



MINUTES
CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA
CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020 – 6:00 PM
FIRE DEPARTMENT HQ – TRAINING ROOM
201 BUTTON HALL AVENUE

Mayor/Council Present:

Mayor Gregory S. Habib
Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Condon
Councilmember Debra Green-Fletcher
Councilmember Christopher Harmon
Councilmember Corey McClary
Councilmember Gayla McSwain
Councilmember Jerry Tekac

City Staff:

City Administrator Natalie Zeigler
City Clerk Kelly J. Lovette
Director of Economic Development Matt Brady
Director of Public Works Chuck Denson
Director of Finance Tyler Howanyk
Chief LJ Roscoe
Communications Supervisor Chimere Myers

Guests Present:

Press Present:

PURSUANT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2020 AND DULY POSTED AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 519 N GOOSE CREEK BOULEVARD, AN ACCESSIBLE FACILITY, AND ON CITYOFGOOSECREEK.COM

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

STAFF PRESENTATIONS & UPDATES:

I. BUSINESS LICENSE MODEL ORDINANCE

Mr. Howanyk presented City Council with a proposed Business License Model Ordinance. He stated the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) has pushed for standardization across the State of South Carolina amongst all municipalities and so businesses across the state can have business licenses with multiple jurisdictions with the same rules, form, same due date and it would also make the City of Goose Creek eligible for the portal through MASC.

II. “KICKSTART THE CREEK” LANGUAGE REVISIONS

Mr. Brady reminded City Council wherein at their last City Council Meeting City staff was directed to go back and tighten some of the language in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the “Kickstart the Creek” proposed Agreement between the LDC and the City. Mr. Brady stated if all looks appropriate City staff would put the language in the MOU and vote on the proposed Resolution at the regular July City Council meeting. After some discussion amongst Mayor Habib, City Council and City staff, Mayor Habib requested the proposed Resolution be placed on the July agenda for City Council’s regular meeting.

III. US 176 WIDENING PROJECT – PHASE I

Mr. Denson stated the Berkeley County One Cent Sales Tax includes “Widening Projects” that pertain to Henry Brown Boulevard and US Highway 176, Phase I which includes from Carnes Crossroads to the new Nexton Parkway that recently opened. He stated there has been some

need to acquire some Right-of-Way and Berkeley County has completed that task; however, in the growth along Highway 176 when Roper Hospital dedicated Callen Boulevard, they did not realize the City owned that Right-of-Way and so now we are the last parcel they are waiting to acquire. He stated Berkeley County was ready to move forward with the Highway 176 project simply because of land acquisition.

IV. CONSOLIDATED DISPATCH

Mayor Habib stated there are some very strong feelings on this subject and it is something that has been discussed for the passed two (2) years with Berkeley County, who is building a consolidated dispatch center. He stated there are many hurdles and many pros and cons and those should be worked out before a decision is made by the City. He stated Mrs. Zeigler is scheduling some meetings wherein discussions can take place before a decision needs to be made and an answer given to Berkeley County by August 2020. Mayor Habib reiterated City Council has a couple of months to hear from Chief Roscoe, Interim Fire Chief Cutshall, Mrs. Zeigler and himself before a decision has to be made and an answer given to Berkeley County as to whether they plan to join them in a consolidated dispatch center. Mayor Habib stated it would probably be good to schedule a City Council Workshop to discuss this matter fully. Mrs. Zeigler stated we would not transition until probably July or August 2021, but Berkeley County needs an answer this August as to whether or not the City plans to join them. She stated the County's position is neutral as to whether or not the City decides to join them.

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 Tron)

Motion: A motion was made to go into executive session by Councilmember Tekac, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Condon.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried. (6:59 p.m.)

Motion: A motion was made to come out of executive session by Councilmember Tekac, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Condon.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried. (7:07 p.m.)

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: A motion was made to adjourn by Councilmember Tekac, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Condon.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried. (7:07 p.m.)

Kelly J. Lovette, MMC
City Clerk

Date: October 13, 2020