

**City Council Meeting**  
**June 13, 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; Captain Dave Aarons; 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; Assistant Finance Director Tyler Howanyk

**Staff Absent:**

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Chief of Police Harvey Becker

**Invocation:**

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(A Moment of Silence)

**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. He asked City Council, City staff and audience members to stand for a moment of silence in honor and memory of former City Councilman John McCants, who passed away on Friday, June 9, 2017.

Mayor Heitzler welcomed Boy Scout Troop 458.

**II. Comments from the audience**

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

**III. Approval of Previous Minutes:**

City Council Workshop – January 25, 2017  
City Council Meeting – April 11, 2017  
City Council Meeting – May 9, 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 read the title to the second and final reading of a proposed ordinance regarding barbed wire fencing.

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 – (Second and Final Reading)

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to act. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance, 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 item under Public Hearings was the introduction and first regarding food trucks. Mayor Heitzler recognized Mr. Joel Arenson who inquired if the new regulations would increase fees. Mayor Heitzler stated no. Mayor Heitzler read the title to the proposed ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, BY REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY THE CURRENT CHAPTER 110. OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES, TAXES AND REGULATIONS OF TITLE XI: BUSINESS REGULATIONS AND ADOPTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW CHAPTER 110. OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES, TAXES AND REGULATIONS OF TITLE XI: BUSINESS REGULATIONS, WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF AS IF FULLY SET OUT HEREIN (Introduction and First Reading)

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to act. Councilmember Esarey made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance, as stated by Mayor Heitzler. Councilmember Green-Fletcher 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 under Public Hearings was the introduction and first reading to a proposed ordinance regarding property maintenance. Mayor Heitzler recognized Mr. Joel Arenson who inquired as to what the major changes were between the newly proposed ordinance and the current one. Mr. Price stated there were no major changes as it would adopt the language of the International Code, bringing over all the existing rules and regulations that are specific to the City as it relates to property maintenance. Mayor Heitzler read the title to the proposed ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, BY REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY THE CURRENT CHAPTER 93. HEALTH AND SANITATION UNDER TITLE IX GENERAL REGULATIONS, AND ADOPTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW CHAPTER 93. HEALTH AND SANITATION ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF AS IF FULLY SET OUT HEREIN; AND ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER UNDER TITLE IX GENERAL REGULATIONS BY CREATING CHAPTER 95. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF AS IF FULLY SET OUT HEREIN (Introduction and First Reading)

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to act. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance, as presented by Mayor Heitzler. Councilmember Green-Fletcher seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Heitzler stated Charleston Public Works would like the City to grant them an easement; however, Berkeley County still needed to provide the Water Service Area Agreement, hence this item would be tabled.

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to table item number four (4) on the agenda; RIGHT-OF-WAY AND UTILITY EASEMENT – TMS# 235-00-00-035 & 223-00-00-031 (Charleston of Public Works) (First and Final Reading). 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 last item was a Resolution to support the housing of a first model to care for homeless men and women. Mayor Heitzler recognized Mr. Luther Steele who inquired if the proposed Resolution would create homeless shelters and praised City Council for doing a great job. Mayor Heitzler stated the Resolution simply states there is a problem. Mayor Heitzler read the title.

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HOUSING FIRST MODEL (First and Final Reading)

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to act. Councilmember Esarey made a motion to approve the proposed Resolution, as presented by Mayor Heitzler. Councilmember Green-Fletcher seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

## **V. Department Reports:**

**Police Department** – Mayor Heitzler stated the Police Department would be meeting with local churches to discuss active shooters. He stated this would be held at the Immaculate Conception Church on June 19, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

**Fire Department** – There were no comments or questions.

**Department of Public Works (DPW)** – Mayor Heitzler recognized Mr. Joel Arenson who inquired as to when the paving of Gainsborough Road will be completed. Mr. Price stated he requested Berkeley County’s engineer to provide a final schedule of completion, which he has yet to provide.

**Administration Department & Municipal Court** – Mayor Heitzler introduced Mr. Tyler Howanyk, the City’s new Assistant Finance Director.

**Recreation Department** – Mayor Heitzler stated the new Activities Center was on schedule with its construction. Mr. Stuber stated it was on schedule and it is thirty-five thousand square feet.

**Golf Department** – Mayor Heitzler inquired about a pond at the Crowfield Golf Course, a topic Mr. Luther Steele mentioned. Mr. Sanders stated he would need to look to see which pond Mr. Steele was inquiring about.

**Public Information Officer/Annexation Coordinator** – Mr. Johnson stated the City’s Fourth of July Celebration would be held by the lake behind City Hall from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

**Planning and Zoning Department** – Mrs. Kara Browder stated the Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester Council of Governments (BCDCOG) would be hosting a series of public comment sessions on the Long-Range Transportation Plan, to be held in downtown Charleston, North Charleston and Summerville. Mrs. Browder stated to let her know if anyone was interested in attending and she would provide them with more information.

**Department of Economic Development** – Mayor Heitzler inquired of Mr. Matt Brady as to what the median family income was in Goose Creek. Mr. Brady stated around \$65,000, per household. Mayor Heitzler inquired as to how fast the City was growing every year. Mr. Brady stated the stats he provided from 2010-2017 was 23%. Mr. Brady stated the City was in Forbs Magazine regarding restaurants and he hoped the City would receive attention from the article. Mayor Heitzler recognized Mr. Joel Arenson who inquired as to what Mr. Brady thought about the Carnes Crossroads area growing over the next five to ten years from the standpoint of entertainment and restaurants. Mr. Brady stated he feels it will be a very good addition to the City.

## **VI. City Administrator’s Report:**

**Request to Purchase – Turnout Gear (Fire Department):** Mr. Broom stated City staff was requesting to purchase turnout gear from the low bidder, NAFECO (Decatur, AL) in the total amount of \$32,602.75.

Councilmember Green-Fletcher made a motion to approve the purchase from NAFECO, as stated by Mr. Broom. Councilmember Condon seconded the motion. Following a brief discussion, Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried

**Request to Enter into Contract – Crowfield Clubhouse Renovations (Golf Department)** – Mr. Broom stated City staff was recommending hiring Quin Williams Design (QWD) to manage and supervise the renovations to be performed to the clubhouse at the City’s golf course, in the total amount of \$14,500. He stated QWD has agreed to purchase the furniture, art, accessories and bar equipment for the project at cost, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$52,000. He stated City staff was also recommending hiring the low bidder, Satchel Commercial Interiors (Mt. Pleasant, SC), for the total amount of \$149,802.00. He stated the total cost of the project would be \$216,302, and reminded City Council the Fiscal Year 2017 Hospitality Tax Fund included \$250,000, for the project.

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to act on the request. Councilmember Cox made a motion to approve the hiring of QWD and Satchel Commercial Interiors, as stated by Mr. Broom. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion. Following a brief discussion, Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried

**Request to Enter into Contract – Impact Fee Study (Administration Department)** – Mr. Broom stated to pay for equipment and facility needs created by residential and commercial growth, City staff was recommending hiring the low respondent Willdan Financial Services, in the total amount of \$36,000, to study the City’s Impact Fee structure in accordance with the requirements set forth under State Law. He stated City staff was proposing to pay for the study with funds from the Impact Fee Fund.

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to act on the request. Councilmember Habib made a motion to hire Willdan Financial Services to study the City’s Impact Fee structure, 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

**Request to Approve Fireworks Display (Northwood Church)** – Mr. Broom stated before City Council was a request from Northwood Assembly, Inc. a/k/a Northwood Church, located at 2600 North Main Street for a fireworks permit. He stated they wished to hold a firework display at 9:00 p.m., at Northwood Church on Saturday, July 1, 2017. He stated the State Fire Marshall approved their request, as well as the City’s Fire Chief.

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to act on the request. Councilmember Habib made a motion to approve the permit for a firework display at Northwood Church, 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

**VII. Mayor Report:**

Mayor Heitzler stated an item under the 2017 One (1) Year Goals & Objectives is to continue to develop recreation opportunities, to include a dog park, opportunities for citizens with disabilities, access to the Goose Creek Reservoir and opportunities supported by the Cultural Arts Commission.

**VIII. Comments and Questions:**

Mayor Heitzler recognized Mr. Joel Arenson who inquired as to what was being done with the clubhouse at Crowfield Golf Course. Mr. Sanders stated the interior was being redone, as it is thirty years old. Mr. Joel Arenson stated the clear cutting of trees that took place on College Park Road was an eye sore and he inquired what could be done to prevent other property owners from doing the same thing. Mayor Heitzler stated City Council was not allowed to do anything and the State of South Carolina protects the property rights of individuals; and, if a property owner has an agriculture assessment for their property they may plant and harvest it and not the City, homeowners’ association or any other organization can do anything about the law.

**Adjournment:**

Councilmember Esarey made a motion to adjourn. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Date: July 13, 2017

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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.*