



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

June 21, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

7:14 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. Resolution recognizing the accomplishments of Anna Brown on her selection as a U. S. Presidential Scholar.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

- B. Resolution recognizing the accomplishments of Chas Brown on being a National Merit Scholar.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

- C. Proclamation proclaiming July 30 - August 6, 2022, as Gullah/Geechee Nation Appreciation Week.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chuck Newton, Sea Island Coalition, spoke on the annexation process.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. FY-2023 Budget Ordinance - 2nd reading.

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

Graham Trask, 1211 Bay Street, spoke on this issue.

All were in favor, motion carried.

- B. Ordinance setting elections, related dates, and filing fee for two (2) members of City Council pursuant to sections 1-8001 through 1-8006 of the City of Beaufort Code of Ordinances - 2nd reading.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

- C. Ordinance annexing the following parcels of property into the Corporate Limits of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina - 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 - 2nd reading.

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

The following citizens spoke on this issue.

Melinda Hagan - 2813 Riverbank Drive
Michael Dixon - 1702 Palmetto Drive
Roxanne Pierce - 1603 Palmetto Drive
Judy Waters - 2803 Riverbank Drive
Graham Trask - 1211 Bay Street

All were in favor, motion carried.

- D. Ordinance amending the City of Beaufort Zoning Map to include parcels 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, zoned as noted herein - 2nd reading.

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

Councilman Cromer made a motion to approve on second reading the zoning of the parcels listed with one amendment, that parcel R100 026 00A 0203 000, 1502 Palmetto Drive, be tabled until such time as the MPC recommends zoning the parcel, and then at such time, council will then give second reading to the zoning of this parcel. With this amendment he moved to approve the zoning ordinance. It was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee. All were in favor.

Chuck Newton, Sea Island Coalition, spoke on the annexations on Sea Island Parkway.

Approval on the main motion was unanimous.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Appointments/Reappointments to Boards and Commissions.

Motion to make the following appointments was made by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee and seconded by Councilman Mitchell. All will serve 3-year terms to begin July 1, 2022, and end on June 30, 2025.

Clinton Hallman - Design Review Board
Rita Wilson - Historic District Review Board
James White - Metropolitan Planning Commission
Parker Moore - Zoning Board of Appeals
Patrick McMichael - Zoning Board of Appeals

All were in favor, motion carried.

- B. Request from Beaufort Digital Corridor to allow Food Truck Vendors during the 2022 Run Forrest Run 5K on October 8, 2022, from 8:00 am to 10:30 am.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

- C. Request from The Exchange Club of Beaufort and CAPA to host the 28th Annual Ghost Tours, October 14 - 30, 2022, and two complimentary parking spaces.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

- D. Request to host 2022 Halloween Celebration in the Henry C. Chambers Park on Saturday, October 22, 2022, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, and twenty complimentary parking spaces.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

- E. Request to host 2022 Holiday Weekend events to include street closures and other permissions, December 2 - 4, 2022.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

- F. Request from Downtown Merchants Association and Beaufort Area Hospitality Association to host the Watermelon Crawl and Stroll on Saturday, August 27, 2022, from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, and permission to serve alcohol, and waivers of open container, public drinking, loud and unseemly noise and food truck regulations.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

- G. Request for use and waiver of fees for the Henry C. Chambers Park to host Remembering Our Fallen Tribute Towers Memorial on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, until Sunday, November 13, 2022.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

- H. An agreement for the establishment of a Partner City relationship between the City of Beaufort, South Carolina (U.S.A.) and Ostroh, (Ukraine).

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

Motion to amend the agreement was made by Councilman Cromer to change the word guarantee in the last sentence in the first paragraph to pledge and change material in item number 6 to martial. It was seconded by Councilman Mitchell. All were in favor.

Approval on the main motion was unanimous.

VII. REPORTS

City Manager's Report

Thanked Public Works and the Public Safety Departments for a Successful Touch a Truck Event. There were over 400 children in attendance.

Reported the following events will be taking place in the near future.

Coffee with Cops, Friday, June 24, 2022, at the Low Country Cider Company at West St. Extension.

Dragon Boat Races, Saturday, June 25, 2022, at the Henry C. Chambers Park.

First Friday, Downtown, July 1, 2022.

Beaufort Water Festival starts July 15, 2022 and runs through July 24, 2022.

Mentioned that moving forward, subdivision applications that are under 10,000 square feet will be forwarded to the Design Review Board for evaluation.

Stated that we will be posting a survey asking for public input on the redesign of our website. He appreciates and welcomes your comments and suggestions.

Council will be on summer break until August 23, 2022.

Mayor's Report

Reported on his trip to Washington, D.C., to attend the American Flood Coalition Mayors Conference.

Councilman Mitchell

Introduced Jason Poon, a student at Raisbeck Aviation High School. He met Jason while attending the Pathfinder Awards dinner in Seattle. Jason is visiting family on Brays Island.

Mayor Pro Tem, McFee

Nothing to report.

Councilman Lipsitz

Nothing to report.

Councilman Cromer

Stated that June 28, 2022, is Carolina Day. This commemorates the first decisive American victory in the Revolutionary War on June 28, 1776, in the Charleston Harbor. The Beaufort County Historical Society, and the Beaufort County Library, will be hosting a lecture at 11am at the First Presbyterian Church.

The search for Stuarts Town will continue August 8, 2022, through August 12, 2022. This is a community archeological dig and is in need of support. Donations can be made through Pride of Place.

VIII. ADJOURN

8:53 PM

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

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