

**City Council Meeting**  
**May 9, 2017**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**City Hall**

**Council Members Present:**

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

**Council Members Absent:**

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None

**Staff Present:**

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City Administrator Jake Broom; Assistant City Administrator Daniel Moore; 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 Kara Browder; Economic Development Director Matt Brady

**Staff Absent:**

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Chief of Police Harvey Becker

**Invocation:**

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Mr. Josh Johnson

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

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Mayor Heitzler

**Press Present:**

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Ricky Dennis- Goose Creek Gazette

**Guests Present:**

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**I. Call to Order:**

Mayor Heitzler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Northwood Academy Varsity Girls Basketball Team was recognized with a Proclamation, "Northwood Academy Champion Day" as May 10, 2017, in the City of Goose Creek.

**II. Comments from the audience**

There were no comments from the audience.

**III. Approval of Previous Minutes:**

City Council Meeting – February 14, 2017

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

**IV. Public Hearings:**

Mayor Heitzler read the second and final reading to a proposed ordinance that would lower free standing signs from twenty (20) feet to ten (10) feet. Mayor Heitzler recognized Mr. Joel Aaronson who inquired if an ordinance regarding signage on vehicles would be proposed since it was removed from the ordinance being proposed.

Mayor Heitzler stated the City would look into the inquiry and City Council would decide. Mayor Heitzler read the title of the proposed ordinance.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 151.084 SIGN REGULATIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO REDUCE THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE HEIGHT FOR FREESTANDING SIGNS – (Second and Final Reading)**

There was discussion amongst City Council concerning shopping centers. Mr. Broom stated the proposed ordinance would only alter Subsection B, as Subsection E regulates shopping center signs. City Council inquired as to the reason behind the proposed change. Mr. Josh Johnson, a member of the Planning Commission, stated what was being proposed was the norm within other municipalities, and he referenced North Charleston, Mount Pleasant and Summerville. Hearing nothing further, Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to act. Councilmember Green-Fletcher made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance, as stated by Mayor Heitzler. Councilmember Condon seconded the motion. Following a brief discussion, Mayor Heitzler called for the vote, four (4) in favor, three (3) opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Heitzler stated the second item under Public Hearings referred to dumpsters. Mayor Heitzler recognized Mr. Luther Steel who inquired if the proposed ordinance would supersede the current restrictive covenants of the Crowfield Plantation Home Owner's Association (HOA). Councilmember Habib stated the Crowfield HOA could have a stricter policy, however they could not be less strict than the City's laws. Mayor Heitzler read the title of the proposed ordinance.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 151.108 ACCESSORY USES OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO REQUIRE A PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION DUMPSTERS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES – (Second and Final Reading)**

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to act. Councilmember Condon made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance, as stated by Mayor Heitzler. Councilmember Cox seconded the motion. Following a brief discussion Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Heitzler stated the next item under Public Hearing was a proposed ordinance prohibiting barbed wire fencing. Mayor Heitzler read the title.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 151.082 DESIGN STANDARDS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PROHIBIT BARBED WIRE FENCING – (Introduction and First Reading)**

Mayor Heitzler stated the proposed ordinance only referred to residential zones to which residence who currently have barbed wire on their fences would have six (6) months for it to be removed. Mayor Heitzler stated a motion would need to be made to remove the proposed ordinance from the table for discussion by City Council. Councilmember Esarey made a motion to remove the proposed ordinance prohibiting barb wire fencing from the table. Councilmember Condon seconded the motion. Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance by amending it to include the text "no perimeter residential fencing may be constructed of ropes, strings, barb wire, razor wire, wire fabric, or broken glass and may not be constructed of damage or unsafe material." Councilmember Cox seconded the motion. Following no discussion Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Heitzler stated the next item was a resolution to forgive the debt of the Golf Course Enterprise Fund to the General Fund (\$7,704,505.43). After much adverse discussion from the audience regarding the amount of debt the Golf Course had accumulated, Mayor Heitzler read the title of the proposed ordinance.

A RESOLUTION FORGIVING DEBT FROM THE GOLF ENTERPRISE FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND, TAX INCREMENT FUND AND LOCAL OPTIONS SALES TAX MUNICIPAL REVENUE FUND - (First and Only Reading)

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to act. Councilmember Cox made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance, as presented by Mayor Heitzler. Councilmember Habib 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** – There were no comments or questions.

**Fire Department** – Chief Chapman stated he would work with City Council to plan an “Open House” and ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Headquarters Fire Station.

**Department of Public Works (DPW)** – There were no comments or questions.

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

**Recreation Department** – Mr. Stuber invited everyone to the Department of Natural Resources fishing rodeo that Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Golf Department** – Mr. Sanders stated the Spring Concert Series was scheduled for that Friday at the golf course. Mayor Heitzler recognized Mr. Hearn who commented on advertising for the golf course.

**Public Information Officer/Annexation Coordinator** – There were no comment or questions.

**Planning and Zoning Department** – Mayor Heitzler recognized Mr. Gary Becker who inquired about the property owned by Mr. Steve Vaughn, located behind the Food Lion on College Park Road. Mayor Heitzler stated that Mr. Vaughn does own the property that was cleared and which is assessed by the State of South Carolina as agricultural, hence Mr. Vaughn has the right to plant and harvest his land. Mayor Heitzler recognized Mr. Larry Hearn who stated he wished to renew his request to change the name of the website to a .gov or .org instead of a .com. Mayor Heitzler recognized Mr. Joel Arenson who inquired if there was a City Ordinance that prevents Mr. Vaughn from planting corn. Mayor Heitzler stated the City could not stop him if he wished to do so and that no City Ordinance could override the State’s agricultural assessments. Councilmember Esarey inquired as to the status of Plantation Square. Mrs. Browder stated there were some issues that needed to be addressed as far as a name change and materials to be used.

**Department of Economic Development** – Mayor Heitzler recognized Mr. Hearn who inquired if Mr. Brady had any figures pertaining to tourism and the economic impact for the City. Mayor Heitzler recognized Mr. Joel Arenson who inquired if Mr. Brady could make a short presentation as to his plan for promoting the City of Goose Creek to bring in businesses.

## VI. City Administrator’s Report:

**Request to Purchase – Public Works – 4x2 Pickup Trucks (3):** Mr. Broom stated there was a request to purchase three (3) six-cylinder, half-ton, 4x2 regular cab pickup trucks. He stated the new trucks will replace Ford F-150 trucks purchased in 1998, 1999 and 2000. He stated City staff was requesting to purchase three (3) 2017 Dodge Ram 1500 six- cylinder, half ton 4x2 regular cab trucks from Butler Chrysler-Dodge Jeep (Beaufort, S.C.) the low qualified quote, at a total cost of \$58,775 (including tax).

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to act on the request. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to approve the purchase from Butler Chrysler-Dodge Jeep, as stated by Mr. Broom. Councilmember Cox seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**Request to Enter Into Contract – Classification and Compensation Study:** Mr. Broom reminded City Council a discussion had taken place at the previous month’s City Council Workshop and the City had not performed a Classification and Compensation Study in the past eleven (11) years. He stated City Staff was requesting to hire Evergreen Solutions, Tallahassee, FL, to complete a study, in the total amount of \$43,500. He stated Evergreen Solutions has extensive experience in Charleston/Lowcountry area, having worked with Hilton Head Island, Mt. Pleasant, Moncks Corner, Charleston County, Berkeley Charleston Dorchester Council of Governments and Berkeley County. He stated City staff was proposing to split the cost amongst all the City’s departments based on the number of employees in each department.

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to act on the proposed request. Councilmember Habib made a motion to approve the hiring of Evergreen Solutions to complete a Classification and Compensation Study, as stated by Mr. Broom. Councilmember Esarey seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**VII. Mayor Report:**

Mayor Heitzler requested that Mr. Broom introduce the new Assistant City Administrator. Mr. Broom stated his name was Daniel Moore and he’s from Augusta, Georgia.

**VIII. Comments and Questions:**

Mayor Heitzler recognized Mr. Alan Wall who stated his frustration regarding the amended ordinance regarding barbed wire. Mayor Heitzler also recognized Mr. Jerry Glass and Mr. Joel Arenson who also commented on the proposed ordinance.

**Adjournment:**

Councilmember Esarey made a motion to adjourn. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: June 13, 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.*