopped recording and the motion to adjourn was not documented).

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Mr. Josh Johnson, Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_