



City Council Worksession Meeting Minutes – Planning Conference Room – 1st Floor

May 16, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

5:01 PM

Stephen D. Murray, III

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

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Project Fund Recommended Budget.

Scott Marshall, City Manager, started off by identifying the four types of funding sources. Grants, Transfers In, Partnerships, and Release of Fund Balance. The total proposed Capital Projects Budget is \$27,197,627.00. This will become part of the overall Fiscal Year 2024 Recommended Budget that has been previously discussed. The breakdown is as follows:

Grants - \$7,578,000.00
Transfers In - \$17,156,976.00
Partnerships - \$1,216,785.00
Release of Fund Balance - \$1,245,866.00

He then went over the individual funding categories, their amounts, and what projects the funds would be used for. He also covered the expenditure details showing all projects and the projected costs for each.

Alan Eisenman, Finance Director, then went over the funding details of the projects.

You can visit the City's Financial Transparency Portal by using this link:
<https://www.cityofbeaufort.org/161/Financial-Transparency>

The following addressed Council:

Sue Cosner, Chair of the Metropolitan Planning Commission.
Graham Trask, Citizen.
Paul Trask - Citizen.

Council is supportive of this being included in the Fiscal Year 2024 overall budget.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Development Code Updates.

Curt Freese, Community and Economic Development Director went over the criteria in which projects are required to go in front of the Design Review Board. He spoke about the conversation that developed in the last worksession about merging the Metropolitan Planning Commission and the Design Review Board into a 7-member Planning Commission. By combining them, they would approve the Architecture as well as the Aesthetics of the project. Staff is supportive of this transition.

Mr. Freese then went through some of the proposed text amendment changes that would be made to the following sections should the two groups combine into one.

2.8.5 - Legacy Planned Unit Development District.

7.2.1 - Street Infrastructure Plans.

9.1.4 - Permit Process Type - Table.

9.16 - Amendments and Rezoning.

9.8.1 - Development Design Review - Minor.

9.8.2 - Development Design Review - Major.

10.2 - Metropolitan Planning Commission.

10.8 - Design Review Board.

Mayor Murray would like to see the membership of this board start anew. Advertise the seats as we have done for all Boards and Commissions once the membership standards and language has been finalized. He encourages all seated members to apply.

Councilman Scallate wants to ensure that minutes of the meeting will still be produced. Mr. Freese stated they would be. That was marked out in error.

The following addressed Council:

Lise Sundrla, Historic Beaufort Foundation.

Paul Trask, Citizen.

Courtney Worrell, 303 Associates.

Grant McClure, Coastal Conservation League.

Graham Trask, Citizen.

Alan Dechovitz, 401 Battery Chase.

Sue Cosner, Chair of the Metropolitan Planning Commission.

Council is supportive of combining the Metropolitan Planning Commission and the Design Review Board into a 7-member Planning Commission.

Council would also like to see the topic regarding “Questions Relating to Military Operations” stay a standing item on the agenda.

IV. ADJOURN

7:05 PM

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