

City Council Meeting
April 9, 2019
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 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 Economic Development Matt Brady; Chief of Police LJ Roscoe; Public Information Officer Frank Johnson; Fire Chief Steve Chapman; Director of Recreation TJ Rostin

Staff Absent:

Invocation:

Associate Pastor Bradford Singleton, Northwood Church

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. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Habib introduced Bradford Singleton, Associate Pastor of Northwood Church, who presented the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

III. General Public Comments:

Ms. Mary Riley shared her concerns about changing the zoning of an item on the agenda from Conservation Open Space (CO) to Residential High Density (R3). She stated she felt the City does not have the infrastructure to support additional homes and apartments.

Multiple residents from Pineview, Camelot and Ryan Creek shared their opposition for selling green space in their neighborhood. Ms. Denise Bracket of Ryan Creek stated a petition with one hundred and ninety (190) signatures was signed from residents of Pineview, Camelot and Ryan Creek. (Note: A copy of the petition was not presented to the City Clerk for City record.)

A resident inquired if an officer could be stationed at the corner of Pineview Drive and Westview Boulevard during rush hour due to traffic. Multiple residents shared their concerns for the traffic on Pineview Drive. A resident shared her concern for Ordinance 151.082 Design Standards, Section C, Number 4, and inquired if it could be redone.

Mr. Alfred Calafiore from Lakeview Commons stated he appreciates the work City staff has done in providing him with the information he requested. He inquired if the City could work with the residents regarding extra parking spaces

and what role the City played, regarding the streets, when this development was being designed. Mr. Calafiore shared his concerns regarding high taxes, parking spaces, and the retaining wall on Truman Drive.

Mayor Habib stated City Council has not decided to take away any green space. He stated the City is currently evaluating all City owned properties. He stated the property in Ryan Creek that everyone is discussing meets the requirement for green space and will not be sold. Mayor Habib stated the only reason it showed up on the list is because the City owns this particular property. He stated most green spaces in other communities the City does not own.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

- a) **City Council Workshop – February 26, 2019**
- b) **City Council Meeting – March 12, 2019**
- c) **City Council Workshop – March 26, 2019**

A motion was made by Councilmember Tekac to approve the minutes, as stated by Mayor Habib. Councilmember Green-Fletcher seconded the motion. Councilmember McSwain inquired if Kelly Lovette, the City Clerk, received her corrections. Ms. Lovette stated yes. Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

V. Public Hearings, Presentations & Proclamations:

- a) **Proclamation – “Judo Week in the Creek” – April 7 – 13, 2019**

Mayor Habib read the Proclamation recognizing Judo Week in the Creek and invited Mr. Don Ort and Dr. Ronald Allan Charles to join him as he read the Proclamation and took photos.

- 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 OFF ST. JAMES AVE. (TMS # 234-00-00-139) FROM CONSERVATION/OPEN SPACE (CO) TO HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R3) – St. James Avenue at Grey Goose Drive (Public Hearing & First Reading)**

Mayor Habib read the title to the proposed Ordinance. Hearing no comments, Mayor Habib inquired if City Council wished to act. A motion was made by Councilmember Tekac to approve the proposed rezoning Ordinance, 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.

- 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 OFF LINDY CREEK. (TMS # 244-05-01-105) FROM CONSERVATION/OPEN SPACE (CO) TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R2) – Lindy Creek Road (Public Hearing & First Reading)**

Mayor Habib read the title to the proposed Ordinance. Hearing no comments, Mayor Habib inquired if City Council wished to act. A motion was made by Councilmember Tekac to approve the proposed rezoning Ordinance, as stated by Mayor Habib. Mayor Pro Tem Condon seconded the motion. Councilmember McSwain inquired as to the difference between R2 and R1. Mr. Moore stated that R2 is 8000 square feet and R1 is 10,000 square feet. Councilmember Green-Fletcher recused herself because she works for the same company as one of the owners. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Habib called for the vote. Mayor Habib, Mayor Pro Tem Condon, Councilmember Tekac, and Councilmember McClary voted in favor. Councilmember McSwain opposed. Motion carried.

VI. New Business:

- a) **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, BY REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY THE CURRENT CHAPTER 52. GARBAGE AND REFUSE DISPOSAL UNDER TITLE V: PUBLIC WORKS (Introduction & First 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 amend the Code of Ordinance of the City of Goose Creek, as stated by Mayor Habib. Councilmember McClary seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

VII. Old Business:

- 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 234-00-00-139 INTO THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION – St. James Avenue at Grey Goose Drive (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 Tekac to approve the proposed annexation 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.

- b) **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 244-05-01-105 INTO THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION – Lindy Creek Road (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 approve the proposed annexation Ordinance, as stated by Mayor Habib. Councilmember Tekac seconded the motion. Councilmember Tekac stated that this property is zoned in Berkeley County as Residential Medium Density (R2) and will come into the City as R2. Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

VII. Monthly Department Report:

Police Chief LJ Roscoe: Chief Roscoe stated overall crime statistics in Goose Creek for this quarter compared to the first quarter last year is down almost six (6) percent. She stated the Police Department is working on building positive relationships with our joining law enforcement agencies. She stated the City's Police Department worked with Sherriff Lewis and other agencies to do a saturation; multi-jurisdictional crime sweep. She stated in those two (2) days forty-four (44) arrests were made from suspended driver licenses to trafficking methamphetamines. Chief Roscoe displayed photos showing multiple safety checkpoints in Goose Creek with the Sherriff's office and other jurisdictions. She stated these checkpoints resulted in eleven (11) arrests and twenty-five (25) uniform traffic citations issued.

Chief Rosco stated the Police Department has increased its community contact in the first quarter to one thousand four hundred and seventy-three (1,473) compared to last year's first quarter which was six hundred and eighty-seven (687). Chief Roscoe stated the new community oriented policing position was created last year with the intent to help bridge the gap between police and community.

Chief Rosco stated since January of 2019 the Police Department has conducted over twenty-eight (28) events that have either been centered around or included the Police Department. Chief Roscoe displayed photos of the events. She stated an event coming up is the "Hot Pursuit 5K" to which \$4,000 of donations from local businesses has been raised to date. She stated the money will benefit the "Shop with A Badge" program, which is a program that identifies children with needs in which police officers will take them shopping with the money raised. She stated this will take place sometime around December.

Mayor Habib stated Chief Roscoe's engagement in our community, county and region is significant. He stated that our Chief is well respected as he has had the opportunity to speak to many others in and out of our region. Mayor Habib stated he appreciates Chief Roscoe.

VIII. City Administrator's Report:

a) Request to Purchase – Fire Department – Pumper to Replace 2007 American LaFrance Quint

Mr. Broom stated the Fire Department is requesting permission to purchase a new pumper. He stated this pumper will replace Engine 1 which is an American LaFrance quint. He stated American LaFrance went out of business in 2014 and it has become difficult to get replacement parts for their trucks. He stated the cost of the truck is \$567,250 and the vendor is Safe Industries of Easley, SC. He stated each truck is custom designed for the needs of the station where it will be housed. Mr. Broom stated the design specifications were sent to ten (10) companies but only Safe Industries responded with a bid. To ensure the cost was reasonable, City staff found comparable recent purchases made by other fire departments. He stated as part of this purchase the Finance Director requested bids from banks that have a physical location in the City to finance the purchase over the course of three (3) years. Mr. Broom requested permission to purchase the truck and to finance it via the low bidder, BB&T at 2.55%. He stated the purchase is included in the budget.

Mayor Habib inquired if City Council wished to act. A motion was made by Councilmember Tekac to approve the purchase request of the new pumper and financing with BB&T. Councilmember McClary seconded the motion. Following a brief discussion as to what will happen to the old truck and the time frame it will take to get the new truck (next June), Mayor Habib called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

b) REQUEST TO AMEND INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK AND THE GOOSE CREEK RECREATION COMMISSION BY AMENDING SECTION 3.0 – TERM – TO INCREASE THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT BY TEN (10) YEARS, RESULTING IN A TERMINATION DATE OF MAY 1, 2038.

Mr. Broom stated City staff was requesting permission to amend the existing Interagency Agreement between the City and the Recreation Commission to add ten (10) additional years to the term of the Agreement. He stated the current Agreement, effective May 1, 2008, has a twenty (20) year term, with an expiration date of May 1st, 2028. Mr. Broom stated if amended to reflect this request, the new expiration date will be May 1, 2038. He stated the term of the Agreement is the only item impacted by this request.

Mayor Habib inquired if City Council wished to act. A motion was made by Councilmember McSwain to approve the request to amend the Interagency Agreement between the City and the Recreation Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Condon seconded the motion. Councilmember Tekac stated he is opposed to extending the contract because he does not want to tie the hands of future City Council. Mayor Habib stated this gives us an opportunity to know what recreation will look like for the next twenty (20) years. Councilmember McSwain inquired if there is a map that residents can refer to in order to tell if they are in the Recreation District. It was suggested that something be put on the website so residents can reference. Mayor Habib explained that if the contract is not extended, we would have to figure out another way to get the deed restriction lifted. He stated the extension of the proposed Agreement is because the Recreation Commission does not want to sell a piece of property that they own to the City in the amount of money that was offered. Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Habib called for the vote. Mayor Habib, Mayor Pro Tem Condon, Councilmember Green-Fletcher, Councilmember McClary and Councilmember McSwain voted in favor. Councilmember Tekac opposed. Motion carried.

IX. Mayors Report:

a) Appointment to Planning Commission (One (1) Vacancy)

Mayor Habib stated this item will be put off until the May City Council meeting. Mayor Habib recognized and invited Mr. Christopher Harmon, the newly elected member to City Council, to join them in Executive Session. Mayor Habib shared that April 26, 2019 at 4 p.m. is Mr. Harmon's "Swearing in Ceremony."

X. Executive Session:

Mayor Habib stated City Council was going into Executive Session to discuss the following:

- a) **SECTION 30-4-70 (A) (5) DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED LOCATION, EXPANSION, OR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES ENCOURAGING LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES OR OTHER BUSINESSES IN THE AREA SERVED BY THE CITY (Project Lightning Rod)**

Mayor Pro Tem Condon made a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilmember Tekac seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. (8:03 p.m.)

Mayor Pro Tem Condon made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Tekac seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. (8:29 p.m.) City Council took no action.

XI. Adjourn:

Mayor Pro Tem Condon made a motion to adjourn. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Date: May 14, 2019

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.