

City Council Workshop
Fire Department HQ - Training Room
November 26, 2019
6:00 P.M.

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; Councilmember Christopher Harmon

Council Members Absent:

Staff Present:

City Administrator Jake Broom; Assistant City Administrator Daniel Moore; City Clerk Kelly J. Lovette; Director of Economic Development Matt Brady; Director of Recreation TJ Rostin

Staff Absent:

Press Present:

Guests:

City Attorney Lawrence Flynn

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Habib called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS & UPDATES

I. Boulder Bluff Park Design Development Drawings – Mr. Broom presented the proposals to City Council for two (2) park projects, Boulder Bluff Park and an inclusive park project that will complement the Boulder Bluff Park. Mr. Broom stated the idea that will be discussed is to pay for Boulder Bluff Park with monies from the General Fund Balance and to pay for the inclusive park with monies from the Hospitality Tax Revenue. He stated a design development drawing has been completed which is basically a concept plan done by the landscape architect of everything that has been discussed thus far and includes a dog park, pavilions, playground and a couple of large multi-purpose lawns. He stated the estimated cost is \$1,900,000 million. Mr. Broom reviewed the timeline with City Council and stated the goal is to open the park on November 11, 2020, for Veteran’s Day, hence being that the park will be a Veteran’s memorial park. Mr. Broom stated he and Mr. Rostin discussed plans for the park and the current design is what they came up with based on previous discussions with City Council. At this time, Mr. Broom and Mr. Rostin thoroughly reviewed and discussed the proposals for Boulder Bluff Park, as well as the inclusive park and answered all of City Council’s questions. Mayor Habib stated he felt they should also consider a farmer’s market and event space. It was suggested by City Council to only do the Boulder Bluff Park for now, due to parking being the most expensive, to include the expense to develop the inclusive park. The general consensus of City Council was for the General Fund to be used towards Boulder Bluff Park and the Hospitality Tax to be used towards the inclusive park; there was also discussion about soliciting businesses for private donations towards the parks.

II. Proposed Inclusive Park Project – Note: The Inclusive Park was discussed at the same time with the Boulder Bluff Park Design Development.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS:

I. Litter Pickup, Street Sweeping, City Entrance Beautification (Requested by Councilman Harmon) – Councilmember Harmon stated he felt the City’s entrance on Highway 52 could use a power washing and some lighting for at night; also discussed about the entryway was the connector bridge and the medians. Mr. Broom stated anything in the roadway has to do with the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) and they are extremely particular with their roadways. Councilmember Harmon also commented on

the City's new entryway signs and the size of the plants. Mr. Broom stated the size of the plants came down to cost, and the signs were expected to be moved once plans were underway to widen the roadways. Councilmember Harmon inquired about streets being swept by a streetsweeper, as well as litter in certain areas in the City. Mr. Broom stated for the City to hire a streetsweeper on a regular basis will cost money and his question was to City Council where do they want the money to come from, there's only so much that can be done with the amount of money and staffing the City currently has on hand.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (No action will be taken on items discussed in executive session.)

I. 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)

II. SECTION 30-4-70 (A) (2) DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO THE PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY – (City Owned Residential Lots – Dennis Drive Area)

III. SECTION 30-40-70 (A) (2) DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO THE PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY – (TMS# 243-04-00-032 & 243-04-00-012 – Shannon Park)

Councilmember Tekac made a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilmember Condon seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. (6:46 pm)

Councilmember Tekac made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. Councilmember Condon seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. (8:34 pm)

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Tekac made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Condon seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. (8:34 pm)

Minutes approved and adopted:

_____ Date: December 10, 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.