



## Regular City Council Meeting

Monday May 20, 2024

Philip T. Glennon Center – Council Chambers  
15077 Molokai Drive, Tega Cay, SC

**Councilmembers Present:** Mayor Christopher T. Gray, Mayor Pro Tem Carmen Miller, and Councilmembers Brian D. Carter, Scott G. Shirley and Thomas S. Hyslip. A quorum was present.

**Staff Present:** Charlie Funderburk, City Manager; Joey Blethen, Deputy City Manager; Joey Crosby, Police Chief; Glyn Hasty, Fire Chief; Dustin Overton, Parks and Recreation Director; Nick Cauthen, Development Services Director; Tim Gillette, Operations Director; Janet Broome, IT Director; and Casey O'Brien, Municipal Clerk.

**The public and media were duly notified of the date, time and place of the meeting.**

Mayor Gray called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence.

### ITEM 1 SPECIAL PRESENTATION

#### A. Proclamation Recognizing May 20th through May 26th as National Safe Boating Week

Mayor Gray presented the proclamation to Chief Hasty to recognize May 20<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup> as National Safe Boating week and thank the courageous members of the United States Coast Guard along with the Federal, State, Tribal, and local partners who sacrifice to protect boaters and help rescue those in need.

#### B. Proclamation Recognizing the Fort Mill High School Girls Lacrosse Team as 5A Upper State Champions

Mayor Gray congratulated the Fort Mill High School Girls Lacrosse team for their remarkable accomplishment as 5A Upper State Champions.

#### C. Proclamation Recognizing the Fort Mill High School Boys Soccer Team as the 5A State Champions

Mayor Gray congratulated the Fort Mill High School Boys Soccer team for their achievement of becoming the 5A State Champions.

#### D. Recognition of the City of Tega Cay as being named a 2023 Tree City USA

Mayor Gray recognized the City as being named a 2023 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation and presented Operations Director, Tim Gillette, with a sign honoring the City for 34 years as a Tree City USA.

#### E. Presentation of the Fort Mill High School Walkability Study and Findings

Liz Duda presented the FMHS Walkability Study

### ITEM 2 PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 1.) Joyce Clark commented regarding checking on residents who live alone and presented a communication idea and or lock box idea for the fire department and or police department to utilize in the event of an emergency.
- 2.) Richard Falescitine commented regarding the deer survey results and deficiencies in the survey data gathered. Richard encouraged culling the herd then sterilization.
- 3.) Alicia Formato commented encouraging Council to consider changing fence ordinances and subsidize insurance in more dense areas of the City as well as addressing reproduction
- 4.) Mary Ickert commented regarding the deer survey results and advocating for non-lethal deer managements options.

- 5.) Stephanie Kessl commented regarding the deer survey results, the information previously gathered regarding the deer as well as allocating funding appropriately to provide relief to residents who the deer are impacting.

**ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. April 15, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION**

Councilmember Shirley motioned to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for April 15, 2024, as submitted and amendment with the notes provided to City Staff earlier today, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Miller and approved unanimously.

**ITEM 4 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Economic Development Committee**

Councilmember Shirley noted that EDC met on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup> and discussed feedback from current businesses as well as former and potential businesses regarding why they would like to do business in Tega Cay or previously did and why they left.

**B. Planning Commission**

Councilmember Hyslip noted that the commission met on May 6<sup>th</sup> and primarily discussed changes to the Marina Overlay District and closed by discussing to assign liaisons to other local commissions and asked for guidance by City Council on additional projects.

**ITEM 5 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 593; an Ordinance Amending the FY 23-24 Budgets as it relates to the Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule**

Mayor Gray noted that this is 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of this ordinance. The fee changes include increasing the fee for non-resident parking decal to \$200 and adding a \$30 per participant per sport fee for non-York County residents.

**MOTION**

Mayor Pro Tem Miller motioned to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 593; An Ordinance Amending the FY23-24 Budgets as it Relates to the Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule, seconded by Councilmember Shirley and approved unanimously.

**ITEM 6 NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Consideration of Awarding Bid for Firefighting Breathing Air Compressor**

Mayor Gray advised that in accordance with the City's Procurement Code, bids were solicited for Firefighting Breathing Air Compressor. This item is before Council to consider awarding that bid.

**MOTION**

Councilmember Carter motioned to award the bid for Firefighting Breathing Air Compressor to Rhinehart Fire Services- Pegasus Brand in an amount not to exceed \$79,000 and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary paperwork, seconded by Councilmember Shirley

Mayor Pro Tem Miller clarified that this is an item which has come up outside of the budget. Chief Hasty advised that the breathing air compressor was purchased in 2017 however after catastrophic failure earlier this year, the department began seeking quotes which was eventually bid out. Councilmember Shirley clarified that this is to fill the air tanks for firefighters to enter into a fire. Chief Hasty advised that per firefighter each air tank lasts 30 minutes, and being without the air compressor to fill the tanks has been limiting to training. The department has been utilizing local departments to fill air packs however, this is removing City resources to fill and bring back.

**VOTE**

Approved unanimously.

**B. Consideration of Awarding Bid for the Glennon Center Facility Project**

Mayor Gray advised that in accordance with the City's Procurement Code, bids were solicited for Glennon Center Facility Project. This item is before Council to consider awarding that bid. This project will be funded using Golf Operational Funds.

**MOTION**

Councilmember Carter motioned to award the bid for the Glennon Center Facility Project to TLB of the Carolinas LLC in an amount not to exceed \$85,000 from the Golf Operations Fund, seconded by Mayor Gray

Discussion ensued. Mayor Gray noted that equipment is only as good as you keep it and the Glennon Center is the heart of Tega Cay. Mayor Gray noted that this would be funded with Golf Funds and thanked the golfers for contributing to be able to provide the updates to the Glennon Center. Councilmember Carter agreed with Mayor Gray and further noted that the exterior of the building needs a face life. Councilmember Hyslip noted that Council has been discussing repairs and maintenance to the building however, felt that as it is outside of the budget cycle and requested that in the future such matters do not become routine outside of the budget cycle. Mayor Gray agreed however noted that this project has been in discussion for awhile and the dry season is coming up when the project can be completed in one go round. Mayor Pro Tem Miller noted concerns to the lack of an emergency and spending money which is not allocated for this expense. Mayor Pro Tem Miller inquired regarding the lowest bid being for \$58,000 however, the request is for \$85,000. City Manager clarified that this also includes the Glennon Center as well as the Clubhouse. Mayor Pro Tem Miller expressed support for updating the Glennon Center and expressed hesitation on assigning money that wasn't budgeted for. Councilmember Shirley agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Miller. Councilmember Shirley inquired why we'd use golf funds for the Glennon Center vs the operational budget. City Manager clarified that the City does not have that in the City's operational budget, however, does in the reserve funds but it is up to Council regarding which fund, if any, Council chooses to do so. Councilmember Hyslip clarified that the Golf Operational Fund is still City money in a different fund that golf manages. Mayor Gray noted that historically the City has funded maintenance for the Golf course and now Golf can maintain a City asset as well.

**VOTE**

(AYE): Mayor Gray, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Shirley, and Councilmember Hyslip

(NAY): Mayor Pro Tem Miller

**MOTION PASSES**

**C. Consideration of Awarding Bid for Windward Drive Street Patching**

Mayor Gray advised that in accordance with the City's Procurement Code, bids were solicited for Windward Drive Street Patching. This item is before Council to consider awarding that bid.

**MOTION**

Councilmember Hyslip motioned to award the bid for the Windward Drive Street Patching to Eddie Smith and Sons Inc in an amount not to exceed \$46,500 and authorize the City Manager to issue a notice to proceed, seconded by Councilmember Carter and approved unanimously.

**D. Consideration of Adopting a Policy as it relates to the Freedom of Information Act**

Mayor Gray noted that this item is being considered at staff's request to provide for further procedural guidelines and to supplement Title 30 of South Carolina Code of Law.

**MOTION**

Councilmember Carter motioned to adopt the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Policy as presented., seconded by Councilmember Hyslip

City Manager Funderburk and City Attorney provided clarification as to the FOIA process to include how FOIA is charged in accordance with state law as being the lowest paid most qualified staff member to

appropriately compile the requested records, if any, and provide a response if any such records exist to the requesting party. If payment is necessary, there have been times where payment is not received for numerous months despite the hourly rate having changed. City Manager Funderburk reiterated that the largest issue has been the initial estimation of time being quoted and payment being made, however, then more staff time is taken to fulfill the request than initially determined. City Attorney noted that under SC Freedom of Information Act the City is required to have a policy and the policy in which the City historically had along with numerous other municipalities was recommended by General Counsel of the Municipal Association to be repealed at a recent MASC Attorney's meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Miller inquired how charges aren't cumbersome and costly when it's supposed to be freedom of information. City Attorney noted that under the Freedom of Information Act the City can charge shall they desire to do so and the time spent by the Municipal Clerk on recent FOIAs has been cumbersome. Mayor Pro Tem Miller advised that she doesn't object to charges being applied to FOIA, however, inquired if a request is being made and an initial estimation is given then changed after further consideration of time how does the person requesting have any control of the charge or it being a random cost adjustment. City Manger noted that hours are being tracked and the Municipal Clerk will ask the requestor to narrow the topic or items requested if the request is too broad. City Manager noted that we are operating in the confines of State law however we aren't interpreting the request nor will handle it as a question and answer. Councilmember Shirley agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Miller and noted that the Freedom of Information Act is there to provide public information. However, the spirit of the law should make it easy to access that information. City Manager Funderburk noted that he agrees with this however based on volume of requests the time which the Municipal Clerk spends has increased dramatically. Mayor Pro Tem Miller inquired if the policy using the cost of the request as a deterrent to get information. City Attorney advised that the cost is set by state law which Mayor Pro Tem Miller noted if the City determines how many hours the request would take which can change as the search continues and wants to make sure that this isn't seen by the people who feel the need to get the information as a way to block people from getting the information by making it more costly. City Manager provided a recent example related to IT requests and noted that the intent is to fairly capture the cost and not to deter anyone from making a request within the confines of state law. Mayor Pro Tem Miller inquired about what public records if someone is making a request can expect to receive, which City Manager advised it is every document in the City position however includes records which are a matter of exemption are noted in the initial response to the requestor prior to any payment being made to the City for records. Mayor Pro Tem Miller inquired how the City goes about gathering documents for FOIA. City Manager noted that the Municipal Clerk once came on staff started going through the City's previous records purging documents to get the City into compliance with the SC Department of Archives and History's retention schedule. The City Manager further noted that a recent project was completed to purge old maps that are no longer needed and or copies of maps from the City's map room by the Municipal Clerk and Development Services Director. However, dependent upon the request the record would vary as to which department it involves. Mayor Pro Tem Miller inquired that there should be clarification on what can be expected when submitting a FOIA request, which City Manager advised that the Municipal Clerk does provide to a requestor an initial response with what is and is not in existence to provide back to the requesting party as well as what a fee would be to receive records which do exist. Councilmember Hyslip commented regarding if Council can include if people could apply for a waiver of a fee if Council determines if it's for the good of the public which City Attorney advised Council would have the ability to do so.

**VOTE**

Approved unanimously.

**E. Consideration of a Locating the Leaf Composting Facility at the Current Wood Chipping Site on Gardendale Road**

Mayor Gray advised that at the April 15th Council meeting, City Council received public feedback regarding the proposed location of the Leaf Composting Facility. As a result of that feedback, Council desires to locate the proposed facility at the current wood chipping facility.

**MOTION**

Councilmember Hyslip motioned to direct staff to locate the leaf composting facility at the current wood chipping site on Gardendale Road, seconded by Councilmember Carter and approved unanimously.

**F. Consideration of Appointing Applications to the Public Art Jury**

Mayor Gray advised that in late March, the city opened applications for the public art jury to residents who were interested in serving on the jury. This item is for Council to appoint those who applied.

City Manager Funderburk presented the top nominees as Matthew Ohmann, Thomas Blamire, Niia Bishop, John Tukker, and Maureen Norcutt.

**MOTION**

Councilmember Carter motioned to approve the nominations as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Miller and approved unanimously.

**G. Introduction and 1st Reading of an Ordinance Establishing the Structure by Which the City Attorney is appointed, the Scope of Services to be Provided, and the Parameters in which Council Members Can Seek Guidance from the City Attorney**

Mayor Gray noted that at Mayor Pro Tem Miller's request Council is considering adopting this ordinance to provide guidelines with regards to the City Attorney's position.

**MOTION**

Mayor Pro Tem Miller motioned to approve the Introduction and 1st Reading of an Ordinance Establishing the Structure by Which the City Attorney is appointed, the Scope of Services to be Provided, and the Parameters in which Council Members Can Seek Guidance from the City Attorney, second by Councilmember Shirley.

City Attorney commented requesting the floor which Mayor Gray granted. City Attorney McCleave advised he spoke with the General Counsel of the Municipal Association of South Carolina who expressed similar concerns pertaining to section 2-420 Duties; 3. When called upon by at least two members of City Council to give advice and direction to City Council, with such advice or direction being related to City procedure, form, and law which may arise in the discharge of the duties of their respective offices. City Attorney noted that at least 2 members however if more than 2 members the only way Council can act in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act is at a duly called meeting where a quorum is present and a majority takes action. City Attorney advised that any two members of Council can engage the City Attorney. City Attorney expressed numerous concerns to include (1) budgetary; in that any two Council members which does not constitute a majority of Council can spend public money on attorney's fees and clarified that the City is only billed by the hour when and if engaged. City Attorney expressed second concern of what the attorney may be directed to do potentially opposing the majority or a single other member such as filing an ethics complaint which creates a very broad direction. City Attorney expressed a third concern as who the client actually. The SC Rules of Professional Conduct under rule 1.13 notes that a lawyer employed or retained by an organization represents the organization acting through it's duly authorized constituents. The City Attorney advised that in his case the City of Tega Cay is his client, and the duly authorized constituents in his case under the South Carolina Code of Laws under the Council Manager Form of Government that two groups of authorized constituents exist; (1) the City Manager, and (2) the City Council duly called meeting where a quorum is present. City Attorney advised that if the ordinance passes with that provision in it he intends to go to South Carolina Bar and get a advisory opinion if he can consider two of Council his client if they do not represent a majority. City Attorney commented regarding 2-417 subsection B pertaining to term limitations inquiring if this is locking into this Council or another Council into an Attorney. Additionally, City Attorney advised that City Council currently has complete flexibility in retaining City Attorney. As a client can terminate it's attorney at any time, for any reason, or no reason. City Attorney commented regarding that under the rules of professional conduct the City Council does have flexibility. City

Attorney encouraged Council to consider not rolling over an attorney every two years in the sake of learning the City and quirkiness of the City. City Attorney thanked Council for their time.

Mayor Pro Tem Miller clarified that the intent of the ordinance is not for two Council members bind future Councils or Attorneys to a non-quorum decision. Mayor Pro Tem Miller advised that Council has had to go through the City Manager, have approval to schedule time with the City Attorney and share what was being discussed and have approval to do so. Mayor Pro Tem Miller expressed that an attorney advising to Council on a question is very different than an attorney advising two Council members and making a decision. Mayor Pro Tem Miller noted that the intent is not to skirt the majority or a Council meeting or decision that other Council members are aware of. The intent is to allow Council to speak to and seek advice from the City Attorney without having to go through a majority when it's not necessary such as questions or having to go through the City Manager and obtain approval to do so. Mayor Pro Tem noted that the budget portion of City Attorney's concern was raised when proposed and it was recommended that monies be allocated for legal fees under the Council budget. Mayor Pro Tem noted that there is no intention to hire a new attorney every 2 years, however, allows for Council to be aware that they have the opportunity to review the performance, advice, or position being given as a note. Mayor Pro Tem noted that the intent is not to weaponize Council against Council. City Attorney advised that if Council wants the City Attorney's opinion it's at a called meeting under the Freedom of Information Act that defines how to have a meeting. As far as going through the City Attorney, Council can meet the City Attorney without going through the City Manager as Council has done in the past and can do so as long as Council follows the law. City Attorney advised that it's been his policy as he was taught it and keeps the City Manager in the loop as the City manager needs to know the business of the City. City Manager noted that since 2013 as the City Manager he has never advised Council they cannot contact the City Attorney and has either told the requesting Council member to reach out to the City Attorney or had been asked to ask the City Attorney a question on that individual's behalf. Councilmember Hyslip inquired to the City Attorney and City Manager that if the City Attorney was on salary if he'd be able to answer questions at will which the City Attorney advised that it may depend and if on salary and approached by less than a majority at what point does he draw the line at becoming weaponized. Mayor Pro Tem Miller expressed a lack of understanding as to why the City Attorney wouldn't just answer the question if more than one but less than three Council members had a similar concern. City Attorney advised that due to having internal disputes the City Attorney has been attempted to be dragged into those disputes as part of legislative process which he should not have to do. Councilmember Shirley noted that it seems more that the City Attorney doesn't want to get involved in those disputes more so than Council seeking legal advice and getting it. City Attorney noted several examples in which he's been attempted to be engaged by individuals of Council however declined to do so as no two Council members are the Attorney's client and are not authorized to spend City money, which Councilmember Shirley disagreed with.

Councilmember Carter noted disagreeing with the ordinance and if there are legal questions rather than 2 by 2 Councilmember Carter suggested that any questions should be ran through the City Manager and make sure that he is involved with what is being asked and is involved. Councilmember Carter advised that he does not think the City Manager is going to road block or wall City Council and that we all should work together and involve the City Manager. Councilmember Carter noted that this ordinance is Council focused and he would prefer to focus on ordinances for the good of the City. Councilmember Carter commented further regarding the term that there are no parameters in place, there is no evaluation, and it would be subjective not objective with every two years either letting the attorney go or looking for a new attorney.

Councilmember Shirley reiterated City Attorney's concerns which were voiced and commented that it is Council's responsibility to determine how money is spent. Additionally, Councilmember Shirley disagreed with the flexibility of the City Attorney which as a meeting isn't being flexible. Councilmember Shirley noted that if Council members desire to speak to the City Attorney to reach out, however, City Attorney is advising that unless it's in a meeting Council doesn't have the flexibility. Councilmember

Shirley requested clarification. City Attorney advised that there has been an informal process that if there is a simple question with Charlie on the line it is answered and there is typically not a fee. Mayor Pro Tem Miller requested clarification in that if Charlie was on the line the City Attorney would speak to two Council members however, if Charlie was not on the line the City Attorney wouldn't. Councilmember Hyslip noted that Council is attempting to figure out how to have communication with the City Attorney and noted that the few times he has asked the City manager he's never said no.

City Attorney advised that if any two of Council desire to reach out to the City Attorney at any time they want, he will attempt to get an ethics opinion and Council can start spending more money on legal fees as long as his advisory opinion allows him to respond to less than a majority of Council. City Attorney noted history of his position. Mayor Pro Tem disagreed with Councilmember Carter and noted that Council obtaining legal advice is regarding the public. Mayor Pro Tem re-inquired about her prior question. City Attorney noted that simple inquiries he will answer. Councilmember Shirley clarified that if two Councilmembers wanted to go after one he understands the City Attorney not wanting to get involved however, if Council had several discussions of a concern that they had and two Councilmembers reached out to the City Attorney they'd like the flexibility to meet with the City Attorney or prudence to be able to do so in a group of two rather than as an individual. City Manager inquired from Council for an example which Council would want to seek advice from the City Attorney outside of his employment, employment contract or things pertaining to him specifically in which the City Manager would not or should not be involved in if it's related to the City. City Attorney inquired what the issue is pertaining to the framework established by South Carolina law.

#### **MOTION**

Councilmember Hyslip motioned to table item 6G to do further research and bring it back up at a later date, seconded by Mayor Gray and approved unanimously.

#### **H. Presentation of the Deer Survey Results and Discussion of Next Steps Regarding a Wildlife Management Program**

Mayor Gray noted that at Council's direction, the City had published a survey pertaining to the deer and the item is to present that data and for Council to discuss potential next steps. Deputy City Manager Joey Blethen noted that the survey ran from April 8<sup>th</sup> to April 29<sup>th</sup> and was advertised via the city website, social media, newsflash and published on the electronic sign. Overall, there were 1198 responses with some being removed due to duplicate responses and non-residents. The Deputy City Manager presented each individual questions results as well as background information from residents' experiences with the deer. Deputy City Manager inquired from Council what deer management options Council would prefer if any at all and the amount of money in which Council would be willing to allocate to a wildlife management program. Deputy City Manager noted that staff would need direction to implement a sterilization program by June 1<sup>st</sup> for the FY 2024-2025 budget year. City Council directed staff to engage Dr. DeNicola with White Buffalo to schedule a sterilization program for the fall of 2024. Additionally, Council desired to have further conversations regarding a possible culling program occurring in Winter of 2024/2025.

#### **ITEM 7 CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Funderburk provided his report as:

Development Services currently has 1 opening for a Planner I position to assist in zoning/permitting. The department has provided comments for the Lakewood Subdivision. It was noted that the department is awaiting for the Main Street developers to submit for early grading, the Planning Commission is actively working on changes to the Marina Overlay District, and a multi-month project for City Maps has been completed with digitization underway.

Utilities currently has 2 opening positions for team members. The department published a Request for Preconstruction Services at Wastewater Treatment Plant Number 2 to serve as a Preconstruction

Manager in the preliminary engineering, pre-construction alternatives analysis, and cost estimating of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades. As the project is funded by a RIA grant, RIA's approval of the bid is required prior to the bid being awarded. The department is currently working on line and hydrant replacements. Hydrants are being replaced at Riley Lane and Scullers Run. ESRI training coming soon. It was noted that Antonio Maturo was promoted to Utilities Director effective June 17<sup>th</sup> when Philip Jolley retires.

Public Works currently is full. The department is celebrating National Public Works week this week as they are finishing up a pond project, beginning the next phase of their signage phase, and finalizing updates identified from the MASC Risk Assessment. Operations Director, Tim Gillette, is working to compile a scope of work list for several stormwater projects which will be bid out in the future months.

Parks and Recreation has two open positions. The department is working on completing the fountain project this week, while gearing up for 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities. Patty Martin with the Beautification Committee is retiring and the City will be taking over the maintenance of the Living Memorial Gardens. Spring sports are coming to a close May 31<sup>st</sup> with June 8<sup>th</sup> welcoming the 1<sup>st</sup> concert in the summer concert series. The past two weekends Show Pros has been working at Windjammer Park. May 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 90 vehicles were turned away including residents and non-residents with no sticker or outdated ones. May 18-19th 30 vehicles were turned away with 95% being non-residents. City Manager noted that the new Maintenance Building has been constructed; still working on electrical, etc.. There will be a meeting tomorrow to review the Bid Proposal for walking trail lights & the plan is to have out to bid by end of week this week.

The Fire Department currently has 2 open positions. The department is conducting multi-agency boat training as well as confined space training in the next few weeks. Our Fire Chief, City Attorney and Municipal Clerk developed a HIPAA release form to aid in record release. The department was awarded a grant for PPE by the Municipal Association of South Carolina. Last Friday, the department responded to a fire timely which resulted in the house being saved. On June 1<sup>st</sup>, the department will be participating in Friends Helping Special Friends.

The Police Department currently has 2 open positions: one of which being a grant position. The department will be supporting state initiatives regarding traffic safety and will be conducting seatbelt awareness campaigns. Additionally, Camp Cadet will begin in a few weeks with 30 kids participating and Officer Tinkler will be going to TCES as the new SRO. City manager Funderburk noted that since the last Council meeting at Windjammer Park PD conducted 87 self-initiated checks and issued 15 parking violations.

In Administration, Municipal Clerk and City Attorney are working to clean up outdated items in City Code and drafting an ordinance to bring to Council in late summer/ early fall.

## **ITEM 8 COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Carter commented thanked all for being present and virtually participating, thanked all for speaking during public comments as well as the Tega Cay Police Department and Fire Department for keeping the City safe and City staff for keeping the City running smoothly. Councilmember Carter congratulated the FMHS Girls Lacrosse Team and Boys Soccer Team. Councilmember Carter commended Caroline Hasty, Parks and Recreation and City staff for their hard work on the Best Dam Food Fest. Councilmember Carter additionally commended the Parks and Recreation sports program and the environment in the City parks. Councilmember Carter encouraged all to download the City app as well as the Police Department app. Councilmember Carter recognized Hunter Ohmann for organizing a park clean up at Niven's Creek and Pitcairn and noted that this weekend is Memorial Day weekend encouraging all to enjoy however, remember that it is to honor those who have served and lost their lives.

Councilmember Hyslip thanked police and fire and commended both departments for their work during the fire last week. Councilmember Hyslip recognized former Councilmember Alicia Dasch for starting a clothing and needs drive for the family who was displaced. Councilmember Hyslip congratulated the FMHS Girls Lacrosse Team and Boys Soccer Team and thanked the coaching staff for their comments. Councilmember Hyslip thanked Liz Duda presenting the study and also thanked Caroline Hasty as well as all City Staff for their effort in the Best Dam Food Festival. Councilmember Hyslip thanked City Attorney Bob McCleave for his comments and noted that he is trying to only address concerns not directed at the City Attorney specifically. Councilmember Hyslip noted that the Tega Cay Veteran's Association is holding the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Living Memorial Gardens on Memorial Day and asked the public to thank those who have fought for us and gave their lives for us to live in this great country.

Councilmember Shirley dittoed prior comments and thanked City staff as well as Council for the hours that it went into developing a deer management plan. Councilmember Shirley noted that the parking attendant at Windjammer seems to be going well and advised that he got turned away with not having a sticker on his truck and respected the professionalism of the attendants. Councilmember Shirley commended the Best Dam Food Fest and thanked Caroline Hasty for her hard work as well as recognition of his son's military service at the event. Councilmember Shirley noted that if the challenges in the City are parking at windjammer and population of deer we live in a great community. Councilmember Shirley commended the Tega Cay Fire Department and Police Department for their hard work and professionalism during the fire last week. Councilmember encouraged all to enjoy their holiday and thanked those who are working during the holiday.

Mayor Pro Tem Miller commented expressing gratitude for City staff, police and fire and noted that we all make up a community that is worth keeping and protecting. Mayor Pro Tem Miller congratulated those selected to join the Public Art Jury and further encouraged the community to volunteer throughout the City and get involved. Mayor Pro Tem Miller that Chat with Council is occurring Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> and encouraged all to attend to ask questions and bring things to Councils attention. Mayor Pro Tem Miller commended the Fire Department for their efforts at the fire last week as well as the Parks and Recreation Department for their clean up efforts at Windjammer Park.

Mayor Gray commented encouraging all to thank those who are with us including those who served and honor those who have lost their lives. Mayor Gray noted that on June 1<sup>st</sup> Friends Helping Special Friends is happening and requested volunteers for driving boats and for the overall event at Windjammer Park. Mayor Gray thanked Parks and Recreation Department for the updates at Windjammer Park and noted that this is the end of Peace Officer Week and recognized those who have served and are currently serving. Mayor Gray commended everyone's work with the Best Dam Food Festival and the Fire Department for the efforts to fight the fire that occurred last week. Mayor Gray thanked all in attendance on May 2<sup>nd</sup> for the National Day of Prayer and encouraged all to attend next year. Mayor Gray noted the Tega Cay Music Association ribbon cutting and home coming of the piano on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Gray encouraged all to be safe as boating season approaches and be Tega Cay.

**ITEM 9            ADJOURNMENT**  
**MOTION**

There being no further business, Councilmember Shirley motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Carter and it was approved unanimously.

*The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 P.M.*

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Casey O'Brien, Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

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Christopher T. Gray  
APPROVAL DATE: June 17, 2024

