



MINUTES
CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021 – 6:00 PM
FIRE STATION I – TRAINING ROOM
201 BUTTON HALL AVENUE

MAYOR/COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Gregory S. Habib
Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Tekac
Councilmember Hannah Cox
Councilmember Melissa Enos
Councilmember Debra Green-Fletcher
Councilmember Corey McClary
Councilmember Gayla McSwain

CITY STAFF:

City Administrator Natalie Zeigler
Assistant City Administrator Brian Cook
City Clerk Kelly J. Lovette

PRESS PRESENT:

None

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

PURSUANT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2021, AND DULY POSTED AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 519 N GOOSE CREEK BOULEVARD, AN ACCESSIBLE FACILITY, AND ON CITYOFGOOSECREEK.COM

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

a. Small Wireless Ordinance

Mr. Cook, thoroughly briefed and discussed with City Council the proposed new model ordinance from the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) that was being proposed. He stated the City currently has a Small Cell Ordinance that was already adopted by the City; the newly proposed Ordinance was one which contains some changes relating to the SC General Assembly by Act 179 of 2020, referred to as the SC Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act, established terms, conditions, procedures, rates, and fees upon which Small Wireless Facilities may be deployed in the right of way. Also provided for review and discussed with City Council was the design manual. All of City Council's questions were thoroughly answered.

b. Underground District Ordinance

Mr. Cook thoroughly briefed and discussed with City Council the proposed Underground District Ordinance so as to formally designate an underground district as a text amendment to – Title IX, Chapter 92 (Streets, Sidewalks, and other Public Property – Section 92.35). All of City Council's questions were thoroughly answered.

c. EMS Agreement with Berkeley County

Mrs. Zeigler thoroughly briefed and discussed with City Council the proposed annual EMS contract with Berkeley County, as provided to City Council. Mrs. Zeigler stated she and Chief Nixon met with Berkeley County to see if the City could get more money, as well as a second ambulance, as they feel it is needed for the citizens of Goose Creek. She stated they did not get very far, that the dollar amount stayed the

same. She stated what was changed was “Section 1.d.” of the proposed agreement in that the City shall use a fee schedule as established by the County, to determine all charges for services rendered and the County may raise the fee schedule during the term of the agreement and any such changes shall be effective as of the date they are deemed effective. The City shall follow exactly those charges as established. The same fee will apply to all emergency medical services provided within or by the City to defray direct costs of operating the ambulances. All of City Council’s questions were thoroughly answered.

d. Discussion of Municipal Election Date

Mrs. Zeigler stated the last item on the agenda was the municipal election date. She stated she included an article that was in the MASC’s April edition of the Uptown, wherein MASC and the South Carolina State Election Commission were recommending municipalities move their elections to odd years and she was suggesting City Council have a general discussion on the matter. Mayor Habib briefed City Council on some of the history when the City’s municipal elections were changed from April to November and sated that City Council, at that time, probably did not have enough foresight to make an educated decision on where to place the elections. City Council discussed the matter at length with Mrs. Zeigler and amongst one another as to whether or not they should move the municipal election to odd number years.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Tekac; Second: Councilmember McSwain

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes, 7:18 p.m.

Date: June 8, 2021

Kelly J. Lovette, MMC
City Clerk