

**City Council Meeting**  
**September 13, 2016**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**City Hall**

**Council Members Present:**

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

**Council Members Absent:**

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**Staff Present:**

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City Administrator Jake Broom; City Clerk Kelly J. Lovette; Assistant Chief of Police John Grainger, Major; 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:**

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Chief of Police Harvey Becker

**Invocation:**

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Councilmember Esarey

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

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Mayor Heitzler

**Press Present:**

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**Guests Present:**

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**I. Call to Order:**

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

**II. Comments from the Audience**

Mayor Heitzler recognized Mr. Joe Patrick, a resident of the Woodland Lakes subdivision, and who inquired as to when meeting minutes would be available online. Ms. Lovette stated she has been short staffed and other priorities have taken place. She stated she has recently hired a new employee and was in hopes of having minutes posted by next month. Mayor Heitzler recognized Mr. Larry Alexis who expressed his frustration with the City due to the lack of sidewalks in Boulder Bluff. Mayor Heitzler recognized Mr. Joel Arenson who inquired if the residents in Boulder Bluff should be talking to Berkeley County instead of the City. Mayor Heitzler stated the State of South Carolina owns the roads in Boulder Bluff and the State has a responsibility to have safe roadways. Mayor Heitzler further stated the State has a gas tax by which they receive monies to keep the roads and bridges safe. He continued to clarify that Berkeley County owns some of the roads within the City as well, by which Berkeley County pays for with a 1% county wide sales tax. Mayor Heitzler stated that in 1982, a City Ordinance was established which required subdivision regulations going forward. He stated this Ordinance states all new subdivisions must have underground power lines, as well as curb, gutter and sidewalks. Mayor Heitzler stated the City will continue to try to get sidewalks within subdivisions wherein there are State owned roadways. Mayor Heitzler recognized a gentleman from the audience who inquired when something would be done about a house that burned on Pineview Drive. Mayor Heitzler stated the City was currently in the process of taking legal action.

**III. Public Hearings:**

Mayor Heitzler stated the first item under Public Hearings was a proposed Resolution that would honor the Stratford High School Softball Team for winning the 2016 AAAA State Championship. Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Phillips read the proposed Resolution. (**Note: Title of Resolution is as follows.**)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO RECOGNIZE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR JOHN CHALUS JR, COACH DEBRA TOLAR AND THE STRATFORD LADY KNIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2016 AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Councilmember Condon made a motion to approve the proposed Resolution. Councilmember Esarey seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Heitzler stated the second item under Public Hearings was the introduction and first reading to a proposed Ordinance that will rezone forty (40) acres of property at the intersection of Liberty Hall Road and Henry Brown Boulevard from Planned Development Mobile Home (PDMH) to General Commercial. Mayor Heitzler recognized a gentleman from the audience who inquired about the wetlands in that area. Mayor Heitzler stated the developers were going to have to come up with a plan to mitigate the issues with the wetlands. Mayor Heitzler read the title to the proposed Ordinance.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PROVIDE FOR CHANGES IN THE ZONING DISTRICTS OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY:**

THE PROPERTY LOCATED ON HENRY E. BROWN BOULEVARD AND LIBERTY HALL ROAD, DESIGNATED AS TMS# 244-00-00-065, FROM PLANNED DEVELOPMENT MOBILE HOME (PDMH) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC)

Mayor Pro-Tem Phillips made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance, as stated by Mayor Heitzler. Councilmember Cox seconded the motion. All in favor none opposed. Motion carried.

#### **IV. Department Reports**

**Police Department:** Mr. Larry Hearn inquired if the digital speed limit signs were replaced with mobile speed warning signs. Major Grainger stated yes, the Police Department owned the signs and they were replacements.

**Fire Department:** Chief Chapman stated the month of October was Fire Prevention Month. Chief Chapman stated Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, the City's Fire Department would have a static fire prevention display at the local Wal-Mart from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Chief Chapman invited everyone to attend and stated fire prevention materials would be distributed at the event.

**Department of Public Works:** Mayor Heitzler recognized a gentleman who inquired about getting street lights in his neighborhood. Mr. Price stated he should call the number to the Department of Public Works (DPW) and provide his information so Berkeley Electric Cooperative could evaluate his area. Mayor Heitzler recognized a lady who inquired about installing speed bumps throughout the Pineview subdivision. Mr. Price stated the State of South Carolina owned the roadways throughout Pineview and it would be up to the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT). A gentleman was recognized and inquired about the repaving of Gainesboro Drive. Mr. Price stated the repaving should begin in the next 60 days. Mr. Price stated the process has taken a while due to having to relocate some utility lines. He stated the project should be completed in 180 days. Mr. Price thoroughly answered several more general questions from members of the audience.

**Administration Department:** Mayor Heitzler recognized Mr. Larry Hearn who inquired if monies go back into the General Fund or back to the Police Department when the Hospitality Tax is used for police Services for special events held by the City. Mr. Faretra stated all Revenue Funds, regardless of the source, are booked as Revenue and the monies collected would go into the General Fund as Revenue. Mr. Hearn stated if police services were used to support the annual swim meet, the revenue collected from that meet would go into the Recreation Department's budget. Mr. Hearn inquired as to how the Police Department would recover for their services for that event. Mr. Faretra stated if the City determined it was necessary use monies to support the police officers who worked that event, then it would come out of the General Fund.

**Recreation Department:** A lady from the audience stated she loved the programs the Recreation Department offered and inquired if there were any future summer programs or after school programs. Mr. Stuber stated the Recreation Department use to run an after school program, but those were now all ran through the schools. A lady from the audience stated her little girl played ball and one of the problems she was continually having had been that part of the recreation fee to play ball includes the cost of the uniform and pants. She stated most of the coaches and players voted on providing their own pants because they wanted to have different colors. She stated it was becoming a problem for parents having to buy baseball pants because they were required to purchase the recreation pants and then the coaches required them to also buy the special color pants. She inquired if this was something that could be placed on the agenda and to be addressed. Mr. Stuber stated the Recreation Department had actually been talking about the issue and would be addressing the problem.

**Golf Department:** Mr. Larry Hearn stated a page was missing from the monthly Golf Department Report. Mr. Joel Arenson inquired as to whose responsibility it was if a golf ball were to break a window of a resident that lives on the golf course. Mr. Sanders stated the Restrictive Covenants for the Crowfield HOA stated a situation such as what Mr. Hearn described was considered a civil manner between the golfer and the homeowner.

**Public Information Office:** Mr. Johnson stated the fall newsletter had been produced and would be mailed to everyone the following week. He stated a digital copy would be available on the City's website. He stated several fun events were coming up, beginning with, the outdoor movie night scheduled for Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>; the fall festival scheduled for Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>; and, the Mayor's History Lecture would begin on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, and would be held every Thursday in October and November except Thanksgiving.

**Planning & Zoning Department:** Mayor Heitzler confirmed with Mrs. Hanson that 1,000 multifamily and single family homes were on the way, as well as somewhere around 15 commercial businesses that are still under construction. Mayor Heitzler stated Roper Hospital would begin construction on the first day of 2017, and JW Aluminum would be doubling their production. Mr. Arenson inquired if Roper Hospital was actually going to be in Goose Creek. Mrs. Hanson stated yes, all of their land at Carnes Crossroads was inside the City limits of Goose Creek and part of Carnes planned development.

## V. City Administrator Report:

**Request to Purchase – Police Department – Uninterrupted Power Supply:** Mr. Broom stated before City Council was a request to purchase an Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) for the Communications Center in the Police Department. Mr. Broom stated the UPS would provide emergency power to all electronic equipment in the Communications Center, as well as the City's Emergency Operation Center during the interim period between power lost and the generator being fully operational. Mr. Broom stated City staff was requesting to purchase a UPS from the low bidder, Power Quality Solutions, located in Raleigh NC, and wished to have UPS installed by Delta Industrial Electric, located in North Charleston, SC. He stated the total cost of the UPS and installation was \$29,720.72. Mr. Broom stated these funds were available and budgeted under the 911 Fund in the City's 2016 FY Budget. Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to take any action. Councilmember Green-Fletched made a motion to approve the request to purchase as presented by Mr. Broom. Councilmen Condon seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**Request to Purchase – Police Department – K-9 Vehicles (2):** Mr. Broom presented to City Council a request to purchase two (2) K-9 vehicles for the Police Department from low bidder, Vick Bailey Ford, located in Spartanburg, SC. Mr. Broom stated Vick Bailey Ford would deliver the vehicles to another State contracted vendor, Lighten Up, located in Roebuck, SC, in order to have police equipment installed within the vehicles. Mr. Broom stated the price for the total cost for the two (2) vehicles was \$57,966, and the total cost for the equipment and installation was \$35,791.76, for a total cost of \$93,757.76. Mr. Broom stated the cars were not in the 2016 budget, but funds were available. He stated the Police Chief was going to request the vehicles in the 2017 FY Budget, but since the Police Department has the money in this year's budget, City staff would rather purchase the vehicles this year to lighten the burden on the General Fund in 2017. Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to take any action. Councilmember Cox made a motion to approve the request to purchase as stated by Mr. Broom. Councilmember Habib seconded the motion. Mayor Pro- Tem Phillip inquired if the cars and equipment were under State Contract. Mr. Broom stated yes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Phillips inquired if Mr. Broom received bids. Mr. Broom states they were State contracts. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillips stated that a State Contract was not always the best deal. Mr. Broom stated that happens occasionally, but in order for the vehicles to account in this budget year, they must physically be here by the end of the calendar year; and because of this, City staff was looking for a State contractor who had the vehicles on the lot. Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**Request to Purchase – IT Department – Office 365, Exchange Online Server:** Mr. Broom stated before City Council was a request for the IT Department to purchase Microsoft Office 365 due to the fact that Microsoft would stop supporting Office 2007 in 2017. He stated the State Contract vendor was Software One, located in Charlotte, NC, and the total cost to purchase the software for all of the computers owned by the City was \$28,329.60. He stated the funds to purchase the software were in the current 2016 IT budget. Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to take any action. Councilmember Green-Fletcher made a motion to approve the purchase as stated by Mr. Broom. Councilmember Esarey seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Broom stated the final request was for the IT Department to move the City's email server to Microsoft via exchange online. He stated the City's IT Director believes this will provide a more dependable and secure email server. Mr. Broom stated the State Contract vendor was Software One, located in Charlotte, NC, with a quoted a price of \$11, 606.40. He stated this expenditure was not in the current 2016 budget, but there was room to accommodate the purchase within IT's budget. Mr. Broom stated with the City's recent email server problems, the City had accelerated the timeframe under which it would have to make this transition. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillips made a motion to approve the purchase as stated by Mr. Broom. Councilmember Condon seconded the motion. Mayor Heitzler inquired if there was any discussion by City Council. Councilmember Habib inquired if there was an annual fee. Mr. Broom stated there was an annual fee that included maintenance of the server and provided support. Councilmember Habib inquired if the \$11,000, was the annual fee or if it was the cost to get on the server with an added annual fee after that. Mr. Broom stated this was the cost to get on the server and there would be an annual fee on a per user basis which would be in the 2017 FY Budget. Hearing nothing further, Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor none opposed. Motion carried.

## **VI. Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Heitzler stated item number eight (8) under the City's 2016 Strategic Goals and Objectives was for City Council to Safeguard Physical and Environment Resources. He stated this meant City Council has identified properties the City would like to purchase, if the price is right and then the City would proceed with purchasing the property. He stated the City would not purchase any property until it goes before City Council at a Public Hearing, and City Council approves the purchase.

## **VII. Comments and Questions:**

Mr. Arenson inquired if the yearly cost of Microsoft Office 365 would be \$28,000. Mr. Broom stated it would be \$9.08, per month, per unit. Mr. Arenson inquired if each individual computer would have Microsoft Office 365. Mr. Broom stated the City would purchase the license per computer. Mr. Larry Hearn inquired if the Emergency 911 Fund was linked to the 911 fees on the customer telephone bills. Mr. Broom states yes. Mr. Broom thoroughly answered another inquiry of Mr. Hearn's regarding the City's generators. There was a brief discussion about the City's current logo wherein a lady from the audience inquired about a new logo for Goose Creek. Mayor Heitzler stated City Council would be holding a Strategic Planning Workshop to discuss and settle some economic development issues and one of those items would be discussing the rebranding of the City.

## **Adjournment:**

Councilmember Esarey made a motion to adjourn. All in favor none opposed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Date: October 11, 2016

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**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.*