

Special City Council Meeting
January 25, 2017
6:00 P.M.
City Hall

Council Members Present:

Mayor Michael J. Heitzler; Councilmember Debra Green-Fletcher; Councilmember Gregory S. Habib; Councilmember Kevin M. Condon; Councilmember Brandon L. Cox; Councilmember James R. (Kimo) Esarey

Council Members Absent:

Mayor Pro Tem Mark A. Phillips

Staff Present:

City Administrator Jake Broom; City Clerk Kelly J. Lovette; Director of Golf Operations Troy Sanders; Public Information Officer Frank Johnson

I. Call to Order:

Mayor Heitzler called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. Comments from the Audience:

There were no comments or questions.

III. Executive Session:

Councilmember Esarey made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss an employment matter regarding the retirement of the current Planning and Zoning Director. Councilmember Condon seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. (6:01 p.m.)

Councilmember Esarey made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Cox seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. (6:07 p.m.)

Councilmember Condon made a motion to hire Mrs. Kara Browder as the new Director of Planning and Zoning. Councilmember Esarey seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

IV. Business:

New City Website: Mr. Broom stated the benefits of the City's new website was its ability to show and add interactive pictures, display events more prominently and add pop up alerts when needed. Councilmember Cox inquired about a phone application to which Mr. Broom stated there will not be a mobile application as the site will be responsive to view on different platforms. Councilmember Habib inquired about the inter-activeness of the website. Mr. Broom stated currently Municipal Court fines and utility bills could be paid online, but as far as any other forms, the City would have the capability to add whatever it needs. Mrs. Lovette stated Mr. Johnson had created one (1) main calendar that every department could add their own events, eliminating the need to search for through each individual department. Councilmember Habib inquired how perspective businesses and investors would be able to benefit from the new website. Mr. Johnson stated all information was currently available to perspective businesses would be located on the City's new website. Mr. Johnson stated the website would have the platform to add a business calculator. Mr. Broom stated the new website would give the City a platform to add additional content that we have never done before.

Golf Course - Clubhouse Renovations: Mr. Broom moved on to the renovation of the clubhouse and stated during the budget workshop City Council voted to allocate \$10,000 of Hospitality Tax money to hire a designer to create a plan for the clubhouse with a total budget of \$250,000 for renovations. Mr. Broom stated the City

requested proposals from four (4) companies and two (2) responded. He stated Quinn Williams Design was the most reactive, as Stacey Williams came by numerous times and went so far as to bring a contractor to get cost for her ideas. He stated Ms. Williams estimates the renovations can take fifteen (15) weeks to complete. Mr. Broom stated City staff was looking for permission to hire Quinn Williams Design. After much discussion regarding the renovations of the clubhouse it was concluded that the designer will concentrate on restrooms, snack bar and patio areas. There was an inquiry if the pro-shop could be included. It was also determined the City would request the designer to evaluate the building for expansion in the future so the money being spent would not be lost in the future. Mayor Heitzler stated the decision to hire Quinn Williams Design would be added to the agenda for the next regular City Council meeting.

Discussion by City Council - Strategic Planning: Mayor Heitzler stated the City has one year goals, five-year goals and twenty-year goals. After much thought and discussion, the following were proposed for the twenty-year goals: consolidating the greater Goose Creek area; complete hiker biker trail system; greenway throughout city; mass transits and pedestrian hiker biker tunnels.

After discussion regarding the possible twenty-year goals, City Council discussed the City's five-year goals. The following items were proposed for the five (5) year goals: create a flyover at intersection; the Oaks Country Club vision; provide affordable family healthcare coverage to the city employees; create a median on 176 and add prominent entry signs into the City.

Mayor Heitzler quickly reviewed the items proposed for the one (1) year goals stating the following: hire economic development director; continue to develop recreation; plan and prioritize strategic cost effective commercial and residential annexation; safeguard physical and environmental resources by acquiring vacant properties to preserve open space; water system improvement; develop a mapping tool; create a plan for the location, staffing and construction for a new fire station at Carnes Crossroads; investigate impact fees; develop a plan for the Golf Course; update hiker and biker plan and identify blighted commercial areas and develop recommendations to address them.

Mayor Heitzler concluded that in a couple weeks City Council would meet again to finalize this list.

Miscellaneous Business: Mr. Broom stated he gave Councilmember Habib, Councilmember Condon and Councilmember Green-Fletcher hard copies of the Audit Request for Proposal (RFP). Mr. Broom stated City Council would need to vote if the City wished to change auditors and it would be added to City Council's February meeting agenda. Councilmember Cox stated the signs coming into Goose Creek need to be addressed. Mayor Heitzler stated the City needs to fix the postal zones; identify the perimeters of our City and improve the I-26 exit indicators. Mayor Heitzler also suggested Christmas decorations as a resident continually inquiries about this. Councilmember Habib suggested adding light poles along Hwy 52 to add banners that can be changed out for the holidays. Councilmember Green-Fletcher inquired if any developers showed interested in building retirement condos for the area. Councilmember Green-Fletcher inquired if the City is responsible for the safety regarding the area surrounding the new grocery store as it is being built. Mr. Broom stated the South Carolina Department of Transportation was responsible and needed to monitor the situation.

V. Adjournment:

Councilmember Esarey made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Condon seconded the motion. All in favor, non-opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

_____ Date: June 13, 2017

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.