

City Council Meeting
September 11, 2018
7:00 P.M.
City Hall

Council Members Present:

Mayor Gregory S. Habib; Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Condon; Councilmember Debra Green-Fletcher; Councilmember Brandon L. Cox; Councilmember Jerry Tekac; Councilmember Corey McClary

Council Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

City Administrator Jake Broom; Assistant City Administrator Daniel Moore; City Clerk Kelly J. Lovette; Fire Chief Steve Chapman; Director of Public Works Chuck Denson; Director of Golf Troy Sanders; Public Information Officer Frank Johnson; Director of Planning and Zoning Kara Browder; Golf Course Superintendent Todd Biegger

Staff Absent:

Invocation:

David Coleman

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Habib

Press Present:

Joy Bonala, Goose Creek Gazette

Guests Present:

I. Call to Order:

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

II. General Public Comments:

Mayor Habib recognized a gentleman from the audience who inquired about Montague Plantation Road. Mayor Habib stated that it is one lane and has always been one lane. He stated it was made two lanes by drivers driving on the dirt and stated the roadway is owned and maintained by Berkeley County.

III. Approval of Minutes:

- a) City Council Workshop – June 26, 2018
- b) City Council Meeting – August 14, 2018

A motion was made by Councilmember Cox to approve the minutes, as stated by Mayor Habib. Mayor Pro Tem Condon seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

IV. Public Hearings, Presentations & Proclamations:

- a) **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 IDENTIFIED AS TMS 244-01-04-047 (171 LINDY CREEK ROAD) INTO THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (Introduction & First Reading)**

Hearing no comments from the public Mayor Habib inquired if City Council wished to act. A motion was made by Councilmember Cox to adopt the proposed Ordinance, as stated by Mayor Habib. Councilmember Tekac seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

- b) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 99 BEVERLY DRIVE (TMS#235-13-02-018) FROM CONSERVATION/OPEN SPACE (CO) TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-2) (Introduction & First Reading)**

Hearing no comments from the public Mayor Habib inquired if City Council wished to act. A motion was made by Councilmember Tekac to adopt the proposed Ordinance, as stated by Mayor Habib. Councilmember Cox seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried

- c) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 441 LIBERTY HALL ROAD (TMS#244-06-00-066) FROM CONSERVATION/OPEN SPACE (CO) TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD) (Introduction & First Reading)**

Hearing no comments from the public Mayor Habib inquired if City Council wished to act. A motion was made by Councilmember Green-Fletcher to adopt the proposed Ordinance, as stated by Mayor Habib. Councilmember McClary seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Condon inquired as to the reason the property was being rezoned Planned Development. Mr. Broom stated for uniformity. Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried

V. New Business:

- a) AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE BERKELEY COUNTY TO ENFORCE ITS STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS AND TO REPEAL AND RESCIND ANY PROVISIONS WITHIN CHAPTER 50 OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 07-017, ESTABLISHED ON 11-13-2007 FOR THE CREATION OF A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ORDINANCE, WHICH ARE IN CONFLICT WITH ANY PROVISIONS OF THE BERKELEY COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE 14-11-36, AND ALL SUBSEQUENT REVISIONS OR AMENDMENTS OF ORDINANCE 14-11-36. (Introduction & First Reading)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Tekac to adopt the proposed Ordinance, as stated by Mayor Habib. Councilmember Cox seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

VI. Old Business:

- a) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 349 PRICE STREET (TMS# 252-01-03-030) FROM CONSERVATION OPEN SPACE (CO) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) (Second & Final Reading)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Cox to adopt the proposed Ordinance, as stated by Mayor Habib. Mayor Pro Tem Condon seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

VII. Monthly Department Report:

Chuck Denson, Director of Public Works: Mr. Denson began his presentation with an overview of his department's preparations for Hurricane Florence. He stated the City had coordinated with Berkeley County to provide sand bags for City residents. He stated the Maintenance Division drove throughout the City and cleared ditches of debris to make sure they will all be flowing, as well as prepped City facilities by tying down and storing items. He stated the Sanitation Division would continue daily operations as long as the land fill remained open. He stated the Garage Division checked the generators for all City facilities and ordered fuel for fuel tanks. Mr. Denson stated all equipment and personnel were on standby for the storm.

Mr. Denson stated the Department of Public Works (DPW) has fifty-one (51) employees on payroll. The breakdown is as follows: twenty-five (25) in the Sanitation Division; four (4) in the Garage Division; five (5) in the Maintenance Division and seventeen (17) in the Water Division. He stated the Sanitation Division has a little over 12,000 pickup points per week in which last year they collected over sixty-two (62) million pounds of waste. Mr. Denson stated he has two (2) Code Enforcement Officers that work under the Sanitation Division, and who conducted over 8,000 inspections last year. Mr. Denson stated the Garage Division was responsible for mechanical repairs regarding equipment and vehicles, as well as preventative maintenance. He stated the Maintenance Division maintains the grounds around City facilities and follow up on pot hole repair requests, replacement or repairs of street signs, and perform building maintenance. He stated the Water Division has nine (9) License Water Distribution Operators of which two (2) operators are also certified Backflow Technicians. He stated the Water Division was able to convert 144 manual read meters to radio read meters and would continue with that process.

Mr. Denson stated the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Division has been and continues to work diligently with the Water Division to streamline tasks. He stated some of the following projects the GIS Division was working on consisted of the following: rebuilding the Micro Paper Management System; working with the Fire Department to migrate their map books into an electronic format; as well as, assisting the Planning and Zoning Division, Economic Development Division, and the Police Department with all their GIS needs.

Mr. Denson stated a Safety Council was put together several years ago which conducts safety training sessions on a regular basis.

City Council thanked Mr. Denson for his presentation and stated DPW does a fantastic job.

VIII. City Administrator's Report:

a) Request to Purchase – Fire Department – EMS Ambulance Stretcher

Mr. Broom stated the Fire Department was requesting to purchase a new stretcher, a Stryker Power Pro XT, for the City's ambulance, from the low bidder, Stryker Medical out of Chicago, IL, in the total amount of \$21,412.27. He stated this included a seven (7) year warranty and the expenditure was included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Fire Department Budget.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cox to purchase a Stryker Power Pro XT, as stated by Mr. Broom. Councilmember Green-Fletcher seconded the motion. Following a brief discussion, it was decided and confirmed the City would also keep the current stretcher due to the fact the City rotates ambulances with Berkeley County. Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

b) Request to Hire Contractor – Crowfield Golf Course – Annual Course Improvements (Hospitality Tax Fund):

Mr. Broom stated the Golf Course Superintendent was requesting to hire a contractor to reconstruct and resurface cart paths on holes one (1), two (2), three (3), six (6) and seven (7). He stated this bid also included adding concrete pads to the driving range. He stated City staff was requesting to hire the low bidder, First Construction Management LLC of Hanahan, SC, in the total amount of \$239,685.85, which was included in the FY 2018 Hospitality Fund Budget.

A motion was made by Councilmember Tekac to approve the request to hire First Construction Management, LLC, as stated by Mr. Broom. Mayor Pro Tem Condon seconded the motion. Following a brief discussion regarding the possibility of a future purchase request for turf grass. Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

c) FY2019 Millage Rate & Local Option Sales Tax Credit Factor (No Tax Increase):

Mr. Broom stated Berkeley County requires the City notify them of its millage rate and Local Option Sales Tax credit factor well before adopting the budget. Berkeley County needs this information to print property tax bills, and unfortunately it does not align well with the City's fiscal year. Mr. Broom stated during last month's City Council Workshop, it was decided by City Council the proposed FY 2019 Budget would not include a tax increase. He stated the millage rate would remain 50.5 mills and the Local Option Sales Tax credit factor would be .001330. He stated the LOST credit factor was set with the goal of giving the largest possible property tax credit to the City's residents while being conservative enough to ensure the credit residents would receive would not exceed the actual Sales Tax Revenue the City generates.

A motion was made by Councilmember Tekac to approve the proposed Millage Rate and Local Option Sales Tax credit factor, as stated by Mr. Broom. Councilmember Green-Fletcher seconded the motion. Following a brief discussion by Mayor Habib and Councilmember Tekac concerning the Millage Rate not changing, and the fact the LOST credit factor was an amount residents would be rebated toward their property taxes due to living in the City of Goose Creek, Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

IX. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Habib stated the City was prepared for Hurricane Florence. He stated the City's Department of Public Works has been diligently moving around the City to ensure drains flow as efficiently as possible. Mayor Habib stated in talking with experts, the biggest issue the City appears to be facing is flooding and encouraged residents to prepare for the hurricane. He also encouraged residents to keep an eye on any communication from the City and the local news. He stated he was impressed with the operations with Berkeley County and the collaborative and cooperative efforts between them and the City were significant. He stated starting tomorrow at 8:00 a.m., all City Police Officers and Fire Fighters would be working longer shifts. He asked the residents to be care and safe.

Mayor Habib pointed out it was September 11th and requested residents to take a moment to thank the City's first responders, as they are the ones who always run the wrong way when something happens. He stated they are here to protect and serve and in times like this, he asked resident to do what they could to keep the first responders safe during the hurricane.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) SECTION 30-4-70(A)(2) – DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED SALE OF PROPERTY (Old Moncks Corner Road)

Mayor Pro Tem Condon made a motion go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations regarding the proposed sale of property located on Old Moncks Corner Road. Councilmember Cox second the motion.

All in favor, none opposed. (7:40 p.m.) Mayor Habib invited Mrs. McSwain to join City Council in Executive Session.

Councilmember Cox made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Green-Fletcher second the motion. All in favor, none opposed. (7:55 p.m.) Note: There was no action taken by City Council.

XI. Adjourn:

Councilmember Tekac made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Condon second the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

_____ Date: October 9, 2018

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.