



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

June 8, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

7:06PM

Stephen D. Murray III, Mayor

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem, Mike McFee

III. PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

A. Character Education Proclamation - Timothy Landon Bonk, Robert Smalls International Academy

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

B. Resolution recognizing the weightlifting accomplishments of Clarence Cummings Jr.

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

A. FY-2022 Recommended Budget

Kathy Todd, Finance Director, reported that Public Notice was given on May 23, 2021, in the Island Packet regarding tonight's Public Hearing. She showed how the Budgeted Revenues and Expenditures for FY-2021 compared to the Proposed Budget figures for FY-2022. There will also be a reduction in the Millage rate from 79.3 to 78.2.

VI. MINUTES

A. Worksession and Regular Meeting - May 25, 2021

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

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Authorization to allow the City Manager to enter into a Sales Contract and other Documents for the sale of Parcel R120 029 00C 0171 0000 located at 1073 Otter Circle to Kathleen Young - 2nd Reading

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

Approval was unanimous.

- B. An Ordinance adding Section 6-3004 - Litter from construction to the Beaufort Code of Ordinances to encourage the use of proactive mitigation to prevent litter from leaving construction sites within the limits of the city - 2nd Reading

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

Approval was unanimous.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. FY-2022 Budget Ordinance - 1st Reading

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

Kathy Todd, Finance Director, went over the breakdown of the Millage rates that equal 78.2. She broke down the City Operations Appropriations figures that total \$23,769,178 and the City Operations Revenues of \$23,516,239.

The budget also authorizes the release of \$212,594 for Vehicles and Equipment, and \$128,391 for Redevelopment from the Committed Fund Balance. The total release will be \$340,985.

Approval was unanimous.

- B. Authorization to allow the City Manager to enter into a contract for Refuse Collection Services

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

Kathy Todd, Finance Director, and Linda Roper, Downtown Operations and Community Services Director, gave background information on RFP 2021-111 for Waste Management Services. Proposals came in from 4 different companies, with Capital Waste Services being chosen. This contract will be for 5 years, with service beginning July 1, 2021.

Approval was unanimous.

- C. Appointments and Reappointments to Boards and Commissions

Building Board of Appeals

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

Reappointing Rob Bogardus, Rob Montgomery, and Jennifer Pender Patterson - 4-year terms expiring 6/30/2025.

Approval was unanimous.

Design Review Board

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

Reappointing Kim McFann and Benjie Morillo - 3-year terms expiring 6/30/2024.

Approval was unanimous.

Historic District Review Board

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

Appointing Maxine Lutz (Historic Beaufort Foundation nomination) - 2-year term expiring 6/20/2023.

Appointing Jeremiah Smith - 2-year term expiring 6/30/2023.

Appointing Michelle Prentice and Mike Sutton - 3-year terms expiring 6/30/2024.

Approval was passed by a vote of 4 in favor and 1 opposed (Councilman Cromer).

Metropolitan Planning Commission

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

Reappointing Mike Tomy - term expiring 6/30/2022.

Appointing Sue Cosner - 3-year term expiring 6/30/2024.

Approval was unanimous.

Zoning Board of Appeals

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

Appointing Kenneth Hoffman - 3-year term expiring 6/30/2024.

Approval was unanimous.

IX. REPORTS

City Manager's Report

Mr. Prokop started off by reminding everyone that we are now officially in hurricane season. Asked everyone to please be prepared.

The Governor of South Carolina has lifted the Emergency Order for COVID-19 issues. The City's has now been lifted as well.

The new Strategic Plan for 2021 - 2023 has now been printed and is available in City Hall and is also available online.

Johnson Controls has completed their annual review of the utility saving investment that was made 3 years ago, and we continue to save on our energy costs.

The Army Corps of Engineers has given approval on the application made to study the rising sea level concerns in the city. It has been forwarded to Washington, DC., for possible federal funding.

Congratulated Council and Beaufort County Economic Development for bringing another manufacturer to the Commerce Park. Materials Research Group has purchased 3 acres of land and will be building a new facility.

Dominion Energy will begin to switch out the current streetlights with new LED lights.

Thanked all those involved for a very successful First Friday event that was held on June 4, 2021.

The next Live after 5 events will be held downtown on Thursday, June 17, 2021, from 5pm to 8pm.

The YMCA River Swim will take place on Saturday, June 12, 2021. The event starts at 7am in Port Royal and ends at the Waterfront Park.

Lastly, he thanked all that applied for the various Boards and Commissions. Their willingness to serve was greatly appreciated.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Murray reported that he was on a conference call with Representative Nancy Mace, and told her that the city had been approved for the sea rise study and would appreciate her support.

Thanked the City Manager, Bill Prokop, and the Public Works Department for completing the planting of the bushes along Bladen Street as part of the Evergreen Cemetery Project.

Reported that the South Coast Cyber Center has started their Strategic Planning. It is anticipated that this will be completed by December 2021.

The funds have been received for the 1.3-million-dollar grant for USCB and are being disbursed.

Starting 5pm this Thursday, June 10, 2021, at the Saint Helena Library, the County is giving a Comprehensive Plan review. The title is Envision Beaufort.

Councilman Lipsitz

Nothing to report.

Councilman Mitchell

Echoed the City Manager and thanked all for applying for the City's Boards and Commissions.

Reported that the Charles Lind Brown Task Force visited the Buckwalter Recreation Center in Bluffton. Thanked them for the opportunity. Tuesday, June 15, 2021, he will be meeting with Eric Greenway, Beaufort County Administrator, and County Councilman York Glover.

The Community Gardens Task Force will be meeting again on Friday, June 11, 2021.

Spoke about Juneteenth and Emancipation. Reported there will be a celebration held at Parker Park in Port Royal on June 19, 2021.

Mayor Pro Tem, McFee

Thanked City Staff on the preparation of the Budget. Greatly appreciates the effort that was put forth.

Spoke about the Legislative Delegation Reception that was held by the Beaufort Chamber and stated it was very informative.

Recognized local residents who recently had milestone birthdays. Shirley Parsons turned 90, May Lepionka turned 100, and Reverend Graham turned 97.

The Historical Marker for the Carnegie Building has been finished. The installation will not be done until after renovations have been completed.

Councilman Cromer

Echoed Mayor Pro Tem, McFee and thanked staff for all they have done, especially in the preparation of the budget.

Reported that the History Museum will be having a meeting on Friday, June 11, 2021.

The Beaufort Historical Society will be placing a Blue Channel Marker near the Fish Camp on 11th Street in Port Royal on June 21, 2021, at 11am.

X. ADJOURN

8:26PM

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

All in favor.

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