

City Council Meeting
February 14, 2017
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; Police Chief Harvey Becker; 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 Kara Browder

Staff Absent:

None

Invocation:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Press Present:

Ricky Dennis- Goose Creek Gazette

Guests Present:

I. Call to Order:

Mayor Heitzler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated the City was awarded a grant to build a sidewalk from Boulder Bluff Elementary School to Stephanie Drive.

II. Comments from the audience

No comments

III. Approval of Previous Minutes:

Special City Council Meeting – May 24, 2016
City Council Meeting – June 14, 2016
Special City Council Meeting – August 8, 2016
City Council Meeting – January 10, 2017

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

IV. Public Hearings:

Mayor Heitzler stated the first item under Public Hearings was an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance of the City of Goose Creek to make minor changes to the “Duties and Powers” of the Architectural Review Board. Mayor Heitzler read the title.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PROVIDE FOR CHANGES TO SECTION 151.190(E) ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD DUTIES AND POWERS, TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK (Second and Final Reading)

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to take any action. Councilmember Condon made a motion to adopt the proposed Ordinance to make changes to Section 151.190(E), as stated by Mayor Heitzler. Councilmember Cox seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Heitzler stated the next two (2) items under Public Hearings was a proposed Ordinance to change the zoning of two (2) parcels of land located at, Crowfield Boulevard and Crowfield Corporate Parkway, from Light Industrial (LI) to Planned Development (PD) to accommodate an apartment complex and office building. A lengthy discussion ensued between members from the audience and members of City Council wherein several people from the audience voiced their concerns in opposition to the rezoning of the properties, about the influx of more traffic in an already highly traveled area, as well as concerns of overpopulating the schools. Mr. Steve Vaughn, the owner of the parcels, stated his intention for the proposed project was to build a transitional piece of property for an aging community. Mr. Vaughn stated he felt some of the aging Crowfield residents would eventually want to move out of their homes and into a multi-family site for easier and better style of living. Mayor Heitzler read the title.

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 CROWFIELD BOULEVARD AT CORPORATE PARKWAY, DESIGNATED AS TMS# 234-00-00-103, FROM PLANNED DEVELOPMENT LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (LI) TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD) (Introduction and First Reading)

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to take any action. Councilmember Green-Fletcher made a motion not to adopt the proposed Ordinance to the property referenced as TMS# 234-00-00-103 Planned Development Light Industrial to Planned Development PD. Councilmember Cox seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to take any action on the proposed ordinance. Hearing nothing, he read the title.

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 CROWFIELD BOULEVARD AT CORPORATE PARKWAY, DESIGNATED AS TMS# 234-00-00-016, FROM PLANNED DEVELOPMENT LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (LI) TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD) (Introduction and First Reading)

Councilmember Green-Fletcher made a motion not to adopt the proposed Ordinance to the property referenced as TMS# 234-00-00-106 from Planned Development Light Industrial (LI) to Planned Development (PD). Councilmember Cox seconded the motion. Following no discussion Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Heitzler inquired as to the critical element of the next item on the Agenda. Mrs. Hanson, Director of Planning and Zoning, stated the critical element for the proposed amendment was that the City was having to update its Flood Zone Ordinance regarding definitions of words and terms. Mayor Heitzler read the title.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PROVIDE FOR CHANGES TO, SECTION 151.028 DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND TERMS, OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK (Introduction and First Reading)

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to take any action. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to adopt the proposed Ordinance regarding Section 151.028, Definitions of Words and Terms, of the

Zoning Ordinance, as stated by Mayor Heitzler. Councilmember Condon seconded the motion. Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Heitzler stated item number five (5) on the Agenda was the introduction and first reading to a proposed Ordinance that would update the Zoning Ordinance as it pertained to flood hazard controls to be in compliance with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Mayor Heitzler read the title.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PROVIDE FOR CHANGES TO, SECTION 151.081 FLOOD HAZARD CONTROLS, OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK (Introduction and First Reading)

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to take any action. Councilmember Habib made a motion to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion. Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Heitzler stated the next item was the introduction and first reading to a proposed Ordinance that would change the language to Appendix A Table of Parking and Loading Space Requirements to the Zoning Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PROVIDE FOR CHANGES BY ADDING LANGUAGE TO “APPENDIX A” TABLE OF PARKING AND LOADING SPACE REQUIREMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK (Introduction and First Reading)

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to take any action. Councilmember Cox made a motion to adopt. Councilmember Condon seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Heitzler stated the following was an introduction and first reading to a proposed Ordinance that would allow the City to annex an area into the City of Goose Creek. Mayor Heitzler read the title.

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, KNOWN AS 227 OLD SUMMERVILLE ROAD (TMS# 222-10-00-011) INTO THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (Introduction and First Reading)

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to take any action. Councilmember Esarey made a motion to adopt. Mayor Pro Tem Phillip seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Heitzler stated the following was an introduction and first reading to a proposed Ordinance that would allow the City to annex an area into the City of Goose Creek.

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 KNOWN AS, 2432 NORTH MAIN STREET (TMS# 222-07-00-002), INTO THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (Introduction and First Reading)

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to take any action. Councilmember Esarey made a motion to approve. Councilmember Condon seconded the motion. Following no discussion, Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Heitzler stated the following is the first reading and introduction to annex a piece of property into the City of Goose Creek.

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 KNOWN AS, TMS# 222-07-00-003 (NORTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC), INTO THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (Introduction and First Reading)

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to take any action. Councilmember Esarey made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance to annex TMS# 222-07-00-003, as stated by Mayor Heitzler. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Heitzler stated the last item on the Agenda was a proposed Ordinance to annex a piece of property into the City, at this time he read the title.

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 KNOWN AS, 2424 NORTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC (TMS# 222-07-07-004), INTO THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (Introduction and First Reading)

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to take any action. Councilmember Green-Fletcher made a motion to adopt the proposed Ordinance to annex 2424 North Main Street, Summerville, TMS# 222-07-07-004, into the City of Goose Creek, as stated by Mayor Heitzler. Councilmember Condon seconded the motion. Following a brief discussion, Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

V. Department Reports:

Police Department – Councilmember Esarey thanked the Police Department for the work they did regarding a recent break in.

Fire Department – A gentlemen from the audience thanked both the Police Department and Fire Department for what they do. Chief Chapman stated that during a normal course of events video and photos of are taken for documentation and training purposes and one of his firefighters has compiled these into a video for a 2016 Year in Review of all the Fire Department’s activities which has been posted on the Goose Creek City’s Facebook Page. Councilmember Green-Fletcher thanked both the Police and Fire Chief for the new program that checks on the elderly that need assist.

Department of Public Works (DPW) – No comments or questions.

Administration Department & Municipal Court – No comment or questions.

Recreation Department – No comments or questions.

Golf Department – Mr. Smith from the audience stated he was very happy with the operations of the Golf Course.

Public Information Officer/Annexation Coordinator – No comments or questions.

Planning and Zoning Department – Councilmember Green-Fletcher stated she will miss Mrs. Hansen since she is retiring. Councilmember Esarey stated he has known Ms. Hanson for a long time and she has been the perfect person for the job. Councilmember Habib stated he feels we are losing the nicest person in the City. Ms. Bates from the audience inquired what are the new business that are coming into the city. Ms. Hansen stated a Starbucks, a pet store, a new space shop, some new projects at Carnes, an apartment building, and a grocery store.

VI. City Administrator's Report:

Request to Purchase – Police Department – 2017 Dodge Charger Police Cars and Associated Equipment (7) - Mr. Broom stated the cars will be purchased from Performance Dodge (Clinton, NC) the South Carolina State Contract vendor for police sedans, and shipped to Light-N-Up (Roebuck, S.C.), the State Contract vendor for the lighting equipment, the in-car camera systems and the sole source vendor for the console and mounting devices in the total amount of \$286,813.58. He stated the expenditure is in the 2017 Police Department budget.

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to take any action. Councilmember Cox made a motion to approve the purchase of seven (7) 2017 Dodge Charger police cars and associated equipment, as stated by Mr. Broom. Councilmember Esarey seconded the motion. Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Request to Purchase – Police Department – In-Car Radios (7) - Mr. Broom stated the radios for the seven (7) Dodge Chargers will be purchased from Radio Communications of Charleston (Goose Creek, SC), a State Contract vendor, in the total amount of \$25,326.91. He stated the expenditure is in the 2017 Police Department budget.

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to take any action. Councilmember Condon made a motion to purchase the radios. Councilmember Green-Fletcher seconded the motion. Following no discussion, Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Request to Purchase – Police Department / IT Department – In-Car Laptop Computers (58) - Mr. Broom stated City staff proposed to purchase fifty-eight (58) laptops directly from Dell to secure State Contract pricing and finance the purchase through Dell. He stated the cost to finance the laptops through Dell's tax-exempt lease purchase program would be \$40,760.42, per year for five (5) years, totaling \$203,802.10. He stated the expenditure is in the 2017 IT Department budget.

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to take any action. Councilmember Green-Fletcher made a motion to adopt the purchase of fifty-eight (58) laptops, as stated by Mr. Broom. Councilmember Esarey seconded the motion. Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Crowfield Golf Course Clubhouse Designer Request for Quote (RFQ) - Mr. Broom stated the following was a request from the Director of Golf Operations to hire a consultant to design renovations to the Crowfield Golf Course clubhouse. He stated City staff requested to hire the low responsive bidder, Quinn Williams Design (Hanahan, S.C.), with a total fee for the design being \$10,000, and an additional \$1,500, for a final artist's rendering upon completion of the design, with a total cost of \$11,500. He stated monies for this expenditure would come from the Hospitality Tax Fund.

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to take any action. Councilmember Cox made a motion to approve the expense for the clubhouse designer and the artist renderings in the total amount of \$11,500. Councilmember Habib seconded the motion. Following a brief discussion, Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Crowfield Golf Course Storm Debris Removal Contract – Mr. Broom stated City staff was requesting to hire the low responsive bidder, Ladson Wood Recycling (Ladson, SC), to remove debris and sixteen (16) stumps, related to Hurricane Matthew, from the Crowfield Golf Course, for a total expenditure of \$10,750. He stated the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has indicated this expenditure may be reimbursable, but that has not yet been finalized. Mr. Broom stated expenditure will be paid for with money from the 2017 Golf Enterprise Fund.

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to take any action. Councilmember Esarey made a motion to approve the storm debris removal contract with Ladson Wood Recycling in the total amount of \$10,750, as stated by Mr. Broom. Councilmember Condon seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Audit Request for Proposal (RFP) – Mr. Broom stated that at the City Council Meeting in January 2017, City Council was given a request for review from the Finance Director regarding proposals from qualified audit firms. Mr. Broom stated City Council is responsible for selecting the annual auditor for the City. He stated City staff was providing this information without a recommendation so as not to influence the selection process.

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to hire Mauldin and Jenkins for a five (5) year period, with a total cost of \$129,700, as stated by Mr. Broom. Councilmember Cox seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Recommendation – Appointments/Re-Appointments to Employee Grievance Committee - Mr. Broom stated the following City employees have been recommended by their department managers to serve on the Employee Grievance Committee for a three (3) year term: Ms. Lyndora Jenkins, Ms. Amy Weatherford, Ms. Betty Ulmer, Mr. Chris Torres, Captain Todd Pruitt, Mr. Ryan McLeod, Lieutenant Joshua Battista, Ms. Lavolia Rhodes and Mr. Chris Fessler.

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to take any action. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to appoint the employees to the Employee Grievance Committee, as stated by Mr. Broom. Councilmember Condon seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Request to Solicit for 2017 – Mr. Broom stated City policy prohibits solicitation of or by City employees without prior approval; therefore, before City Council was a request from City staff for City employees to solicit on behalf of specific charities on an annual basis; in lieu of reading the two-page list, Mr. Broom requested City Council refers to the memo included in the packet.

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to take any action. Councilmember Green-Fletcher made a motion to approve for the solicitation of specific charities by City employees during 2017, as stated by Mr. Broom. Councilmember Esarey seconded the motion. Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

VI. Mayor Report:

Mayor Heitzler stated due to the amount of time taken to complete the Agenda during the meeting, he would forego his report and provide a briefing that the City Council Meeting in March.

VII. Comments and Questions:

Larry Hearn inquired if City Council voted for the auditor who was the lowest bidder for the auditors and brief discussion between Mr. Hearn and City Council took place.

VIII. Adjournment:

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to adjourn. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Date: May 9, 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.