

**City Council Meeting**  
**April 11, 2017**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**City Hall**

**Council Members Present:**

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Mayor Michael J. Heitzler; Mayor Pro Tem Mark A. Phillips; Councilmember Debra Green-Fletcher; Councilmember Brandon L. Cox; Councilmember Gregory S. Habib; Councilmember Kevin M. Condon;

**Council Members Absent:**

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Councilmember James R. (Kimo) Esarey

**Staff Present:**

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City Administrator Jake Broom; City Clerk Kelly J. Lovette; Police Chief Harvey Becker; Fire Chief Steve Chapman; Finance Director Ron Faretra; Director of Public Works Steve Price; Director of Recreation Gary Stuber; Director of Golf Operations Troy Sanders; Public Information Officer Frank Johnson; Director of Planning and Zoning Kara Browder

**Staff Absent:**

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None

**Invocation:**

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Gentleman from the Audience

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

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Mayor Heitzler

**Press Present:**

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Ricky Dennis- Goose Creek Gazette

**Guests Present:**

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**I. Call to Order:**

Mayor Heitzler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. Recognition of the “Purchase Award Winner” of Goose Creek Artist Guild**

Mayor Heitzler recognized Ms. Leena Karambelkar for her painting, Nirvana (Mixed Media Painting), selected as the City’s annual purchase award winner.

**III. Comments from the audience**

Tonya Lott acknowledged and thanked Mayor Heitzler for allowing her to complete her internship of forty (40) hours in health politics as well as thanked City staff and City Council members.

**IV. Approval of Previous Minutes:**

- City Council Budget Workshop – August 23, 2016
- City Council Workshop – October 4, 2016
- City Council Meeting – March 14, 2017
- City Council Workshop – March 28, 2017

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to adopt the minutes, as stated by Mayor Heitzler. Councilmember Cox seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**V. Public Hearings:**

Mayor Heitzler read the title to the proposed ordinance, the first item under Public Hearings.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PROVIDE FOR CHANGES IN THE ZONING DISTRICTS OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY: THE

PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG NORTH MAIN STREET (TMS#222-07-00-003) FROM CONSERVATION OPEN SPACE (CO) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) – (Second and Final Reading)

Councilmember Habib made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance, as stated by Mayor Heitzler. Councilmember Condon seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Heitzler read the title to the proposed ordinance, the second item under Public Hearings.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PROVIDE FOR CHANGES IN THE ZONING DISTRICTS OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY: THE PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG NORTH MAIN STREET (TMS#222-07-00-004) FROM CONSERVATION OPEN SPACE (CO) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) – (Second and Final Reading)

Councilmember Green-Fletcher made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance, as stated by Mayor Heitzler. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Heitzler read the title to the proposed ordinance, the third item under Public Hearings.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 151.082 DESIGN STANDARDS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PROHIBIT BARBED WIRE FENCING – (Introduction and First Reading)

Councilmember Condon made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance, as stated by Mayor Heitzler. Councilmember Habib seconded the motion. After some discussion amongst City Council, the motion failed to receive a final vote and failed.

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to table the proposed Ordinance, TO AMEND SECTION 151.082 DESIGN STANDARDS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PROHIBIT BARBED WIRE FENCING, as stated by Mayor Heitzler. Councilmember Cox seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Heitzler read the title to the proposed ordinance, the fourth item under Public Hearings.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 151.084 SIGN REGULATIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO REDUCE THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE HEIGHT FOR FREESTANDING SIGNS AND PROHIBITING VEHICLES FROM BEING USED AS SIGNAGE – (Introduction and First Reading)

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance, as stated by Mayor Heitzler. Councilmember Debra Green-Fletcher seconded the motion. After some discussion amongst City Council, the motion failed to receive a final vote and failed.

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to amend his previous motion to approve the proposed ordinance, by excluding Section 151.084 (I) (8) and include 151.084 Sign Regulations (D) (2)(b). Councilmember Cox seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Heitzler read the title to the proposed ordinance, the fifth item under Public Hearings.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 151.108 ACCESSORY USES OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO REQUIRE A PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION DUMPSTERS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES – (Introduction and First Reading)

Councilmember Habib made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance, as stated by Mayor Heitzler. Councilmember Condon seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

## VI. Department Reports:

**Police Department** – Councilmember Green-Fletcher stated there were two (2) K-9 units at the end of her street doing training exercises, however the logos/decals on the vehicles were not that of the City's and she inquired if the City's Police Department was aware of the training. Chief Becker stated he had no knowledge of the training.

**Fire Department** – Chief Chapman stated his people are now occupying the new Fire Station Headquarters. He also took the opportunity to discuss the After the Fire Program.

**Department of Public Works (DPW)** – Mayor Heitzler recognized Mr. Joel Arenson who inquired as to what happens to the old sanitation trucks after the City purchases new ones. Mr. Price stated the trucks would be disposed of in accordance to City policy.

**Administration Department & Municipal Court** – There were no comments or questions.

**Recreation Department** – Mayor Heitzler stated there was a vacant spot on the Cultural Arts Commission and he inquired if Mr. Stuber could forward a list of names to City Council to fill the vacancy. Councilmember Condon inquired as to how spring sports were going. Mr. Stuber stated all the sports were going well.

**Golf Department** – There were no comments or questions.

**Public Information Officer/Annexation Coordinator** – Mr. Johnson stated the City's BBQ Festival was coming up that Saturday, April 22, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the Municipal Center, as well as, the Spring Concert Series that would be returning on Friday, April 28, 2017; Friday, May 12, 2017; and Friday, May 26, 2017 at Crowfield Golf Club.

**Planning and Zoning Department** – Mayor Heitzler recognized Mr. Luther Steel who inquired as to where the new Waffle House would be located. Mrs. Browder stated Red Bank Road.

**Department of Economic Development** - City Council welcomed Mr. Matt Brady, the City's new Director of Economic Development.

## VII. City Administrator's Report:

**Approval of Records Retention (City Clerk):** Mr. Broom stated there is a request from the City Clerk to approve one (1) Records Retention Schedule prepared by the South Carolina Department of Archives and History. The schedule pertains to the Confidential Informant Records within the Police Department which requires the City retain these records for three (3) years after the date of last contact between the informant and the department, and then destroy the records.

Mayor Heitzler inquired if City Council wished to act on the proposed request. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to adopt the Records Retention Schedule, as stated by Mr. Broom. Councilmember Condon seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Heitzler called for the vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

## VIII. Mayor Report:

Mayor Heitzler stated that he reviews one (1) of the one (1) year goals at every City Council meeting. He stated the goal being discussed for that evening was to hire an Economic Development Director. Mayor Heitzler stated the City recently hired an Economic Development Director and stated the City was developing economically as we have endured the eight (8) years of recession and half a year of depression with an average of six percent (6%) of annual growth in the commercial part of town.

Mr. Broom requested Mayor Heitzler to consider voting to adopt the Goals and Objectives for the 2017 Strategic Plan. Mayor Heitzler inquired of City Council if they wished to adopt the proposed Goals and Objectives for the 2017 Strategic Plan. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to adopt the Goals and Objectives for 2017, as stated by Mayor Heitzler. Councilmember Cox seconded the vote. *(Note: City Council began to discuss various elements of the proposed Goals and Objectives for the 2017 Strategic Plan and never took a final vote. During the City Council Workshop scheduled on April 25, 2017, City Council voted and adopted the same Goals and Objectives that were proposed at this City Council Meeting, April 11, 2017.)*

**IX. Comments and Questions:**

Mayor Heitzler recognized gentlemen from the audience who inquired if the City will be spraying for mosquitos. Mayor Heitzler stated yes. Mayor Heitzler recognized Mr. Joel Arenson who stated he has seen trucks with signs to businesses parked in the Food Lion parking lot, located on College Park Road, and that he believes the proposed sign ordinance was necessary to keep the City looking attractive. Mayor Heitzler recognized Mr. Luther Steel who stated the lot that was being discussed regarding barbed wire was his and that he had recently installed new cameras and has plans for more security.

**X. Adjournment:**

Councilmember Condon made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 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.*