



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

June 22, 2021

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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**7:15 PM**

Stephen D. Murray III, Mayor

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

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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Mayor Pro Tem, Mike McFee

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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No public comment.

**IV. MINUTES**

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A. Worksession and Regular Meeting - June 8, 2021

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

Minutes approved as presented.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

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A. Ordinance adopting the FY-2022 Budget - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

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

Kathy Todd, Finance Director, stated that there was a correction made since 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Under Section 2, City Operations millage should have been 57.70 instead of 57.77.

Approval was unanimous.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

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A. Request for Co-Sponsorship from Friends of the Library for use of the Waterfront Park Pavilion for their Annual Book Sale, November 4 - 7, 2021

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

Linda Roper, Downtown Operations and Community Services Director and Lolita Huckaby with Friends of the Library, gave an overview of the event.

Approval was unanimous.

- B. Street Closure request from Holy Trinity School to host Swing Bridge 5k Run/Walk event on Saturday, October 16, 2021

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

Linda Roper, Downtown Operations and Community Services Director, introduced Celeste Pruitt with Holy Trinity Classical Christian School. She then gave an overview of the event.

Approval was unanimous.

- C. Request from Downtown Beaufort Merchants Association for waiver of open container, drinking in public, loud and unseemly noise ordinances, and permission to serve alcohol on Saturday, August 28, 2021, for the Watermelon Crawl Sip and Stroll

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

Linda Roper, Downtown Operations and Community Services Director, gave an overview of the event on behalf of Scott Lee, President of the Downtown Beaufort Merchants Association.

Approval was unanimous.

- D. Ordinance consenting to the inclusion of certain property in a Joint County Industrial Park with the City of Beaufort; Approving certain Intergovernmental Agreements by and between the City of Beaufort and Beaufort County - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

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

Kathy Todd, Finance Director, stated that Beaufort County had created and adopted a MCIP (Multi-County Industrial Park) Ordinance. Two projects are located in the City of Beaufort. Project Garden and Project Glass. This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to execute the Intergovernmental Agreements with Beaufort County for both projects.

Approval was unanimous.

## **VII. REPORTS**

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### **City Manager's Report**

Mr. Prokop congratulated Councilman Lipsitz and Councilman Mitchell on being accepted to Leadership Beaufort Class of 2022.

The City of Beaufort was awarded a \$50,000 PARD (Park and Recreation Development) Grant from the Legislative Delegation. These funds will be used to purchase benches, swings, and trash cans for the Southside Park. He thanked Deborah Johnson and Linda Roper for preparing the grant.

Stated that Reserve Firefighter signs have gone up in front of the fire stations for their recruitment drive.

First Friday will be held on July 2, 2021. The streets will not be closed for this event.

Reported that the State of South Carolina has not yet requested the American Rescue Plan funds from the Federal Government and read an article from the South Carolina Arts Alliance.

Lastly, he urged residents to please be very patient while the transition takes place from Waste Pro to Capital Waste Services for solid waste collection. The new start date for Capital Waste Services is now June 28, 2021, instead of July 1, 2021, as Waste Pro began picking up their receptacles ahead of schedule.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Murray was honored to have been able to participate in Morning Colors and Recruit Graduation at Parris Island. He thanked the Military Enhancement Committee for the opportunity.

Reported that the Beaufort County Economic Board of Directors met last week and authorized incentives for Project Legacy. This will bring 150 jobs to the area. They also authorized staff to apply for a Site Improvement Grant through the Department of Commerce.

Stated how important it is that leaders protect the natural habitats of the region after attending an event in Charleston. The event was hosted by the Coastal Conservation League about the migration of Shorebirds to the area.

University of South Carolina Beaufort's Reconstruction Institute launched their Free and Equal interactive Reconstruction Era App. It gives you a guided tour around the Sea Islands.

There will be a Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting at Balance Barre and Fitness on Wednesday, June 23, 2021. The location is 2121 Boundary Street in the Beaufort Towne Center and will start at 4pm.

Wished everyone a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

### **Councilman Lipsitz**

Nothing to report.

### **Mayor Pro Tem, McFee**

Nothing to report.

### **Councilman Mitchell**

Gave an update on the Charles Lind Brown Community Center. He reported that County Administrator Eric Greenway attended the last meeting and may become a member of the Task Force. They were able to visit the center as well. He stated their next meeting will be on June 29, 2021, and that they are working on a survey for distribution.

Reported that he is working with County Councilman York Glover, and Councilman Paul Sommerville about getting the Green Street Swimming Pool named after Alvin Settles. Mr. Settles taught individuals how to swim at the pool for over 30 years.

### **Councilman Cromer**

Reported that he and Councilman Lipsitz attended the unveiling of the Blue Channel Seafood Historical Marker in Port Royal. The Beaufort County Historical Society will also be dedicating two more markers in the near future. One will be placed in Pigeon Point for an Italian Prisoner of War Camp in WWII, and the other at the Carnegie Building on Craven Street.

## **VIII. ADJOURN**

**7:56 PM**

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

All in favor.

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