



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

March 8, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

7:00 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. Proclamation proclaiming March 2022 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Charlene Shufelt, 9 Prescient Avenue, inquired if projects involving 303 Associates were going to be reviewed for possible conflicts of interest, that David Prichard, former Director of Community and Economic Development was involved in.

V. MINUTES

Special Council Meeting - February 22, 2022.

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

Minutes approved as presented.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ordinance amending Part 1, Chapter 4, Article A, Section 1-4004, Paragraph (9) of the City Code of Ordinances - 2nd Reading.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

B. FY 2022 ARPA Fund Budget Amendment - 2nd Reading.

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

William Smith addressed council on the matter.

Larry Holman, 3 Petigru Drive, addressed council on the matter.

Kevin Holman, 3 Petigru Drive, addressed council on the matter.

All were in favor, motion carried.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request for street closure, parking spaces, waiver of Open Container, Drinking in Public, and Noise Ordinances for Harvey and Battey to host a private party on Saturday, May 7, 2022, 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

B. Request from Beaufort Water Festival for use of the Waterfront Park, street closures, sale of alcohol, use of seawall, day dock, waiver of Noise Ordinance and Co-Sponsorship for Opening Ceremonies for the 66th Annual Beaufort Water Festival, July 15 - 24, 2022.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

C. Request from Beaufort Memorial Hospital to host the Wellness Mobile in the Marina Parking Lot once a month between 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and waiver of parking fees.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

D. Request from Historic Beaufort Foundation to host the 2022 Spring Architect's Tour on Saturday, March 19, 2022, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, with allowance of parking on Hermitage Road.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

E. Ordinance adopting "Beaufort 2021 Comprehensive Plan - 1st reading.

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

Bill Prokop, City Manager stated that the Comprehensive Plan has been reviewed and is being recommended by the Metropolitan Planning Commission.

William Smith addressed council on the matter.

Letter and email from Jessie White, Coastal Conservation League, are attached at the end of these minutes.

All were in favor, motion carried.

VIII. REPORTS

City Manager's Report

Mentioned that the concert by the USMC and Army bands this past Saturday was fantastic.

Gave a special "thank you" to all the ladies as we celebrate International Women's Day today.

Reported about the F18 hornet that crashed near the Air Station. Both the pilot and co-pilot were able to eject safely. The military is managing the investigation.

Reminded the citizens about the County Parks and Recreation meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at the Charles Lind Brown Center beginning at 6:00 pm.

Stated that Public Works staff are busy getting the parks ready for Spring.

Reported that Beaufort was voted the Best Small Town by Southern Living Magazine for 2022.

Thanked everyone that had a part in the updating of the Comprehensive Plan. Once approved, the plan will be posted on the City's website, and printed copies will be available.

The MRB Group has been hired to assist us in the analysis of our Community and Economic Development Department, and to help determine the skills needed by the next Director.

Mentioned that the city has been awarded the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) 2022 Achievement Award for the work that was done with the Mossy Oaks Stormwater Project.

Asked all to join him in expressing support and prayers for the people of Ukraine.

Mayor's Report

Wished all ladies a Happy International Women's Day.

Congratulations to Beaufort Memorial Hospital for an outstanding Valentine's Ball.

Thanked Downtown Operations and Community Services on a well-attended Combined Arms Concert.

Thanked the Local Charities Group for all they do in raising money for local organizations.

Reported that there are more tickets available for CAPA's Dancing With Our Stars event now that capacity restrictions have been lifted at USCB's Performing Arts Center.

Stated that the South Coast Cyber Center Summit was successful and very well attended.

Councilman Lipsitz

Reported that he had the privilege of working the Beaufort Charities Oyster Roast.

Mayor Pro Tem, McFee

Stated it was nice to see a great crowd at the Ribbon Cutting for the USCB Sand Shark Cafe on New Castle Street. The cafeteria is open to the public as well.

Mentioned that he is a judge at the Dancing With Our Stars event on Saturday, March 12, 2022.

Councilman Mitchell

Wished all ladies, near and far, a Happy International Women's Day.

Reported there will be a public meeting at the Charles Lind Brown Center on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 6:00 pm. This is your chance to talk to Beaufort County Parks and Recreation on how to improve the Charles Lind Brown Center. Encouraged all to go by and look at the center prior to the meeting.

Councilman Cromer

Reported that this Friday, March 11, 2022, at 2:00 pm at the St. Helena Library, there will be a lecture on the Battle of Puryburg from the Revolutionary War.

The Beaufort History Museum is holding a Revolutionary War re-enactment on Saturday, March 12, 2022, at the Beaufort Arsenal from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

IX. ADJOURN

8:05 PM

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

All were in favor.

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