



City Council Worksession

Meeting Minutes – Planning Conference Room – 1st Floor

September 13, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

5:00 PM

Mayor Stephen D. Murray III

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

II. EMPLOYEE NEW HIRE RECOGNITION

A. Police Department.

Richard Poole, Police Captain, introduced Shyla Anderson, Briana Bagwell, James Jackson, and Frederick Gutierrez Toledo.

B. Fire Department.

Tim Ogden, Fire Chief, introduced Joel Izquierdo Rivera, and Jared Roundtree.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation update.

John O'Toole, Executive Director, started off by saying that their mission is to diversify the economy, build a tax base, and create meaningful employment for residents.

Charlie Stone, Senior Project Manager, went over several of the Companies and Projects that have started up, or are in the early stages of startup in the Commerce Park, or in areas just outside of the park. Some of those companies are Magnus Corporation, Glassworks, Knights Companies and Blasch Ceramics.

Mr. O'Toole mentioned that SkyDrive has opened operations at the South Carolina Landing Pad, at 500 Carteret Street. This Japanese developer creates flying cars.

Mr. Stone stated that a second Spec Building is being planned and will be adjacent to the first building. This building will be 72,000 square feet. There is also a possibility of another building being built on Schork Road near Schein Loop.

Mr. O'Toole said that a meeting should be held with the Planning Department to come up with design covenants in the park. He then went over some of the monetary figures. He stated that the City has contributed \$115,000.00 into the corporation. Incentive totals for companies are \$4,923,351.00. Site Development Funds are \$1,901,474.00. Total Capital Investments are \$44,730,000.00. Total jobs created are 346.

Councilman Mitchell asked if Affordable Housing is ever mentioned in any of their meetings. Mr. O'Toole replied that the subject does not come up very often.

B. FY 2022, 4th Quarter Financial Report.

Alan Eisenman, Finance Director, went over the Quarterly Report using Open.Gov, our financial transparency website. The Revenues were \$40,980,521.38, with Expenditures of \$34,831,192.83. The Revenues exceed the Expenditures by \$6,149,328.55.

The General Funds balance, which is the main operating fund was \$1,432,545.24.

The Parks and Tourism Fund was \$1,136,935.52.

The Stormwater Fund was \$-432,112.20. This was due to monies needing to be transferred out to the Capital Projects Fund.

C. Milner Report Manual update.

Mayor Murray started off by thanking all the agencies and people that put a great deal of time and effort into the preparation of the document.

Brad Roeder, Architect, John Milner Architects, summarized by stating that one of the main purposes was to take the original manual from 1979, the supplement from 1989, along with the Northwest Quadrant Design Principles from 1999 and consolidate them into a single document. He stated that some of the biggest changes took place in the Regulatory Section. There were also changes in the Materials, Graphics and Reference sections. He reported that the delivery of the Preservation Manual has multiple applications to facilitate future updates.

The Mayor and Council communicated their concerns of what they felt needed to be addressed throughout the document. All the corrections/recommendations were annotated by staff.

IV. 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 - Administration.

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

No actions from Executive Session

V. ADJOURN

7:12 PM

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