

# City Council Regular Meeting Meeting Minutes – City Hall Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

May 10, 2022

## I. CALL TO ORDER

6:09 PM

Stephen D. Murray III, Mayor

### II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem, Mike McFee

### III. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Annexation petition for properties located at 533 Robert Smalls Parkway, 145, 149 Sea Island Parkway, 1404, 1407, 1507, No address (R100 001 000 0006 0000),1610, 1716 Greenlawn Drive, 2512, 2513, 2515, 2517, 2519, 2520, 2525 Greenlawn Circle, 20, 24, 34, 110, 113, 116 Old Jericho Road, 1 Parris Island Gateway, No Address (R100 029 000 010B 0000) Ice House Road, 1502 Palmetto Drive, and 5 Estelle Road; pursuant to S.C. Code section 5-3-150(1).
- B. Zoning of properties located at 533 Robert Smalls Parkway, 145, 149 Sea Island Parkway, 1404, 1407, 1507, No address (R100 001 000 0006 0000),1610, 1716 Greenlawn Drive, 2512, 2513, 2515, 2517, 2519, 2520, 2525 Greenlawn Circle, 20, 24, 34, 110, 113, 116 Old Jericho Road, 1 Parris Island Gateway, No Address (R100 029 000 010B 0000) Ice House Road, 1502 Palmetto Drive, and 5 Estelle Road.

Reece Bertholf, Deputy City Manager and Rico Giani with the Community and Economic Development Department went over the information associated with the proposed annexations and zoning requests.

The following citizens spoke on the issue.

Robert Schleimer - 1805 Palmetto Drive Roxanne Pierce - 1603 Palmetto Drive Sandra Martin - 2916 4<sup>th</sup> Street Wilma Holman - 3 Petigru Drive Jacqueline Polite - 36 Ice House Road M. G. Way - 2515 Greenlawn Circle Jack Noe - 2811 Riverbank Drive Karrie Nye - 2804 Riverbank Drive

A signed petition of residents opposed to the annexation of 1502 Palmetto Drive is attached to these minutes.

## IV. PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

- A. <u>Character Education Proclamation Ascher Montgomery, Beaufort Elementary School.</u>

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

  All were in favor, motion carried.
- B. <u>Proclamation proclaiming May 2022</u>, as National Preservation Month.
   Motion to approve was made by Councilman Cromer and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee.
   All were in favor, motion carried.
- C. Resolution to declare May 1 7, 2022, as "Municipal Clerks week in South Carolina" to recognize and honor the valuable contributions that municipal clerks make to cities and towns in South Carolina.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Cromer and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee. All were in favor, motion carried.

D. Resolution honoring Harvey and Battey, P.A., Law Firm on their 100th year anniversary.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

### V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

#### VI. MINUTES

A. Worksession and Regular Meeting - April 12, 2022.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Cromer and seconded by Councilman Lipsitz. Minutes approved with one change.

### VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. FY 2022 Budget Amendment - 2nd reading.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Cromer and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee. All were in favor, motion carried.

# VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Permission to host the 2022 Beaufort Shrimp Festival and Arts and Crafts Market in the Henry C. Chambers Park, October 7 - 8, 2022, host the Run Forrest Run 5k/Walk on Saturday, October 8, 2022, and request waivers for sale of alcohol, open container, noise ordinances, street closures and permission for issuance of parking passes.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

B. Request from the Beaufort-Jasper YMCA of the Lowcountry and the Beaufort River Swim Committee to host the 16th annual Beaufort River Swim and 5k run on Saturday, June 4, 2022, from 6:00 am - 12:00 pm, permission for exclusive use of Dinghy Day Dock and boat ramp and waiver of parking fees until 12pm.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

C. Request for Co-sponsorship from St. Peters Catholic Church for procession on Sunday, June 19, 2022, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm at the Henry C. Chambers Park.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

D. <u>Authorization to allow City Manager to enter into a contract with Meadors, Inc. for Architectural</u> Services.

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

Alan Eisenman, Finance Director, gave an overview of RFQ 2022-109. Meador's Inc. was chosen by the committee as the most qualified bidder.

All were in favor, motion carried.

E. Ordinance amending Part 3, Chapter 2, Section 3-2002 of the City Code of Ordinances to better regulate dockage at the Downtown Day Dock, and the mooring of vessels near the seawall of the Henry C. Chambers Park - 1st reading.

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

Linda Roper, Downtown Operations and Community Services Director, gave an overview of the proposed changes to the ordinance.

All were in favor, motion carried.

F. Ordinance repealing Part 7, Chapter 1, Section 7-1010 (5) of the Beaufort City Code of Ordinances, and enacting in its stead, Part 8, Chapter 1, Section 8-1009, pertaining to passing of items to or from the occupant of a motor vehicle on the roadway - 1st reading.

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

Darryl Gruel, Deputy Police Chief, gave an overview of the proposed changes to the ordinance.

All were in favor, motion carried.

G. Ordinance providing for the transfer of authority for conducting City of Beaufort Municipal Elections to the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Beaufort County - 1st reading.

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

Traci Guldner, City Clerk, gave an overview of the proposed changes to the ordinance.

All were in favor, motion carried.

#### IX. REPORTS

# City Manager's Report

Thanked everyone who helped make the Taste of Beaufort a success, especially Linda Roper and the Downtown Operations team.

There will be a Public Safety Job Fair on Wednesday, May 11th and Saturday, May 14th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm here in City Hall, 1911 Boundary Street.

Thanked the community for their efforts and support for our campaign for the Ukraine. \$67,220 has been raised. Mayor Murray and Councilman Mitchell were able to get a donation of 100,000 MRE meals, secure free transportation to the Port of Charleston, and free cargo ship transportation to the Ukraine.

Hard copies of the Comprehensive Plan are available for purchase in the Community and Economic Development Department. It is also available online.

Congratulated Deputy City Manager, Reece Bertholf, on his graduation from Harvard University where he received a Certificate in Public Administration.

Wished Mayor Murray a Happy Birthday.

#### Mayor's Report

Joined the City Manager in thanking City staff for their efforts with the Taste of Beaufort.

Hopes that all the Moms had a wonderful Mother's Day.

Gave an overview of how the donation of the MRE's came about, and the processes it will take to get them transported from Mullins, SC to the Ukraine. Thanked all the companies for their generous donations and support.

Congratulated Councilman Mitchell on receiving the Path Finder Award through the Museum of Flight for his creation of the Michael P. Anderson Memorial Aerospace Program.

#### Councilman Mitchell

Reported that the Green Street Outdoor Swimming Pool will be named after Mr. Alvin Settles who taught swimming for over 30 years.

#### Mayor Pro Tem, McFee

Stated that he will be attending a Long-Range Planning meeting in Bluffton, SC on Friday, May 13, 2022.

#### Councilman Lipsitz

Nothing to report.

#### Councilman Cromer

Nothing to report.

### X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Cromer made a motion to go into Executive Session and seconded by Councilman Lipsitz.

A. <u>Pursuant to Title 30, Chapter 4, Section (70) (a) (1) of the South Carolina Code of Law: Discussion regarding personnel - Boards and Commissions.</u>

Councilman Lipsitz made a motion to come out of Executive Session and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee.

No actions from Executive Session.

# XI. ADJOURN

9:02PM

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

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