



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

March 22, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

7:12 PM

Mayor, Stephen D. Murray III

All of Council members in attendance - Phil Cromer, Neil Lipsitz, Mike McFee, Mitch Mitchell, and Mayor Murray.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem, Mike McFee

III. PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

A. Character Education Proclamation - Ronald Tyler, Joseph Shanklin Elementary School.

Motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee and seconded by Councilman Cromer.

All were in favor, motion carried.

B. Proclamation proclaiming March 2022 as American Red Cross Month.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Cromer and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee.

All were in favor, motion carried.

C. Proclamation proclaiming April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Cromer and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee.

All were in favor, motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Barb Nash, Kevin Woodlock, and Amy Franklin spoke about the recent shootings in the downtown area.

Edie Rodgers would like to see more local information in the Beaufort Gazette.

V. MINUTES

Worksession and Regular Meeting - March 8, 2022.

Motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee and seconded by Councilman Cromer.

Minutes approved as presented.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ordinance adopting Beaufort 2021 Comprehensive Plan - 2nd reading.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Lipsitz and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee.

All were in favor, motion carried.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request from Beaufort County Library for Co-Sponsorship to host the Kickoff of Summer Reading Program at Henry C. Chambers Park on Saturday, June 4, 2022.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Lipsitz and seconded by Councilman Cromer.

All were in favor, motion carried.

B. Resolution Electing the Standard Allowance for Lost Revenues under the American Rescue Plan.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Cromer and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee.

All were in favor, motion carried.

C. Recommended City Council Summer break schedule.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Cromer and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee.

Councilman Cromer made a motion to amend by making the last meeting June 21, 2022, instead of June 28, 2022. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee. All were in favor.

Approval on the main motion was unanimous.

VIII. REPORTS

City Manager's Report

Stated that the Southside Park Taskforce had their kick-off meeting with the consultants to develop a masterplan for the park.

Thanked Beaufort County for adding the Charles Lind Brown Center to their meeting locations for the citizens to give their input to the consultants on the parks and recreation needs in the community.

Reported that the sign is up at the old Bridges School building. Coming soon - Cyber Security and Innovative Programs from USCB. Thanked Public Works for the work they have done around the building.

Mentioned that the boardwalk into White Hall Park is nearing completion.

Thanked the community for their support of the Pride of Place donation program for Ukraine. To date, we have raised \$19,980.00. If you wish to donate, you can still do so until the end of March.

Reminder that on Friday, April 1, 2022, the First Friday event will be taking place downtown.

Mayor's Report

Thanked Beaufort County for including the Charles Lind Brown Community Center in their Parks and Recreation Survey. Thanked Councilman Mitchell and the Taskforce for getting the word out about the meeting. Was nice to see a good turnout.

Reported that he attended a Mayor's Association meeting last week in Columbia.

Thanked all City Staff for their efforts in getting the Pride of Place donations for Ostroh, Ukraine up and running. He also thanked the citizens for their generosity. Also thanked, was Greg Rawls, a local glass artist, who has been making Ukrainian flag pins. Mr. Rawls, with the assistance of Thibault Gallery, has raised over \$4,000.00.

Announced that there will be a panel discussion on Unite for Ukraine. This will take place at the USCB Center for the Arts on Monday, March 28, 2022 beginning at 6pm. He thanked Bonnie Hargrove for organizing the event.

Councilman Mitchell

Reported that the public meeting at the Charles Lind Brown Center on Thursday, March 10, 2022, was very successful. Thanked the citizens for their attendance and input.

Mayor Pro Tem, McFee

Had the pleasure of representing the City at the Ribbon Cutting for the Pat Conroy Literacy Center.

Congratulated Sarah Hayes, Battery Creek High School, who was named the SCAA Regional Athletic Director of the Year.

Reported that one of the charter members of the Pigeon Point Neighborhood Association, Hugh Folk, has passed away.

Councilman Lipsitz

Is excited to see Southside Park moving forward.

Reported that he and Councilman Cromer traveled to Charleston to attend a Congressional briefing with Representative Nancy Mace.

Councilman Cromer

Stated that he will be attending the Lowcountry Council of Governments meeting this week.

Announced that there was a great crowd that attended the Revolutionary War Re-Enactment at the Beaufort Arsenal. More events are being planned as they move towards the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

IX. ADJOURN

8:00 PM

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Cromer and seconded by Councilman Lipsitz.

All were in favor.

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