



City Council Regular Meeting
Meeting Minutes – City Hall Council Chambers, 2nd Floor

February 25, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

7:00 PM

Mayor, Billy Keyserling - All members of Council in attendance (Nan Sutton, Mike McFee, Mayor Keyserling, Stephen Murray, and Phil Cromer).

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mike McFee, Mayor Pro Tem

III. PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENTDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

A. Character Education Proclamation - Cory Sharrow, Battery Creek High School

Motion to approve made by Cromer and seconded by Murray.

Proclamation read by Mayor Pro Tem, Mike McFee and presented to student by Mayor, Keyserling. Proclamation accepted by student.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Sanborn from Beaufort Town Center reminded City Council and the general public about the 3rd Annual St. Patrick’s Day event to be held on Saturday, March 14, from 12pm to 4pm. This event is family friendly with different food and drink vendors along with kids’ activities.

V. MINUTES

A. Worksession and Regular Meeting December 10, 2019

Motion to approve made by McFee and seconded by Murray.

Worksession - Councilman Cromer stated on the first page under discussion item letter C., Matt St. Clair does not have an “e” in his last name.

Regular Meeting - Council Cromer stated in Old Business section A., second paragraph, the sentence “Councilman Murray move to withdrawal” should be withdraw.

Motion to approved minutes with changes was unanimous.

B. Worksession and Regular Meeting January 14, 2020

Motion to approve made by Cromer and seconded by Murray.

Work session - Councilman Cromer stated under discussion items the last sentence of the first item should be "Council would like to see any items added or removed". Cromer also expressed that on the same page, second to last paragraph, the word "decrease" should be "decreased". On page two second paragraph under section D the word "of" should follow "made up". The third paragraph in section D should be "There is an exception...". On page three in the Adjourn section "is has been received in the past year" should be struck.

Council Murray stated on the first page second paragraph the dollar sign should be removed from "30 million projects". Murray stated this is not dollar amount it is the total number of projects.

No Corrections to Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve minutes with changes was unanimous.

C. Worksession January 21, 2020

Motion to approve minutes made by Murray and seconded by McFee.

Minutes approved as submitted unanimous.

D. Worksession and Regular Meeting January 28, 2020

Motion to approve made by McFee and seconded by Murray.

Worksession - Councilman Cromer stated the first page under discussion item number four should read Williams Street and Mayfield Court.

Regular Meeting - Councilman Cromer stated first paragraph under Public Hearing the name Patricia Pinckney was misspelled. In the second paragraph it reads "Mr. Meola stated based upon was happens" should be "what happens". Next, page two at the very top, Patricia Pinckney name is misspelled and again in the same paragraph. Page four under Reports, last sentence, CDAB (Cultural District Advisory Board) should be spelled out instead of the use of acronyms. In addition, the last sentence states, "He finished with", Cromer was not sure if that was an error or not.

Motion to approve minutes with changes was unanimous.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. FY 2020 Budget Amendment #1 - 2nd Reading

Motion to approve made by Murray and seconded by McFee.

Ordinance was approved in 2nd and final reading unanimously.

B. Ordinance authorizing the Sale of City Property, Cemetery Plot in Evergreen Cemetery - 2nd Reading

Motion to approve made by Mayor Keyserling and seconded by Sutton.

Ordinance was approved in 2nd and final reading unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Co-Sponsorship request for use of Waterfront Park from First Scots Presbyterian Church of Beaufort for Annual Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 12, 2020

Motion to approve made by Murray and seconded by Cromer.

Rhonda Carey, Events & Tour Operations Coordinator, gave an overview of the event.

Event was approved unanimously.

B. Request for waiver of noise ordinance and request for street closure for 201 Laurens Street on May 2, 2020 for a private event

Motion to approve made by McFee and seconded by Sutton.

Rhonda Carey, Events & Tour Operations Coordinator, and Jodi Miller from Plums Production gave an overview of the event.

Event was approved unanimously.

C. Request from Beaufort County Community Center to close a portion of the 900 block of Newcastle Street for the 3rd Annual Washington Street Playground Event "Celebrating Decoration Day", Monday, May 25, 2020

Motion to approve made by McFee and seconded by Sutton.

Rhonda Carey, Events & Tour Operations Coordinator, gave an overview of the event.

Event was approved unanimously.

D. Request from Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce to allow the sale of alcohol and permission for street closures for the annual Taste of Beaufort event, Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2, 2020

Motion to approve made by Cromer and seconded by McFee.

Rhonda Carey, Events & Tour Operations Coordinator, Jodi Miller from Plums Production gave an overview of the event.

Event was approved unanimously.

- E. Request for Co-Sponsorship from YMCA for use of the Downtown Marina boat ramp and grassy area in the Waterfront Park/Marina for Beaufort River Swim 5K event Saturday, June 6, 2020

Motion to approve made by Cromer and seconded by Murray.

Rhonda Carey, Events & Tour Operations Coordinator, Mr. Pete Palmer, Meredith Anderson, President of Beaufort Swim Team, and Denise Manning, YMCA Health and Wellness Coordinator, gave an overview of the event.

Event was approved unanimously.

- G. Request from Beaufort Water festival for use of Waterfront Park, street closures, sale of alcohol, use of seawall, waiver of noise ordinance, and Co-Sponsorship for Opening Ceremonies for Water festival 2020, July 13-27, 2020

Motion to approve made by McFee and seconded by Murray.

Rhonda Carey, Events & Tour Operations Coordinator, and Erin Morris, Water Festival 2020 Commodore, gave an overview of the event.

Event was approved unanimously.

- H. Request from Beaufort Regional Chambers of Commerce to allow the sale of alcohol, and street closures for annual Shrimp Festival, Friday, October 2 and Saturday, October 3, 2020

Motion to approve made by McFee and seconded by Cromer.

Rhonda Carey, Events & Tour Operations Coordinator, gave an overview of the event.

Event was approved unanimously.

- I. Approval of Civil Rights Coordinator and Committee to include Transition Plan for Section 504 Compliance

Motion to approve made by McFee and seconded by Murray.

Ivette Burgess, City of Beaufort Human Resources Director, gave an overview as to the need of assigning a CV Coordinator. Mrs. Burgess stated that the following documents are a of matter of compliance for Section 504 in reference to the Civil Rights Act and the American with Disabilities Act. We are required to have someone appointed as a coordinator and a committee that represents the City. Since we receive federal and state grants, this solidifies we are in compliance.

Councilman Murray asked if Facility 10 should read Arsenal in reference to 713 Craven Street. Mrs. Burgess expressed that was correct and would have that fixed.

Motion to approve with changes was unanimous.

VIII. REPORTS

City Manager's Report - Mr. Prokop expressed sympathy for Kathy Todd regarding the loss of her mother. He stated that the Greenlawn project will be completed this week, which includes landscaping, removing of poles and the planting of shrubs unless rain down pours prevent planting. He then concluded by thanking both Council and Staff for their input at the Council Retreat. We are in the process of organizing our plans and will have a document that will show when and how we will get things done.

Mayor's Report - Mayor Keyserling mentioned that Pickle Ball players are trying to form an association here in Beaufort, Young Leaders of Beaufort are meeting this week and the subject is reconstruction. This Saturday, the Reconstruction Choir is having their first performance.

Reports by Council Members - Councilman Murray reiterated sympathy for Kathy Todd. He also stated that we have 3 active prospects that want to development at Commerce Park.

Councilman Cromer mentioned the next Affordable Housing meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2020.

Councilmembers Sutton and McFee had nothing to report.

IX. ADJOURN

7:48 PM

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