



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

May 25, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

7:40PM

Stephen D. Murray III, Mayor

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem, Mike McFee

III. PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

A. Character Education Proclamation - Elkin Membreno, Whale Branch Elementary School

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

Approval was unanimous.

B. Proclamation proclaiming May 22-28, 2021 as National Safe Boating Week

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

Approval was unanimous.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Marcell Camacha, 1529 Roseland Drive, Ridgeland, S.C. spoke to Council about equality for all people.

V. MINUTES

A. Worksession and Regular Meeting - May 11, 2021

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

Minutes approved as presented.

B. Special Worksession Meeting - May 18, 2021

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

Minutes approved as presented.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Authorization to allow the City Manager to enter into a Sales Contract and other Documents for the sale of Parcel R200 015 000 8788 0000 located at 71 Sams Point Road to Beaufort Air Conditioning and Heating, LLC. - 2nd Reading

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

Approval was unanimous.

- B. FY 2021 Budget Amendment, use of TIF II funds for SC170 Sidewalk Project - 2nd Reading

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

Approval was unanimous.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Request from Beaufort History Museum for partial street closure of Craven Street for reenactment event on Saturday, December 4, 2021

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

Approval was unanimous.

- B. Approval of Golf Shuttle Business License under the Public Conveyance Ordinance - Chase Fairways, LLC.

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

Approval was unanimous.

- C. Approval of the creation of a new Special Revenue Fund

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

Kathy Todd, Finance Director, stated that this fund would store the American Rescue Plan dollars, once received. The name will be American Recovery Fund.

Approval was unanimous.

- D. An Ordinance adding Section 6-3004 - Litter from construction to the Beaufort Code of Ordinances to encourage the use of proactive mitigation to prevent litter from leaving construction sites within the limits of the City - 1st Reading

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

David Prichard, Community and Economic Development Director, gave an overview of how this proposed ordinance came about.

Ian Scott, President of the Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce, spoke about concerns that came from the construction community.

Juliana Smith, Coastal Conservation League spoke about the need for this ordinance and hopes that it meets with Council's approval.

Approval was unanimous.

- E. Authorization to allow the City Manager to enter into a Sales Contract and other Documents for the sale of Parcel R120 029 00C 0171 0000 located at 1073 Otter Circle to Kathleen Young - 1st Reading

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

Approval was unanimous.

VIII. REPORTS

City Manager's Report

Thanked those that attended the unveiling of the signage at the Henry C. Chambers Park. Recognized Edie Rodgers, Billy Keyserling, Linda Roper and her team for their efforts and involvement.

Wished everyone a safe Memorial Day weekend.

Friday, June 4, 2021 is the First Friday event downtown. Come out and join the fun.

Public Hearing and 1st Reading on the proposed FY 2022 Budget is Tuesday, June 8, 2021 and 2nd Reading will be Tuesday, June 22, 2021.

Mayor's Report

Echoed the sentiments of the City Manager on the unveiling of the signage at the Henry C. Chambers Park.

Asked the public to be safe out on the waterways this Memorial Day weekend and encouraged all to shop local.

Councilman Mitchell

Reported that the Community Garden efforts are under way and that they elected their leaders. Jessie White will be Chairman, with Laura Lee Rose as Co-Chairman. Stated there is a lead on some land that might be donated for the garden.

Charles Lind Brown Community Center Task Force is moving along and will be holding another meeting in the near future.

Mayor Pro Tem, McFee

Thanked Linda Roper and all those involved with the events taking place Downtown. Live after 5 and First Friday.

Stated that the Realtors Association is working closely with Beaufort County on the Coastal Resiliency and Landfill Ordinances.

Councilman Lipsitz

Nothing to Report.

Councilman Cromer

Nothing to Report.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

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

No actions from Executive Session.

X. ADJOURN

10:10PM

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

All in favor.

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