

**City Council Meeting
December 11, 2018
Regular Meeting 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; Councilmember Gayla McSwain

Council Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

City Administrator Jake Broom; Assistant City Administrator Daniel Moore; City Clerk Kelly J. Lovette; Director of Finance Tyler Howanyk; Public Information Officer Frank Johnson; Economic Development Director Matt Brady; Director of Golf Troy Sanders

Staff Absent:

Invocation:

Pastor Billy Hill

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Habib

Press Present:

Ms. Joy Bonala – Goose Creek Gazette

Guests Present:

I. Call to Order:

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

II. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Habib introduced Billy Hill, the Pastor of Midway Baptist Church, who presented the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

III. General Public Comments:

Mayor Habib recognized Ms. Cheryl World who stated she felt it is important the City adds a Value statement to its Vision and Mission statement. She also inquired if the City could suggest to the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) to add a three (3) way stop sign to alleviate traffic issues on Pineview Drive. Mr. Nash inquired why the City's boards and commissions do not present reports at City Council meetings. Mr. Jimmy Weatherford inquired as to why there are no Christmas decorations in the City and requested for City Council to add this to its agenda for next year.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

a) City Council Meeting – November 13, 2018

A motion was made by Councilmember Tekac to approve the minutes, as stated by Mayor Habib. Mayor Pro Tem Condon seconded the motion. Councilmember McSwain mentioned two typographical errors in the minutes. Mayor Habib inquired if City Council would like to accept the minutes with typographical corrections. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

V. Public Hearings, Presentations & Proclamations:

There was nothing to present under Public Hearings, Presentations & Proclamations.

VI. New Business:

There was nothing to present under New Business.

VII. Old Business:

- a) **AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT WITH HOYER INVESTMENT COMPANY, FOR AN AREA COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE CANNON TRACT (TMS 222-00-00-043), CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 76 ACRES, AN AREA THAT HAS BEEN ANNEXED INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (Second & Final Reading)**

Mayor Habib read the title to the proposed Ordinance and inquired if City Council wished to act. A motion was made by Councilmember Green-Fletcher to approve a Planned Unit Development with Hoyer Investment Company for the area commonly referred to as the Cannon Tract, as stated by Mayor Habib. Councilmember Cox seconded the motion. Councilmember McSwain shared her reservations about the project. Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Habib called for the vote. Mayor Pro Tem Condon, Councilmember Tekac, Councilmember Cox, Councilmember Green-Fletcher, Councilmember McClary voted in favor. Councilmember McSwain opposed. Motion carried.

- b) **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES, PURSUANT TO TITLE XI, CHAPTER 112 OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK CODE OF ORDINANCES, FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS C.R. HIPPI CONSTRUCTION; APPROVING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INDUCEMENT AND INCENTIVE AGREEMENT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (Second & Final Reading)**

Mayor Habib read the title to the proposed Ordinance and inquired if City Council wished to act. A motion was made by Councilmember Cox to adopt the proposed Ordinance, as stated by Mayor Habib. Mayor Pro Tem Condon seconded the motion. Councilmember Tekac recused himself from the vote due a banking relationship, through his job, with the party heading up the development project. Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Habib called for the vote. Six (6) in favor, one (1) recusal, none opposed. Motion carried.

- c) **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PROVIDE FOR CHANGES TO TITLE III: ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 33: CITY ORGANIZATIONS, SECTION CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION, SUBSECTIONS 33.100 PURPOSE; 33.101 RESPONSIBILITIES; AND 32.102 COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS (Second & Final Reading)**

Mayor Habib read the title to the proposed Ordinance and 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. Councilmember McClary stated he wanted to recognize Ms. Bell Anderson and Ms. Marsha Hassell, and stated he looks forward to seeing what the Cultural Arts Commission will present to the City in the upcoming years. Councilmember Tekac stated he thinks it is a great opportunity for the Cultural Arts Commission to start on the Christmas decorations issue right away. Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

- d) **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PROVIDE FOR CHANGES TO TITLE III: ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 34: FINANCE AND TAXATION, BY REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY THE CURRENT SECTION "PURCHASING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES" AND ADOPTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SECTION "PURCHASING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES" MADE A PART HEREOF AND SET OUT HEREIN (Second & Final Reading)**

Mayor Habib read the title to the proposed Ordinance and inquired if City Council wished to act. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Condon to accept the amended version of the Ordinance for the Purchasing Policy and Procedures,

as stated by Mayor Habib. Councilmember Green-Fletcher seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

VII. Monthly Department Report:

Troy Sanders, General Manager of Crowfield Golf Club: Mr. Sanders stated he will discuss the accomplishments of 2018, and what he is looking forward to in 2019. He stated rounds compared to 2017 are up 2,000 heading into December. He stated this is great considering the weather that occurred throughout 2018. He stated with the blizzard in January and two (2) hurricanes that passed through this fall, the golf club was closed for fourteen (14) days. He stated the City is on track to record sixty-three (63) inches of rain for the second year in a row. He stated when the weather improves, the golf course should see the rounds increase even more. He stated the City had 33,700 rounds of golf last year and is on track to do 36,000 rounds this year.

Mr. Sanders stated besides being wet, the golf course is in good shape. He stated golf employees are working on annual winter clearing projects and are they keeping up with the fallen leaves. He stated the golf club started in May with offering a pub menu four (4) days a week, and they have received great reviews. He stated the golf club hosts many inhouse catering events this time of year, as a private room is available for rent that holds up to seventy-five (75) guests. He stated the private room rental is only available during daylight savings time.

Mr. Sanders stated increasing membership at the golf course is a priority. He stated the golf course has discounted member pricing, increased its member tournaments, created a member referral program, and increased communication with its members. He stated they have gained new members and see a lot of new faces around the club.

Mr. Sanders stated the Crowfield Golf Course will host forty (40) golf tournaments in 2019 that include a combination of members, corporate, charity, and junior tournaments. He stated they have increased our junior camps for 2019 due to its popularity. He stated the very popular ladies' clinic will take place in late spring and continue through the summer.

Mr. Sanders stated having two (2) Class-A Professional Golfers Association of America (PGA) professionals on staff allows them to host these camps. He stated junior golf continues to do well as Stratford High, Goose Creek High, and Northwood Academy committed to using the Golf course in 2019. He stated Coach Kate continues to grow the junior program and for the first time took his girls team to State in which one (1) player made All Region.

Mr. Sanders stated the golf course will be hosting a South Carolina Junior Golf Association one (1) day event on Martin Luther King Day to which children from all over the State will be attending. He stated he is looking forward to the Spring Concert Series and is working with the Director of Recreation to come up with ideas regarding non-golf functions that can be held at the golf course.

Councilmember McSwain inquired as to how the golf course advertises. Mr. Sanders stated advertising is done inhouse and in the Charleston Golf News and Golf Santee publications. Mayor Habib stated that he likes the direction Mr. Sanders is taking the Golf Course as rounds have increased when they should have been down due to weather related issues throughout the year, and he thanked Mr. Sanders.

VIII. City Administrator's Report:

Mr. Broom stated he had nothing to provide under his report

IX. Mayors Report:

Appointments to the Architectural Review Board: Mayor Habib asked each liaison of the Boards and Commissions to nominate their new members. He stated Mayor Pro Tem Condon is the City Council liaison of the Architectural Review Board (ARB). Mayor Pro Tem Condon stated currently there are two (2) vacancies on the ARB and he was nominating Mr. Richard Dresel and Ms. Jennifer Wise to fill these vacancies. Councilmember Green-Fletcher seconded the nomination.

Hearing no discussion from City Council, Mayor Habib inquired if City Council would like to approve the nominated appointments to the Architectural Review Board. Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals: Mayor Habib stated Councilmember Cox is the City Council liaison of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). Councilmember Cox stated it was an honor to nominate Mr. Bakari Jackson to fill the one (1) vacancy on the ZBA. Councilmember Condon seconded the nomination.

Hearing no discussion from City Council, Mayor Habib inquired if City Council would like to approve the nominated appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Appointments to the Planning Commission: Mayor Habib stated Councilmember McSwain is the City Council liaison of the Planning Commission. Councilmember McSwain stated she was nominating Ms. Judy Edwards and Mr. John Starzyk to the Planning Commission. Councilmember McClary seconded the nominations.

Hearing no discussion from City Council, Mayor Habib inquired if City Council would like to approve the nominated appointments to the Planning Commission. Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Appointments to the Economic Development Action Committee: Mayor Habib stated Councilmember Tekac is the City Council liaison of the Economic Development Action Committee (EDAC). Councilmember Tekac stated were six (6) vacancies which was the result of expanding the membership to the EDAC to ten (10). He stated he was recommending Mr. Mark Gaddy from Berkeley Electric Company, Mr. Justin Moore from Momo's Restaurant, Mrs. Brenda Myers from Roper Hospital, Mr. Rick Sideman from Quizel, and Mr. Rob Wiggins from Trident Technical College. Councilmember Cox seconded the nominations.

Hearing no discussion from City Council, Mayor Habib inquired if City Council would like to approve the nominated appointments to the Economic Development Action Committee. Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Habib stated economic development is a process where City staff seeks and establishes relationships to bring businesses into the City, and that it provides multiple revenue streams to the municipality. He stated City Council and City staff were working hard to create our City's own future, and to determine its own destiny. Mayor Habib congratulated the new members and stated he appreciated their willingness to serve.

Mayor Habib thanked Councilmember Cox for his service to the City and stated he has been elected to Berkeley County Council for District Five (5). Councilmember Cox thanked City Council, City Staff, his wife and mother for their support and stated it has been a tremendous honor to serve on City Council.

X. Executive Session

a) Section 30-4-70 (a) (1) – Employment Matter – City Administrator Annual Evaluation

Mayor Pro Tem Condon made a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilmember Cox seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. (7:34 p.m.)

Councilmember Cox made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Green-Fletcher seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. (7:59 p.m.)

XI. Adjourn:

Councilmember Cox made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Condon seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Date: January 8, 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.