

City Council Meeting
June 12, 2018
7:00 P.M.
City Hall

Council Members Present:

Mayor Gregory S. Habib; Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Condon; Councilmember Debra Green-Fletcher; Councilmember Brandon L. Cox; Councilmember Jerry Tekac; Councilmember Corey McClary

Council Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

City Administrator Jake Broom; Assistant City Administrator Daniel Moore; City Clerk Kelly J. Lovette; Fire Chief Steve Chapman; Director of Finance Tyler Howanyk; Director of Public Works Chuck Denson; Director of Recreation TJ Rostin; Public Information Officer Frank Johnson; Director of Planning and Zoning Kara Browder; Director of Information Technology Ryan Byrd

Staff Absent:

Invocation:

Mrs. Kim McClary

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Habib

Press Present:

Ricky Dennis - Goose Creek Gazette

Guests Present:

I. Call to Order:

Mayor Habib called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Public Hearings, Presentations & Proclamations:

Proclamation - Trident Amateur Radio Club Field Day: Mayor Habib presented the representatives of Trident Amateur Radio Club with a proclamation declaring June 17-23, 2018, as Amateur Radio Week.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Audit Report - Mauldin & Jenkins: Mayor Habib introduced Mr. David Irwin who presented the FY2017 Audit Report. Mr. Irwin provided City Council with a thorough briefing of the City's financial statements as well as the Augur Discussion of Analysis. Mr. Irwin stated the firm issued a clean or unmodified opinion on this year's report with no audit finds and he congratulated City staff. Mayor Habib thanked Mr. Irwin for his presentation and City staff for their hard work.

III. General Public Comments:

Mayor Habib stated the General Public Comment portion of the agenda will be the time the audience can speak at City Council meetings. He stated the reason for this change is to conduct these meetings in a businesslike manner.

Mayor Habib recognized Mr. Jerry Glass who stated the audience will not have an opportunity to discuss any action item on the Agenda at the time that item is being discussed by City Council. Mayor Habib stated he would encourage the public to review the agenda prior to the City Council meeting and speak during the General Public Comments portion of the meeting.

Mr. Glass inquired if two (2) Public Hearings are required to change an Ordinance. Mr. Broom stated only certain types of action require a Public Hearing and only one (1) Public Hearing is mandatory. He stated a second reading is held in case any amendments are made after the first reading. Mr. Glass stated he disagreed with “item number five (5), letter e” on the meeting Agenda to change the zoning classification of the property identified and located on Carol Drive.

IV. Approval of Minutes

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A motion was made by Councilmember Green-Fletcher to approve the minutes, as stated by Mayor Habib. Councilmember Condon seconded the motion. Following no discussion Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

V. New Business:

a) RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE CITY (First and Final Reading)

Mayor Habib stated a Strategic Planning Meeting was held in April in which City Council identified goals they felt were important. He read the revised Vision and Mission statements; the proposed goals of City Council, and the Resolution adopting the 2018/2019 Strategic Plan of City Council.

Vision: Goose Creek is a thriving and active city with a hometown atmosphere. The City is the best place in the region to raise a family and for businesses to be successful. City government has engaged its citizens and is innovated, transparent, and a leader in the region.

Mission: The City’s mission is to provide core municipal services at the highest level of customer satisfaction at a reasonable cost to citizens, businesses and visitors.

Mayor Habib read the following goals in which City Council wishes to achieve within the coming year: Increase Economic Activity; Improve the Reputation of the City Regionally; Improve Public Safety; Improve Recreational Opportunities; Provide Affordable Health Care for City Employees

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Condon to adopt the proposed Resolution, as presented by Mayor Habib. Councilmember Cox seconded the motion. Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried

b) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 37: ELECTIONS OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REVISING AND MAKING CHANGES TO THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS: 37.03 WHEN ELECTIONS TO BE HELD; 37.05 POLLING PLACE, LOCATION AND TIME OPEN AND CLOSED; AND 37.07 DETERMINATION OF ELECTION RESULTS UNDER NON-PARTISAN ELECTION RUNOFF ELECTION METHOD (Introduction and First Reading)

Mayor Habib stated City Council discussed moving the City’s election that are held in April to the General Election which is held in November to encourage participation. He stated two (2) issues with this move are that an April election serves incumbents and City Council members will be extending their terms. Councilmember Tekac stated the polling location will no longer be at City Hall, but at the voter’s regular polling place. Mayor Habib took comments from the audience.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cox to adopt the amendment to the Ordinance by changing the City’s election date to the national “general” election, as presented by Mayor Habib. Councilmember

Tekac seconded the motion. Mr. Broom stated a plurality method will be implemented to avoid a runoff election. Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

c) AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE STANDARDS FOR THE PLACEMENT OF SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES IN COVERED AREAS IN THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (Introduction and First Reading)

Mayor Habib stated the Municipal Association would like to establish standards regarding wireless facilities. A motion was made by Councilmember Tekac to adopt the proposed Ordinance, as presented by Mayor Habib. Mayor Pro Tem Condon seconded the motion. Councilmember McClary inquired as to where these facilities would be located. Mr. Broom stated it will be determined by the providers and placed within public right of ways. Mr. Jack Mitchell, Regional Director for External and Legislative Affairs for AT&T, shared information regarding how AT&T makes their decision regarding locations for wireless facilities and answered questions from City Council. Mayor Habib took questions from the audience. Mayor Habib called for the vote. Mayor Pro Tem Condon, Councilmember Tekac, Councilmember Cox, Councilmember Green-Fletcher, and Mayor Habib voted in favor; Councilmember McClary voted opposed. Motion carried.

d) RESOLUTION - SCDOT ST. JAMES AVENUE (US HWY 176) SAFETY PROJECT MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT First and Final Reading:

Mayor Habib stated the Resolution was a requirement of SCDOT which acknowledged their right to complete the project in City limits. He stated once approved a public meeting would be scheduled and the design process will begin. Mayor Habib stated the details of this safety project are to make improvements along St. James Avenue (US Highway 176) from Old Moncks Corner Road to Goose Creek Boulevard (US Highway 52) to prohibit drivers from making left turns as it is becoming increasingly dangerous.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Condon to adopt the proposed Resolution, as presented by Mayor Habib. Councilmember Cox seconded the motion. Following a brief discussion regarding the design of the median Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

VI. Old Business:

a) AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO TITLE 5, 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 441 LIBERTY HALL ROAD (TMS# 244-06-00-066) INTO THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION – (Second & Final Reading)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Condon to adopt the proposed Ordinance, as presented by Mayor Habib. Councilmember McClary seconded the motion. Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

b) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1027 THURGOOD ROAD (TMS#234-08-00-003) FROM CONSERVATION/OPEN SPACE (CO) TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R1) - (Second & Final Reading)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Condon to adopt the proposed Ordinance, as presented by Mayor Habib. Councilmember Cox seconded the motion. Following no discussion Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

- c) **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 101 HOLLYWOOD DRIVE (TMS # 235-13-03-043) FROM CONSERVATION/OPEN SPACE (CO) TO RESTRICTED COMMERCIAL (RC) - (Second & Final Reading)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Cox to adopt the proposed Ordinance, as presented by Mayor Habib. Councilmember Tekac seconded the motion. Following no discussion Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

- d) **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 201 AND 203 BLOSSOM STREET (TMS #235-13-03-021 AND TMS #235-13-03-042) FROM CONSERVATION/OPEN SPACE (CO) TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R2) - (Second & Final Reading)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Green-Fletcher to adopt the proposed Ordinance, as presented by Mayor Habib. Councilmember McClary seconded the motion. Following no discussion Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

- e) **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES LOCATED ON CAROL DRIVE (TMS #234-00-00-074) AND NORTH GOOSE CREEK BOULEVARD (TMS #234-00-00-019) FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R1) TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL OFFICE (BPO) - (Second & Final Reading)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Cox to adopt the proposed Ordinance, as presented by Mayor Habib. Councilmember Condon seconded the motion. Mrs. Browder stated the applicant's attorney submitted a deed restriction. Mayor Habib stated if the proposed Ordinance was approved it will be contingent upon the deed restriction being recorded. Following no further discussion Mayor Habib called for the vote. Mayor Pro Tem Condon, Councilmember Cox and Councilmember Tekac voted in favor. Councilmember Green-Fletcher and Councilmember McClary opposed. Motion carried.

- f) **AN ORDINANCE TO SELL A PORTION OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS TMS# 244-05-01-032 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 - (Second & Final Reading)**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Condon to adopt the proposed Ordinance, as presented by Mayor Habib. Councilmember Cox seconded the motion. Following no discussion Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

VII. Monthly Department Report:

Recreation (TJ Rostin): Mr. Rostin shared with City Council the programs and activities the Recreation Department offers. He explained that his department oversees parks and facility maintenance. He stated with the addition of the new Activity Center his department will begin to update and upgrade senior activities. Mr. Rostin stated recently a program called Third Period Recreation has been underway offering recreational opportunities to those with special needs. He presented attendance numbers with City Council regarding programs as well as pictures. He stated a Pickleball Tournament will be held in October in which he hopes to have about fifty (50) teams. He also presented summer camp and special events information. He stated currently signs for parks will be updated to provide better visibility. Mr. Rostin stated Ryan Creek Park and St. James Park are two (2) parks that recently received new equipment due to a Park Grant

awarded through the state of South Carolina. He stated currently his department have a rental agreement with Crowfield Killer Waves swim team and will be hosting the City's swim meet in July.

VIII. Administrator's Report:

Mast Arm Contract (Department of Public Works): Mr. Broom stated he received a request from the Director of Public Works to hire a contractor to repair and paint thirty-four (34) of the City's traffic signal mast arms, poles and bases. City staff requested to hire the low bidder, W.M. Roebuck of Lexington, South Carolina in the total amount of \$182,300. Mr. Broom stated the Fiscal Year 2018 Maintenance Division Budget includes \$185,000, that was set aside for this project.

A motion was made by Councilmember Green-Fletcher to approve the mast arm contract, as presented by Mr. Broom. Councilmember Cox seconded the motion. Following a brief discussion regarding the schedule of repainting the mast arms Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried

Purchase Request – Electrical Repairs, Fire Station II Generator (Fire Department) – Mr. Broom stated he received a request to purchase and install an Automatic Transfer Switch and a 600-amp Electric Service Disconnect at Fire Station II. He stated this equipment was made necessary by damage sustained during the winter storm in January. City staff requested to purchase the products and installation from low bidder, Star Electric Company of Summerville, South Carolina, in the total amount of \$11,095.40. Mr. Broom stated this is not a budgeted expense, but funds exist in the FY2018 Fire Department Budget.

A motion was made by Councilmember Tekac to approve the repairs for \$11,095.40, as presented by Mr. Broom. Councilmember Cox seconded the motion. Following a brief discussion regarding insurance for reimbursement of the cost of repair Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

IX. Mayor Report:

Mayor Habib stated he spoke with every City employee in the month of May to convey the priorities of City Council. He stated these priorities are to encourage City staff to think differently than they had in the past, communicate at a high level, and provide a high level of customer service. Mayor Habib stated that JW Aluminum expanded into the City of Goose Creek which produces a significant amount of income for the City.

X. Adjournment:

Mayor Pro Tem Condon made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Cox second the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

_____ Date: July 10, 2018

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.