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HANAHAN CITY COUNCIL
Minutes from the April 12, 0216 regular City Council Meeting
Debbie Lewis Municipal Chambers
6:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of Hanahan City Council was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 in the Debbie Lewis Municipal Chambers at 1255 Yeamans Hall Road in Hanahan at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was advertised in the Post and Courier. The Agenda was posted on the City of Hanahan webpage and a copy of the Agenda was posted on the bulletin board at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. A copy of the Agenda was sent to Brenda Rindge at the Post and Courier. Mayor Minnie Newman presided. Council Members present: Kevin Cox, Dan Owens, Joel Hodges, Michael Sally, Jeff Chandler and Mike Dyson. We had a quorum for tonight's meeting.

Staff Members that signed the visitors log included: Johnny Cribb, City Administrator, Kim Peters, Clerk of Council, Gale Dollar, Clerk of Court, Doug Roger, Recreation, Randy Moneymaker, Recreation Director, Dennis Turner, Police Chief, Brian Perry, Public Works Director, Larry Sturdivant, Building Official, Courtney Soler, Finance Director, Hilary VanOrsdel, Human Resources Director, Bo Bowers, Fire Chief, Ryan Burke, Police Department, Kyle Lewis, Kyle Conlan, Austin Gombar, John Gombar, MaCory Schilter and Michael Bargeron, Fire Department.

A copy of the visitors log is included in the official minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Newman and Honorary Mayor Abby called the April 12, 2016 regular City Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Abby Thompkins was our Honorary Mayor for tonight. Abby is in the 3rd grade at Joseph Pye Elementary School. Her favorite subject is Science. Abby would like to be a teacher when she grows up. Abby enjoys playing softball, playing with her friends and working out with her father. Abby is here tonight with her mother Michelle who is our Deputy Clerk of Court.

We had a moment of silence for a Hanahan Resident Tadd Driggers that unexpectedly passed away.

INVOCATION

Jason Davis, Youth Pastor at Highland Park Baptist Church delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Dyson led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

RECOGNITIONS

A. Ryan Burke was sworn in as our newest Police Officer by Chief Turner. Officer Ryan Burke is from Warwick New, York. He served our country for 6 ½ years in the United States Air Force. He was assigned to the security forces military police. He was stationed in both Italy and Turkey. Upon retirement Ryan moved to Goose Creek and joined the Hanahan Police Department. Officer Burke successfully graduated from the police academy on March 25, 2016 and is currently doing field training with SGT Dodd. Welcome Ryan to the City of Hanahan and thank you for your years of service.

B. Chief Turner recognized Corporal Dan Breen on his promotion.

C. Chief Bowers swore in 5 new Firefighters:

Kyle Conlan, Kyle Lewis, Austin Gombar, MaCory Schilter, and Michael Bargeron.

D. SSGT Robert F. "Floyd" Hennessee, US Army, was recently awarded the French Legion of Honour Medal by the Ambassador of France to the United States for service in defense of France during WWII and was also honored by the American Military Museum. Because of these honors and his involvement with our annual Red, White and Blue Festival, SSGT Hennessee was chosen as Citizen of the Month for April 2016. The city presented SSGT Hennessee with a certificate, umbrella and the city is getting a Commemorative Brick engraved in his honor.

E. Boy Scout Troop 409 from Hanahan presented Bo and Betty Bowers with a framed picture of the troop t-shirt signed by all the scouts. Bo and Betty Bowers have helped the scout by helping them reach their goals and helped the troop reach out to the city.

PROCLAMATIONS

A. Kelly Bocook from Keep Hanahan Beautiful read the "Clean-Up Month" proclamation. Mayor Pro-Tem Owens made a motion to declare April 2016 as Clean-Up Month in the City of Hanahan. Council Member Chandler seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Officer Ricardo Perry, SRO at Hanahan Middle School read a proclamation about underage drinking prevention and awareness week in preparation for the Junior/Senior Prom at Hanahan High School. Council Member Hodges made a motion to declare April 10-April 16, 2016 as Underage Drinking Prevention and Awareness Week in the City of Hanahan. Council Member Sally seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

C. Kelly Bocook and Melody Americombe read a proclamation about Child Abuse Awareness Month. Keep Hanahan Beautiful has helped out in building pinwheel gardens throughout the city to bring attention to Child Abuse Awareness in the City of Hanahan. Council Member Cox made a motion to declare April 2016 as Child Abuse Awareness Month in the City of Hanahan. Council Member Chandler seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

Kelly Bocook thanked the Hanahan Fire Department for their help last week when she had an asthma attack. Her inhaler was not working and our EMS was able to hook her up to a breathing treatment, IV and administered steroids that helped to save her life. She said she was proud to call Hanahan her home.

Mayor Newman thanked Honorary Mayor Abby Thompkins for her help tonight and presented her with a certificate and gift from city council.

D. Kathryn Basha, from the COG presented the Fair Housing Resolution # 2-2016. This resolution recognizes April 2016 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Hanahan. This is part of the Village Renaissance Grant. Council Member Sally made a motion to declare April 2016 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Hanahan. Mayor Pro-Tem Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

There were no citizen's comments regarding agenda items tonight.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda Items are adopted with a single motion, second, and vote unless a request for removal is heard from a Council Member. Items on the April 12, 2016 Consent Agenda are:

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the March 8, 2016 regular City Council Meeting.
- B. Emergency repair of 2 A/C Units at Fire Station 3 from vendor Mills Brothers in the amount of \$5,900.
- C. Approval to purchase 140 Water Park passes from vendor Charleston County P&R in the amount of \$12,038.60 for 2016 Summer Camp

- D. Purchase of 2 automatic license plate recognition cameras from vendor NDI Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$37,650.00

Council Member Hodges made a motion to approve the April 12, 2016 consent agenda. Mayor Pro-Tem Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. *2nd reading of Ordinance # 2-2016 - changes in the zoning Ordinance for supplemental standards for communications tower and antenna.* Council Member Sally made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 2-2016. Council Member Cox seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Owens voted no, all other members of council voted yes. Motion carried 6-1.

B. *2nd reading of Ordinance # 3-2016 - (Changes to the City Code of Ordinances concerning Alcoholic Beverage Consumption).* Mayor Pro-Tem Owens made a motion to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance # 3-2016. Council Member Sally seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

C. Council Member Sally made a motion to have a public hearing to discuss Ordinance # 4-2016 – Discharging Fireworks in the City of Hanahan. Mayor Pro-Tem Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0. Chief Turner explained that after the last meeting, the ordinance was reviewed and amendments had been made. 1. Other holidays not specified in the Fireworks Ordinance could shoot off fireworks by getting a permit. 2. If it is not a holiday and you wanted to have fireworks you would need to go through the State Fire Marshal's office and then obtain a permit from the Hanahan Police Department. 3. You would need permission from your neighbors if your firework debris would land on your neighbor's property. Chief Turner said this was consistent with surrounding areas. A warning would be given first and a fine of \$1093.00 would be issued as a last resort. Council Member Sally asked if a lesser fine of \$50.00 could be charged instead of \$1093.00. Mr. Cribb said this fine is a universal fine for grass, loud music etc. Council Member Cox thanked Chief Turner for his help with this Ordinance.

Council Member Chandler made a motion to close the public hearing. Mayor Pro-Tem Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

Council member Hodges made a motion to approve the introduction and first reading of Ordinance # 4-2016. Council Member Chandler seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Under new business we received a letter from Berkeley County School District Superintendent Brenda Blackburn. We will discuss this letter in reference to the Williams Lane Property onsite and offsite improvements to meet the requirements of the Office of School Facilities and the SCDOT, "right of Way" property at the intersection of Williams Lane and Foster Creek Road and the intersection along Williams Lane to the School site and access road from school site across the U.S. Government parcel to Henry Brown Blvd. Mr. Cribb, you do have the floor. Mr. Cribb said, yes mam. I met on March 18th with Mr. Deon Jackson with the school district about the points that were mentioned in Superintendent Blackburn's letter from March 24th. We have found out in the last day that the due diligence period is complete. There is not going to be another extension. The attorneys going back and forth today looking were for an April 22nd closing for the property. By contract I believe May 9th is when it has to close by but it could close as quickly as next Friday, so I wanted to start with that information we have been talking about this and after this for a long, long time and to get an e-mail today with that information and even a closing date that soon was certainly good news. Basically my input back to the district was to let me share this with city council so I can get you some information back and I am committed to getting that information back tomorrow. I know we have people here with us tonight that will obviously hear it first hand the feedback from council. The letter addressed three different areas. 1. The first area was onsite/offsite improvements and again in Superintendent Blackburn's letter talked about improving Williams Lane, sidewalk installation. Regardless of school site there was going to be varying degrees of improvement that had to be made onsite or offsite. Also intersection improvement at Williams Lane and Foster Creek Road and specifically the letter talked about improved right turn lanes onto and off of Williams Lane and also a request to have a uniformed police officer out there. 2. Second topic of discussion was right of way access. The school district has requested that if they needed to do condemnation and there is no guarantee they will need to but if they did, they would like the city to join in on condemnation efforts to acquire the land they need for the ... Mayor Pro-Tem Owens said have you talked to our legal council about that if we're allowed to or if that is something we should even be in. Mr. Cribb said a governing body is allowed to do condemnation. They certainly don't need our support. The advice from our legal council was or the statement, they don't why we would get involved. What I communicated to the district before and I do now, that we fully support the school and we support the project. If the residents call us and are upset we are not going to say we don't know why they are doing that or it looks like they are taking more than they need or anything like that. We fully support the effort. Joining the condemnation process, our attorney advised us against that. But yeah we did ask. 3. The third subject was access road to North Rhett. It was referenced in the letter that this was the city's request and we will address this in our letter back. Early on we looked at this site, it was really Dr. Thompson and I really for a while looking into this. The district informed us that they had to have two ways in and two ways out. We don't know about building schools, so Dr. Thompson actually came by my office one day and we pulled up Google Earth and GIS right there on the big screen and he was pursuing a whole bunch of different ways to get in and out of there: Connecting Magi Road, going toward Timbercrest, down Williams Lane. I don't know if

we even talked about the Government property at that point. I want to say that might have been prior to anyone even knowing you could acquire the U.S. Government property. That was beyond separation of bus and car loops and stuff like that. So the initial concept of two ways in and two ways out was something that we were informed that you needed to have, so we were trying to work with that. Obviously as you know and I will give a detailed update on this in my monthly report, we have made a lot of progress for acquiring the U.S. Government parcel. Dr. Thompson, when the school district was under some type of contract with the Meyers Property, the 10 acre property that would give them access to Williams Lane and also some car loop and parking area or access to North Rhett, I'm sorry and that is heirs property as you know and the call I got that day about that property was they may have issues with the heirs property. It could take up to a year best case scenario; it could take much longer than that. If that falls through would the city be willing to give us an easement across the Government Property if we get it to the school district and as you all know we answered affirmatively and quickly about that. So the whole subject about access to North Rhett that is how that evolved. Those were the discussions that went on for months and months, a lot of different avenues to try and figure out how to get folks in and out of there. You also were sent a letter from the Citizens Committee that they sent to DOT and us and the School District and a lot of people pointing out a lot of different issues. As you know they have bought in to there being a connection to North Rhett at some point simply because all that drop off traffic wouldn't even need to come back out to that intersection. It could get on North Rhett school use only and get out. And in the letter it did say if it is needed, school use only which is consistent with the contractual language. So basically those were the subjects, what I need is council's feedback so we can respond but again we are working toward closing and we want to get these answers back to them as soon as tomorrow. If there is anything I need to get...Mayor Newman asked what time tomorrow Johnny do you need the answers. Mr. Cribb said well I would like to get your feedback tonight. Mayor Newman said, OK. Mr. Cribb said we put the letter in the council packet. I don't know if you guys have any questions or if you have dove into it or have any concerns. Mayor Pro-Tem Owens asked is there a reason given as to why they wouldn't want to put a road out from across our intended property to North Rhett. Is it a cost issue? Mr. Cribb said in fairness to the district on two levels, early on whenever we were trying to get that second way out, Dr. Thompson and I were talking in connecting to North Rhett and I sent an e-mail and you have all seen the e-mail and I copied Dr. Thompson and everybody and we were working with Mr. Rozier to get a connection to North Rhett and the comment was any help you all can give us would be appreciated. Mr. Rozier alluded that yeah you can get a curb cut on North Rhett. We have learned you can get curb cuts on North Rhett for and a developer with a very small acreage a little while back came to us with a curb cut on North Rhett for a rezoning. But then I have had DOT and certain folks at DOT tell me that is limited access, you cannot get a curb cut on North Rhett. So the information from DOT about can you get access to North Rhett or can you not, in fairness to all parties involved, it is just all over the map. So that's I guess the answer to that. I have seen it in a recent e-mail where I believe it was from someone at DOT was saying they were discouraging or you couldn't get a curb cut to North Rhett but then a conversation I had with someone at DOT said oh yeah you can get a curb cut to North Rhett so it's a this information should be easy and not that difficult. But again that subject has been all over the map. I have personally heard it both ways. Council Member Cox asked Mr. Cribb what

was the city's business in whether we need a curb cut or they connect to North Rhett. It was my understanding we have a contract to sell them the property. If they want the land we will grant them an easement to get to North Rhett but if they don't want it, we don't have anything to say about it. Do we? Mr. Cribb said absolutely. We have granted them I think a 66 foot right of way. If you all remember that in the first discussion was why so much land and basically cause the DOT typically requires the 66 foot right of way even though the road is much smaller and we said hey if we, if and when we get the property and we are going to get the property and you need to make that connection to North Rhett it's available. There is a lot of engineers and a lot of professionals and a lot of employees that are confident in their own mind of what this situation is going to look like when this school opens. Is it a traffic nightmare, is it going to work, it's all over the map. So that is what, that is the feedback I am hearing right now. Council Member Cox said a couple of things, correct me if I am wrong. When that site was being looked at and declined originally they were saying the frontage on Williams Lane was not enough to legally put a school there. They had to have another access/egress point to make it work. Did they not? Mr. Cribb said remember originally they were looking at the right side of Williams Lane. Council Member Cox said, right. Mr. Cribb said the frontage of Williams Lane isn't as wide as the left side and they were speaking specifically about the separation of car and bus loop. So that is where that discussion came from. Council Member Cox said actually from the e-mails I know it said the other side wasn't long enough either. I was going to say do you remember the e-mail but there is. irregardless, the city does not have a dog in the fight in connecting with North Rhett. The citizens committee said sell them the property without contingencies. We sold the property. I think it is going make a traffic nightmare personally when the people on St. James come down there and add additional cars that may have gone out the other way originally but the district has engineers and we have a representative and if they elect to make a traffic nightmare over there, I don't even know why we are discussing this. We don't have any say so. Now the Williams Lane/Foster Creek intersection, I think we do have a say there and I am quite concerned about it because the letter from Dr. Blackburn says they would request that we put a police officer there. But the news release, released by the county correct me if I am wrong, I see Brenda (Rindge – Post and Courier) sitting there says there will be a police officer there. Did anybody from the city promise a police officer be there? Mr. Cribb said if you read the back and forth from the design professionals early on before this became a project the DOT will quickly come out and say I recommend a round-a-bout. They have done that for a number of projects. In fact we are moving to a round-a-bout now at Foster Creek and Tanner Ford where we thought we were going to do that turn, now that is becoming a round-a-bout. And they work but typically that was the original recommendation even the I believe Thomason Hutton on the traffic study that was the favorite recommendation, a round-a-bout. It was proposed to DOT I think the cost of that was the reason. It was proposed to DOT can we put in turn lanes, traffic signal wasn't warranted because really before school and right after school, the rest of the day you would have a traffic light going off I guess and it would not be a whole lot of cars impacted by it. They said if we go with this alternative plan with the turn lanes and stuff and use traffic enforcement officers could we use that plan right now so we can get the school open in 2018 and within budget constraints. DOT basically was entertaining that. Just like the connection to North Rhett as recently as yesterday and today, DOT has informed me that if we don't have final plans, we haven't given final approval, we don't have an

encroachment permit, we don't have all of this stuff. So I think it was from the feedback they got from the Citizens Committee. Council Member Cox said the question I have was that Dr. Blackburn and her letter of March 24th states that they are requesting a police officer. The press release earlier this week says that a police officer will be at that intersection, not maybe, not possibly, not could be. Mr. Cribb said my meeting on March 18th. Council Member Cox said did anyone from the city promise that. Mr. Cribb said oh no. My meeting on March 18th when I saw there were two different intersection designs. One was a round-a-bout and one was right turn lanes and when I looked at the right turn lane intersection, it's my major concern and certainly the Chief's and I know it your alls is officer safety. If it's a hazardous intersection which is what it said in the letter, we are going to look at an intersection if cost is a determining factor that the life of our officer is greater than any of that. That's never going to trump the life of our officer. Foster Creek Road has a high speed limit in that area even though it would probably have a flashing, light in front of the middle school, you would slow down the traffic and you would have that intersection and it is a pretty major intersection. We have not seen final plans. We haven't seen anything, so we are certainly haven't committed to having an officer. It doesn't say it has to be a Hanahan Police Officer. Council Member Cox said the only police officer that can direct traffic in the City of Hanahan is a Hanahan Police Officer. Berkeley County Deputies can do it but they are referred to as Deputies not Police Officers. A concern I have is I want the public to hear it, our police officers work 12 hours shifts. What has been required of them and I think it is very unfair and I have had it voiced to me several times, is they work a 12 hours shift, get told to clock out for an hour and go get breakfast and then come work for an hour at an intersection to direct traffic and get paid for one hours work. Who wants to work a 14 hour shift and get paid for one extra hour, not on overtime because it is coming from another entity and turn around and work another 12 hour shift the next day? I don't think they are going to be sharp in serving the citizens of Hanahan if they 're having to do that. And they're not going to be sharp in an unsafe intersection to do that also. Mr. Cribb said it would obviously come down to the safety of the intersection. There was also a suggestion of after school. What would be more problematic in holding someone over one hour in the morning because we are not going to take anyone off the street. We have a cop in each zone would be to bring somebody in for one hour in the middle of the day but we haven't talked about those details. Council Member Cox said that is why I was shocked about the press release because we haven't. No. I was just caught off guard about it. Mr. Cribb said I think the press release reflected DOT saying that if we approve this intersection it would be contingent upon a safety officer being at that intersection. Mayor Pro-Tem Owens said but again DOT has not said that is a viable option as of yet. Mr. Cribb said again I have seen some stuff where DOT has given an indication that this looks good and I have been told the total opposite so it sounds like the curb cut to North Rhett, yeah it's maddening. But anyways, we want it to work. I think everybody wants it to work and I have had people call me and tell me about our officers have been, and this has been years ago, Chief Turner said an officer got bumped today and I was like what do you mean bumped. At the current elementary school it's not in the middle of a residential neighborhood. Most car riders learn to turn at the roads before then if they are just going to work. And the road twists and turns and the stop sign and all that stuff, the traffic is not going at a high rate of speed there. We can't just put any officer there. We have to put a dedicated

officer there that learns it or else we hear about it. And as Chief Turner said before his wife is the first one to let us know about it. That's a different intersection. But we are there every morning to make it work and that school has an awful lot of kids at it. Will that intersection still need an officer when the number of students goes down? We also know that Railroad Avenue has some major road improvements planned in that area so the traffic is going to fluctuate between eliminating and the school district folks can tell you, between eliminating several hundred students from that school and improving the roads which is getting ready to happen. The school district may not even need to put an officer at that intersection. But again that's to be determined. We have had officers getting bumped there. My worry at the other intersection is I don't know if we would characterize those as getting bumped. Obviously they are professionals and they know what they are doing. They will have all the safety gear and everything they need. But until we see a plan and all that other stuff, we are not going to give a definitive answer about that. As they would do, the life safety of our officers is going to be paramount. It is going to trump the cost or anything else. Council Member Sally said I would just say that DOT didn't call that a hazardous intersection for the safety of the officer. They called it a hazardous intersection because it is going to be a hazardous intersection regardless if there is an officer out there or not. And Kevin I would say we do have a dog in the fight when it comes to this. We have a representative that represents Hanahan here. We have had a commitment from Berkeley County School District to make that turn lane onto North Rhett to help alleviate traffic concerns and we would ask them to honor that commitment. That is what we would ask. We would also ask that we make it a safe intersection. That's all. We make it a safe intersection. That we don't take short cuts. We don't put in some kind of stop gap measure. We do what DOT says needs to be done to make it a safe intersection for all residents, for our officers and for everybody concerned. It just needs to be safe. That is what it needs to be. Safe regardless of the cost. It needs to be safe. That's what it needs to be. Regardless of the cost. Council Member Cox said I agree with you Michael, but when I say no dog in the fight we have no legal remedies... Council Member Sally said I think they are going to do the right thing because that's the commitment that was made. I think they are going to do the right thing. Mayor Pro-Tem Owens said I think you are grasping. Council Member Sally said well I am going to hope. Council Member Cox said well I hope too. Council Member Sally said I think everybody wants this school. Everybody wants it done right. We did it. We said ok we are not going to put restrictions. It was told to us on numerous occasions over probably several years trust us and we said we will trust you. Ok. We will trust you. I am going to hope they will do the right thing. We will make the curb cut to North Rhett and we make the intersection safe. We just make it safe. Mr. Cribb said as far as intersection improvement goes you know we are getting ready to do Yeamans and Murray and anybody that lives in this area is going to love it because the left lanes are getting ready to get fixed. It is about a \$400,000 project. And we are going to do a round-a-bout at Tanner Ford and Foster Creek which is really going to help. That's a couple of million and it is actually such a big one. On Railroad Avenue obviously is finally moving. And we did Highland Park and Murray so I called Berkeley County today because I am trying to explore everything. Like what if this does not work the first year? What if it's bad? We know we don't collect one dollar a year in road money. So we don't own a single road in this city. Well any time we want to do a major intersection improvement we go through the county and when they passed the one cent sales tax program that gave you some

money to address issues that are happening throughout the city. Well the current sales tax program passed in 2008. It expires at the end of this month. April 30th. Berkeley County did a very good thing a little while back and they renewed this one cent sales tax program that will actually start this May 1st without them losing any money. And it expires in 2023 or if they collect 200 and some million whichever happens first. And they don't think they will collect 200 and some million dollars. So in order to get any money from the county, you know DOT and the county does roads, in order to get any money from the county the soonest, if an additional referendum passes would be after 2023. So however this thing gets constructed right off the rip, first of all nobody would want to construct it the first year and spend 3 or 4 hundred thousand dollars and go tear it up the next year and spend a million. Now it really looks like you are not spending money the right way, but however it gets done initially, that's the way it is going to be until such time the district has more money to improve it. The DOT has already put in a disclaimer, listen if this does not work we are not giving you any money. We are not going to do it. They are the one actually giving the approval. The county is not in the position to give the approval. So my concern was hey, worst case scenario, planning for the city, how will we make this work? We can't change any current intersection that was specified in a referendum; we can't say hey let's abandon Foster Creek and Tanner Ford and pump that money toward that intersection. We are just legally not allowed to do it. I have asked all these questions to see what we can do to help. So basically if this intersection does not work and we will know right away and school traffic is tough everybody expects that. I live across from the high school and everybody expects it to be tough. They just don't want it to be unbearable and I think what we are talking about is unbearable. Everybody is fired up. I don't think that anybody is under the illusion that you are not going to know that a school is back there. The fire chief has spoken to me. We have a fire station there. We want to be able to get out. If we get a call in the morning and our commitment is and this is the reason we have three fire stations and a very small city, Goose Creek has two is because we are divided by water and railroad tracks and stuff and we want our response time to be three minutes and you heard tonight how important that is sometimes. So when we get called we are going to have to get out of there and all that good stuff and those guys are good at blowing a loud horn and driving that big truck and getting out of there. So we are just you know, right now it's actually good news. This thing, the due diligence is done and this thing is moving. I don't know what the ultimate final plan of the intersection is, I just need feedback from council to be able to respond and to the specifics that we got. Mayor Newman said Johnny I would like to say that one of the things that we need to do is keep our communication open with our school board and talk to them. We have our principals here tonight, they can input a lot because I know Mr. Sparkman knows his traffic issues so does Ric and even at the Middle School back there so you know we are all here to work together for the betterment of our community and so I would like to say yes Kevin we did agree to sell the property. I made the call to Dr. Turner saying we would sell the property at face value with no contingency. We didn't do that so you know my suggestion is since we do not have a plan we can't see it then we really can't even talk about it tonight because we don't really know what's on the table so you're the city administrator, keep that communication open and work with them and let's get it going making sure like Michael said safety is always first and that is for the entire community. Mr. Cribb said it's been flowing. Mr. Jackson and I have been

communicating pretty regular and quickly to be honest with you so it is flowing. We can hopefully we can get this thing done. Mayor Newman said we have a wonderful community and let's keep it that way. Mr. Cribb asked if there were any other specific questions or concerns. Council Member Chandler said I hate to ask but at this point since we have the county sitting here, what is the plan about the 66 foot right of way. Are we building that road or are we going to try to or is that definitely off the table. Dr. Murray said Mr. Chandler would you repeat the question because you know I am hard of hearing but what was the question again. Council Member Chandler said I'm just difficult Kent. Dr. Murray said I am both difficult and hard of hearing. Go ahead. The 66 foot right of way, I can't understand why they would even ask for that unless that was always the intention to build that road out to alleviate the traffic to help the school and my understanding right now from the letter I read is that is not going to happen unless absolutely necessary. What is going to dictate absolutely necessary? When it's too late? Dr. Murray said I brought with me, you know the Hanahan folks, Mr. Rogers, from the middle school, Mr. Sparkman, from the elementary school, Mr. Raycroft from the High School. You don't know Dr. Crayton Eddings, some of you may, but he is at Sedgefield Intermediate. We had hoped to have Principal Kathy Sullivan here as well from Goose Creek Primary. Mr. Jackson, Deon Jackson is our chief, did Ms. Sullivan make it...they answered no. Our chief administrative officer is Deon Jackson and he can speak to the current situation and can certainly have him answer your questions. Mr. Jackson said good evening Mayor Newman and Council Members, Mr. Cribb. Mayor Newman said it's just Minnie, Deon. Laughter. Mr. Jackson said Mr. Chandler to answer your question as the letter stated that access is not on the table at this point. It's not in the plans at this point. Our main priority is to make sure we get the school open. Get the school built and open by August of 2018. As you know this was one of the first projects slated for this building program actually open for this school year and it has slid all the way to the end, is at the end of the building program to open August 2018. As said before, SCDOT has informed the school district that that access is not required at this point and time but it could be revisited at another point and time. Council Member Chandler said would there be a problem funding that? Council Member Sally said at a later time. Mr. Jackson said well I can't, I would be speculating if I talked about future funds. So I can't, I hate to be illusive but I can't answer that question at this time. Council Member Cox said Council Member Chandler's question was why did you ask for the right of way if you don't plan on using it, to put it in simpler terms. Dr. Murray said I thought you ask for the right of way. Council Member Cox said no you asked for the right of way, we asked for the right of way to our property. Dr. Murray said that was the only right of way he was thinking of. Council Member Cox said you asked for it and it's in your letter to connect to North Rhett. Why would you ask for that if you did not intend to do it? Dr. Murray said I am not aware of that. I think that was your question wasn't it (asking council Member Chandler) Mr. Jackson said Mr. Cox, Mr. Chandler, I do not recall requesting ... Council Member Sally said I can tell you exactly when it happened. It happened when you weren't able to get the Meyers property, the Berkeley County School District came to the City of Hanahan and said we are going to need an exit out to North Rhett would you grant us that exit and we agreed to. It wasn't even 24 hours that went by because I got a phone call saying we just met with Berkeley County School District Superintendent and he is asking would we be willing to do this and it wasn't a vote it was just

saying do you all think you would be willing to do that and we said absolutely. We can see how it is going to be necessary rather than funnel people down a dead end street into the school then push them right back out in the same direction they came in, we can see how that would absolutely be necessary. Council Member Cox said and not to be controversial. I want my school and I want it safe. I want the numbers to go down in the school we have but why would we want to stick into a sales contract oh let us give you this right of way that wouldn't be the sellers point that's the buyers point. We want that in the contract and we put it in because that was requested. We are just asking if that wasn't the intent why ask for it? Mr. Jackson said I am not sure if that was the understanding at the time that the secondary exit or egress was needed for that particular site but again we had received information from the DOT and from OSF about that secondary exit was not required at this time. Council Member Cox said I understand that but the question again is why ask for it... Mr. Jackson said that was the information before. Mayor Pro-Tem Owens said since we got you up here...Dr. Murray spoke and said let me answer Mr. Sally's question as well. We do not need that egress to North Rhett. We have a current school with one way in and out. Would it be nice to have two ways in and out? Yes. But as I have stated from day one, I will support any DOT requirement. That is not currently a DOT requirement. Council Member Sally asked if Dr. Murray would support the DOT requirement for a round-a-bout at Williams Lane and Foster Creek? Dr. Murray said it is my understanding that the DOT and I will defer to Mr. Jackson but it is my understanding that the DOT has already approved our turning lanes. Council Member Sally said they have approved it and said it is a hazardous intersection and you are going to need to have a police officer there. Dr. Murray asked Mr. Jackson what was the decision of the DOT? Mr. Jackson said you are both correct. They did approve the turning lanes with the assistance of a uniformed officer to direct traffic. Council Member Sally said because it is a hazardous intersection Dr. Murray. Dr. Murray said it is a hazardous intersection now. Mayor Pro-Tem Owens said this goes back to my question and I am sorry you sat down, when we were looking at the Bowen Property, not us, when you guys were looking at the Bowen Property, didn't we have DOT in here to talk about two round-a-bouts because on the same road being safe in and out because of the egress from neighborhoods and such at this point in your list of what SCDOT says or has as options where does your option fall and where does the round-a-bout fall? I would say because of what Mr. Sally said a hazardous intersection. I would like to know are you choosing one of three, are you choosing one of five options or are you choosing the least expensive option. Dr. Murray said I do recall there was a round-a-bout required by the DOT and certainly that was the discussion in the early stages for the Bowen Property but of course we are not building on the Bowen Property. We hope to build on the Williams Lane Property. Is this the least expensive option, yes. Is it a fiscally conservative option, yes. Mayor Pro-Tem Owens said for the safety of our kids...Dr. Murray said does my phone ring off the hook all the time that we spend too much money, yes. So it is again my statement from day one has been, I will support whatever the DOT requires and I maintain that. Mayor Pro-Tem Owens said so the least expensive option, hazardous to our kids is the best option. To Dr. Murray, using your words. Dr. Murray said well... I believe turning lanes with a law enforcement or some type of crossing guard will be sufficient. Mayor Pro-Tem Owens said I would say let's not use law enforcement, let's use Administrators from the building. They do busing, hey put one of the teachers out there. Put

one of the Administrator's out there. I would say it would last maybe a day. It is very easy to ask for us to put someone out there in hazardous way. Dr. Murray said Mr. Owens I believe we have one of the finest police departments in the state of South Carolina. Mayor Pro-Tem Owens said no question. Dr. Murray said please allow me to finish and I will compliment this group because I believe the leadership we have from Michael Cochran and Dennis Turner is outstanding. I will also say I have grown up here and if you've grown up in Hanahan you know not to drive over 35 on Murray Drive and you also know in the mornings when school is letting in and in the afternoon when schools are letting out you better drive carefully because there are policemen all over. As a member of the school board what I am extremely appreciative of that. Mayor Pro-Tem Owens said as we all are, as a matter of fact I was a part of hiring Chief Cochran and part of hiring Dennis Turner. I think we did a great job of hiring our officials. It does not change the fact that that is a hazardous intersection. You have many parents in Tanner Plantation who supported putting the school there and I wasn't one of them. But I did say yes to the contract. I said yes lets, go ahead. But at this point I am saying we need to make sure we do what is right for everybody in Tanner. Every child to make sure it is safe. Not what is right for the school board and the bottom-line. Dr. Murray said the board is willing to build the turning lanes. We are willing to meet the DOT requirements using the turning lanes option. (Cox, Owens and Murray all speak at same time) Mayor Pro-Tem Owens said using the least expensive option. Dr. Murray said does that answer your question. Council Member Cox said we have been on opposite sides of this throughout. There is no doubt. No problem. Dr. Murray said we both have issues but we want to get this school built. Council Member Cox said it is the most important thing and said as you sit there and there is a child injured very traumatically in front of Cane Bay High School. You all left the action to put in a turning signal there. They begged... Dr. Murray said you are incorrect. That was not the situation. You are incorrect. Council Member Cox said was there not a tragic accident there. Dr. Murray said no, no what you said was you leaped into action to put a stop light there. That is simply not correct... that was prior to my service on the board. But the developer donated all three school sites. When the school district built the road there was the understanding that at some point we would be required to put in a turn signal there. Council Member Cox said that was the minimal requirement. The same as we are hearing over there. And that is my concern. We had a school crossing guard get hit and all of a sudden this is a couple of years back. Sangaree or Cane Bay... I believe Sangaree. Two separate incidents but we are going with the least expensive way to do something and people are getting injured. Our children and our parents and our citizens sitting over there in Tanner, they want their school. They have made that abundantly clear. But the first time one of their children get hurt or injured because the school board was looking at dollars and cents instead of the safety of the children, I am glad I am sitting on City Council. Dr. Murray said, Kevin I am scared everyday when I ride down Murray Drive, it does not matter if it's Foster Creek, Murray Drive, Railroad Avenue, our children take chances every time they cross the road. If feel like I am blessed to live in a city where most of our drivers look out for our children. I feel even more blessed that we have such a talented police department and I am not kidding. I visit schools all over the state of South Carolina and I have never seen police do as good a job as they do in Hanahan at the intake and dismissal of our schools. I don't even want to even think about such tragic thing happening. Council Member Cox said I don't either. I don't want it to happen. Dr. Murray said so I would hope that this city council would continue

to provide the incredible support that you have up until this point. I will continue to compliment you on your police department. They are fantastic. Council member Cox asked Chief Turner how many sworn police officers do we have presently? Chief Turner said a total of 32. So you want 10% of our officers at any given time to be out on the street directing traffic for the school district to save money. That's not really good. 10% that's 3 out of 30. Mayor Pro-Tem Owens said but it saves the school board a ton of money. That's my point. I don't think we should be looking at dollars and cents at this point Dr. Murray and it is your all's call. You build what you feel is necessary. All we can ask, beg tonight because we have no contract. We are begging. Dr. Murray said Mr. Cox I will take your concerns and your opinions back to the school board. Council Member Cox said thank you. Council Member Dyson said let me ask you something. Dr. Murray said Mr. Dyson how are you. He said doing good. We have a problem with parking and streets. Dr. Murray said yes we do. Council Member Dyson said in every school. When my kids were going to the elementary school, it was a nightmare. It was one way in and one way out. I think it finally got squared away when we put our police officers there. Now we are not in the school business. That's what you are in. You're not in the building business. Dr. Murray said we are not in the road business that's for sure. We already see a concern coming with that. We have problems at the other schools now. Middle School, they have a big problem and that's the least of our property that they use over there. And we don't have a problem with that. But we already see the problem over there. Why don't we take a little bit of money and correct it. If there is one way in and one way out that's a lot busier road than this one is over here, to solve right now. It's the tax payer's money. They need to not be inconvenienced and you know to have problems. Dr. Murray said Mike are you speaking to the North Rhett extension or are you speaking to the round-a-bout at the intersection . You got a round-a-bout at the intersection. Council Member Dyson said either one. Both of them. Either one. Either one. I mean we have to have something there. You can't have one way in and one way out if you know about it now. Because all that's going to do is you know what the comment was several years ago back to the city, that's the city's problem. Well no it's not really the city's problem. If you're building a school and you're the developer of that school of that school. This is a concern. We need to get this out and squared away now. There's money available. There's money available. You cannot say there's not money available. Council Member Sally said we don't want to plan to fail. . We don't want to make plans for this to fail. We want to make plans for this to succeed and we want to do it safely. That's all. Dr. Murray said I don't think it will fail. I think it will be very successful. With the two boards working together we will make sure it is successful. I am not concerned. Council Member Cox said Dr. Murray...Dr. Murray said he was more concerned with Hanahan Elementary situation than I am about them. It was great to hear Mr. Cribb say that Railroad Avenue was being extended. I think that is going to solve a lot of our problems. Good job. Kudos. Council Member Cox said my kids went across those tracks everyday twice a day to get to school. Hopefully this is the last comment. Dr. Murray said it is our concern too. Last comment hopefully, you know the access and egress to North Rhett that's going to be there. Maybe that's something in the future that I could sleep and wrap my arms around that, but that round-a-bout at Williams Lane and Foster Creek, I use to be against round-a-bouts, then I saw how well they worked in Mt. Pleasant to keep traffic flowing, if you had that round-a-bout to keep that traffic flowing it may be years down the road before you

would need the access and the city in no way shape or form wants that to be a public road that's accessed for the public. We want that to be school only let's make that clear. A school control access to North Rhett. Simply to alleviate that school traffic from piling up. But if you all are saying round-a-bout there at Williams and Foster Creek to keep that flowing maybe you don't need North Rhett I don't know. I'm not a traffic guy but I certainly think not having both is recipe for disaster. I'm done. Mayor Newman said thank you very much. Is that all? Questions? All right then my suggestion again would be for both sides to continue to work together and communicate and do what is best for the community and let's get our school built. OK. Dr. Murray said thank you mayor.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

A. Citizens' Comments

- Johnny Harkness, 1036 Dominion Drive, asked about the right of way through Williams Lane. He said it would be a thoroughfare through that area. He said you should only make it so the access was to the school and back. This is what was planned from the start.
- Dave Pelletier, 1417 Coopers Hawk, said you should put in a one way street sign on Williams Lane.

B. City Administrator's Report:

The following is the monthly update on project and activities:

1. US Government Property – ECS Carolinas has completed the Wetlands Delineation which was reviewed and formerly approved by Joint Base and the City of Hanahan on March 28, 2016. ECS forwarded the Delineation of Thursday, March 31, for approval to the USACE. The Environmental Baseline Survey (EBS) is now in progress, and when completed, will be provided by ECS to Joint Base for review and approval. Once approved, and the WD is completed by USACE, it will incorporate into the EBS and this information will be submitted along with the FLP (Federal Lands to Parks) program application to the National Parks Service (NPS) in Atlanta for approval of the conveyance. Seamon, Whitesides, and Associates have produced a conceptual plan as required to show that the wetlands on site will not be impacted in any future project.
2. Land Sale to BCSD – Due diligence has been completed and we are moving towards a projected closing date of April 22nd. The closing must take place before May 9th. Full report and discussion as part of 4/12 meeting agenda.
3. Tanner Trail – bid documents, final construction plans and the bid advertisement have been approved and returned by SCDOT. The BCDCOG is serving as our Local and Public Agenda Administrator (LPA) and is completing the package for advertisement and bid.

4. 2016 Safest Cities – The City of Hanahan has been rated as the safest City in the State of South Carolina by Backgroundchecks.org according to FBI crime stats and research conducted by their organization.

5. 3rd Quarter Financials – provided in the city council packet. Upcoming dates: budget delivered to City Council on 5/16 with a workshop scheduled for 5/24. First reading of council 5/31 and second reading on 6/14.

Notes :

4/18 – Special Council Meeting

4/21 – Lunch Buddies

5/6 – City of Hanahan night at the RiverDogs

5/10 – City Council Meeting

5/13 – Legislative Delegation Luncheon

5/13 – Movie in the Park “Inside Out”

Respectfully submitted,

John P. Cribb

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Pro-Tem Owens gave Randy Moneymaker and his Recreation staff kudos for a great opening day Jamboree for the 2016 ball season.

Council Member Cox also thanked Randy for the Summer Camp Program and it being full already.

Council Member Chandler thanked Kelly Bocoock for her response about the fire department and thanked the principals for all their work with the City of Hanahan.

There being no further business to discuss tonight, Council Member Sally made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Cox seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberley C. Peters, Clerk of Council

ATTEST

Minnie Newman, Mayor