

City Council Workshop
June 28, 2016
6:00 P.M.
City Hall

Council Members Present:

Mayor Michael J. Heitzler; Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Phillips; Councilmember James (Kimo) Esarey; Councilmember Debra Green-Fletcher; Councilmember Brandon Cox; Councilmember Gregory Habib; Councilmember Kevin Condon

Council Members Absent:

Staff Present:

City Administrator Dennis C. Harmon; Assistant City Administrator Jake Broom; City Clerk Kelly J. Lovette

Staff Absent:

I. Call to Order:

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

II. Comments from the Audience:

None.

III. Business:

Discussion of Municipal Court:

Councilmember Esarey made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. (6:03 p.m.)

Councilmember Esarey made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Habib seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. (6:43 p.m.) No action was taken by City Council out of Executive Session.

Discussion of 2016 City Council Strategic Planning Workshop/Session: There was a brief discussion amongst City Council and Mr. Broom concerning the scheduling of City Council's upcoming Budget Workshops and Strategic Planning Workshops and if anyone else should participate outside of City Council and senior staff. After a brief discussion, Mayor Heitzler directed City staff to go ahead and prepare a proposed 2017 Fiscal Year Budget to be reviewed by City Council in September 2016, and to schedule a date for a Strategic Planning Workshop with City Council and senior staff. Mayor Heitzler inquired if anyone wished to bring in a consultant or a facilitator for the Strategic Planning Workshop. Councilmember Habib stated he would like to have a facilitator, Councilmember Esarey concurred.

Miscellaneous Business:

Pump Station II: Mayor Heitzler inquired what else there was to discuss. Mr. Harmon stated before City Council was a plat and some information regarding Pump Station II, which is one of the main pump stations and is located on Liberty Hall Road and is owned and operated by Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority. He stated BCWSA made a request to City staff to acquire a 100' x 100' piece of property that is owned by the City of Goose Creek. He stated the City came into ownership of the property when Centex, the developers of Liberty Hall Plantation, gave the City the wetlands associated with Liberty Hall Plantation, at no cost. He stated BCWSA would like the property to rebuild Pump Station II, which is an integral part of the overall lower Berkeley County waste water system. Mr. Harmon recommended the City transfer the property to Berkeley County for a nominal fee, \$5.00, and to facilitate their rebuilding of the pump station. Mr. Harmon stated for "real property" to be sold by the City, it must be done by City Ordinance. Therefore, he wished to have City Council's input before he proceeded with the steps involved to bring in before City Council in the form of an Ordinance. Mr. Harmon answered all of City Council's questions concerning the adjacent properties, which are not located inside of City's boundaries and the existing pump station, which would be torn down and the a new "Pump Station II" would be built on the new piece of property. Councilmember Habib stated

it would be nice if they could put some type of screening around the new pump station. Mr. Harmon stated BCWSA built a privacy fence around the one pump station they rebuilt at the entryway of Cherry Hill and St. James Avenue (Highway 176). He stated he was sure Berkeley County would be amenable to the idea with screening the pump station. Mayor Heitzler stated he felt confident if Mr. Harmon brought before City Council a proposed Ordinance to sell the described property for \$5.00, it would be passed.

Mayor Heitzler inquired if there was anything else. Mr. Harmon stated he had two (2) more items.

Roper St. Francis Hospital: Mr. Harmon stated that he and Mr. Broom met with staff from Roper St. Francis Hospital and for the first time saw the site plan for the new hospital. He stated representatives of Roper St. Francis have previously spoken with Ms. Lovette and have requested to make a presentation to City Council regarding the site plan and most of the facilities that are proposing to be located close-up to St. James Avenue (Highway 176) with a secondary entrance off North Main Street (Highway 17A). He stated he wanted to get City Council's feelings before a meeting was scheduled. Mayor Heitzler inquired as to how long they wished to make the presentation. Mr. Harmon stated 30 minutes at most. Mayor Heitzler stated if they could keep it down to 10 minutes, we could hold the presentation at a regular City Council Meeting so it could also be shown to the public.

Transfer of Office Furniture to City Administrator Upon His Retirement: Mr. Harmon stated the last item on the Agenda was that he would request City Council's consideration to transfer his office furniture to him upon his departure from the City. Mayor Heitzler stated he did not hear any objections from City Council. Mr. Harmon thanked City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips stated it was the last City Council Workshop for Mr. Harmon and he wished to thank him for everything he has done for the City for the past 38 years. He stated it was going to be very different without having him around. Mr. Harmon thanked him and stated public service was a tough career and those few attaboys that you get along the way really do mean something. Councilmember Green-Fletcher thanked Mr. Harmon as well for taking the time to answer any questions she had about City business. Mr. Harmon thanked her and members of City Council.

IV. Adjournment:

Councilmember Esarey made a motion to adjourn. All in favor, non-opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

_____ Date: March 14, 2017

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.