

City Council Meeting
November 08, 2016
7:00 P.M.
City Hall

Council Members Present:

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

Council Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

City Administrator Jake Broom; City Clerk Kelly J. Lovette; Major John Grainger; Fire Chief Steve Chapman; Finance Director Ron Faretra; Director of Public Works Steve Price; Director of Recreation Gary Stuber; Director of Golf Operations Troy Sanders; Public Information Officer Frank Johnson; Director of Planning and Zoning Sarah Hanson

Staff Absent:

Chief Harvey Becker

Invocation:

Councilmember James R. (Kimo) Esarey

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Heitzler

Press Present:

Guests Present:

I. Call to Order:

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

II. Approval of Previous Minutes:

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Mayor Pro Tem Mark Phillips made a motion to adopt the minutes, as stated by Mayor Heitzler. Councilmember Cox seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

III. Public Hearings:

Mayor Heitzler stated there were two (2) items under Public Hearings. He stated the first item was a proposed Ordinance that would set a \$42,000,000 budget for 2017. Mayor Heitzler read the proposed Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017 (Second and Final Reading)

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to act. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made the motion to amend the proposed 2017 FY Budget to include a position for a Director of Economic Development. Councilmember Condon seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Heitzler inquired if there was a motion for the second and final reading to the proposed 2017 FY Budget. Councilmember Green-Fletcher made a motion to pass the proposed budget presented and amended. Councilmember Esarey seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Heitzler stated the next item on the Agenda was a proposed Ordinance to annex seventy (70) acres of property known as the Mackey Tract on Old Summerville Road. Mayor Heitzler read the proposed Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO 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, KNOW AS TMS# 222-00-00-140 (MACKEY TRACT/OLD SUMMERVILLE ROAD) INTO THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (Introduction and First Reading)

Councilmember Esarey made a motion to approve the annexation of the property as stated by Mayor Heitzler. Councilmember Cox seconded the motion. Councilmember Esarey inquired if there were any single property owners to the south or west of said property. Mr. Broom stated he did not know. Councilmember Habib inquired if this was part of Carnes Crossroads. Mayor Heitzler stated no. Councilmember Habib inquired if the plans for this property was to build single family homes. Mayor Heitzler stated yes. Councilmember Habib inquired about the current zoning of the property. Councilmember Esarey stated the property would come into the City as Conversation Open Space. Mayor Heitzler stated the owner's of the property would be required to come back to the City to request rezoning of the property. Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

IV. Department Reports:

Police Department – Mayor Heitzler recognized Mr. Parker from the audience who thanked the first responders that worked during Hurricane Matthew.

Fire Department – Mayor Heitzler recognized Mr. Larry Alexis from the audience who stated his grandson loved the Jaws of Life demonstration at the City's Fall Festival. Councilmember Esarey inquired as to the status of the completion of headquarters. Fire Chief Steve Chapman stated, to date, City staff did not have a firm completion date and the contractors were still actively building countertops, bookshelves and completing other wood work.

Department of Public Works (DPW) – Mayor Heitzler recognized Mr. Joel Arenson who inquired as to the arrangements the City may have regarding the removal of debris from the State roadways after Hurricane Matthew, particularly on Crowfield Boulevard. Mr. Price stated the contractor for Berkeley County was responsible for picking up the debris from Crowfield Boulevard. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips inquired as to the overall status of the debris pick up. Mr. Price stated it was about 98% complete. Councilmember Habib inquired as to how the water system improvements were coming along. Mr. Price stated it was going very well, the foundation had been poured and the waterline work was progressing.

Administration Department & Municipal Court – There were no comments or questions.

Recreation Department – There were no comments or questions.

Golf Department – Mayor Heitzler recognized Mr. Joel Arenson who inquired as to how the City's golf course weathered through Hurricane Matthew. Mr. Sanders stated they had to close for six (6) days during one of their busiest months of the year, but everything was now cleaned up and they were back to normal operations.

Public Information Officer/Annexation Coordinator – Mr. Johnson stated the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and the City were co-hosting the Third Annual Fishing Rodeo that coming Saturday, it was for people of all ages with disabilities, and it was a free event, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. He also stated there were two (2) of the Mayor's history lectures remaining, for the fall. Mr. Johnson encouraged everyone to visit the City's website for all the latest news and information regarding the City and its events.

Planning Department – Mrs. Hanson shared the names and locations of the following businesses that have opened inside the City limits of Goose Creek over the last six (6) to nine (9) months: Smiles of Goose Creek (Heartland Dental), 615 St. James Avenue; Dairy Queen, 203 N Goose Creek Boulevard; Sunoco, 608 Red Bank Road; Kenneth Schuler Cosmetology, 98 Davenport Street; Y&E Auto Sales, 108 S Goose Creek Boulevard, MUSC Primary Care, 2000 1st Avenue; Sweetgrass Pediatrics, 2016 1st Avenue; Northwood Upper School, 104 Charger Drive.

Mrs. Hanson stated the following were expected to open within six (6) months: Pet Supplies Plus, 208 S. James Avenue; The Space Shop, 208 St. James Avenue; Christian Brothers Automotive, 520 St James Avenue; Dr. Solomon,

110 Parish Farms Drive; Dr. Cox, 110 Parish Farms Drive; Rainbow Kids at Carnes Crossroads (yet to be addressed); Carnes Dental Associates, 501 Carnes Crossing Boulevard.

Mrs. Hanson stated the following have been approved for construction: Lidle Grocery, 435 St James Ave; Waffle House, 304 Red Bank Road; Universal Storage – Phase 2, 221 St. James Avenue; Persimmon Hill Self Storage, 100 Preston Way; Faith Assembly Church, 303B N. Goose Creek Boulevard; Goose Creek Senior Living, 95 Bridgetown Road; The Blake Assisted Living, 4015 2nd Avenue; Carnes Crossroads Medical Building, 100 Parish Farms Road; Charleston Cataract Carnes Crossroads (not yet addressed).

Mrs. Hanson stated in the last quarter Goose Creek had quite a margin above everybody else in the area for the third quarter when it came to new business start-ups. Mayor Heitzler thanked Mrs. Hanson for her leadership.

V. City Administrator's Report:

Mr. Broom presented City Council with the following items under his report:

Request to Purchase (Fire Department) – APX 7500 Dual Band Two-Way Radio Console for the new Headquarters Fire Station, with a state contract price presented by Motorola Solution, located in Schaumburg, Illinois, in the total amount of \$12,363.70;

Request to Purchase (Fire Department) – Request to purchase furniture for the new Headquarter Fire Station, with a state contract price presented by the Wulbern-Koval Company, located in Charleston, SC, in the total amount of \$102,631.30;

Request to Purchase (IT Department) – Request to upgrade the existing security camera system for the Municipal Complex, from the low bidder Carolina Sounds Communication, located in North Charleston, SC, in the total amount of \$21,508.20;

Request to Purchase (IT Department) – Request to replace four (4) network switches to maintain compliance with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), City staff recommended purchasing the equipment from TEAMia, located in Columbia, SC, in the total amount of \$15,689.10;

Request to Purchase (IT Department) – Request to purchase a Storage Area Network, City staff recommended purchasing the equipment from TEAMia, located in Columbia, SC, in the total amount of \$18,725.

Request to Purchase (IT Department) – Request to purchase and install an access control system and security camera system for the Public Works Complex, City staff recommended purchasing the equipment from a vendor the City was already working with, Carolina Sounds Communication, located in North Charleston, SC, in the total amount of \$37,797.60.

Mr. Broom stated these requests were not in the 2016 FY Budget, but funds were available in the General Fund to pay for the items. Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to act. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to approve the purchase the six items, as stated by Mr. Broom. Councilmember Esarey seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips inquired about the monies coming from the General Fund and the State Contractors who submitted bids. Mr. Brooms explained the money being used was coming from the General Fund and not directly from each department. Mr. Broom further explained that some vendors would go below State Contract, a request was submitted to three (3) different contractors for furniture and only one (1) came back with a bid. Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

VI. Mayor's Report:

Develop Long Term Plan for Golf Course Facilities (Item 10 for the 2016 Goals and Objectives). Mayor Heitzler stated Mr. Sanders and his team had been working to bring the golf course up a higher standard the last three (3) years. He stated new greens were laid and improvements were made to the sand traps, fairways and cart paths. Mayor Heitzler stated there were two (2) new comfort stations/restrooms on the golf course. He stated City Council was very enthusiastic about moving forward with the planning to make improvements to the clubhouse.

VII. Comments and Questions:

Mayor Heitzler recognized Mr. Joel Arenson who stated he noticed some construction going from I-26 down Highway 17A, towards Carnes Crossroads. Mayor Heitzler stated apartments were being built. Mr. Arenson also inquired if a Harris Teeter was going to be built in the area. Mayor Heitzler stated there was no movement in that direction. Mr. Larry Alexis inquired if the proposal for sidewalks to be put in Boulder Bluff had been submitted since the deadline was November 1st. Mr. Broom stated the deadline was extended to November 7th, and it was turned in the previous morning. A lady from the audience was recognized and shared her opinion about the proposal for a new City logo and stated she felt it did not represent our city.

VIII. Adjournment:

Councilmember Esarey made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Condon seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

_____ Date: December 13, 2016

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.