



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

June 13, 2023

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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**7:19 PM**

Mayor, Stephen D. Murray III

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

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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Mayor Pro Tem, Mike McFee

**III. PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

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A. Character Education Proclamation - Addison Lopez, Joseph Shanklin Elementary School.

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

**All were in favor, motion carried.**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Shirl Cave, Petals and Stars, invited Council and citizens to their event on Saturday, June 17, 2023, beginning at 10:00 am in the Waterfront Park.

Peach Morrison, Executive Director with the S.C. Lowcountry Tourism Commission, invited Council and citizens to come see the Traveling Exhibit of Harriet Tubman at the Frampton House Visitors Center near Exit 33 on I-95.

**V. MINUTES**

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A. *Worksession and Regular Meeting - May 23, 2023.*

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

**A motion to amend the regular meeting minutes was made by Councilman Mitchell to change a sentence in his report to the following:** Thanked Reverend Dr. Elijah Washington, who is the Commander of Beaufort's Grand Army of the Republic Camp 21 for his continued leadership in coordinating our Memorial Day celebrations. **Councilman Lipsitz seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

**Minutes approved with corrections.**

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

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- A. An ordinance to provide for the levy of taxes for the City of Beaufort for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024; to provide for execution of and to put into effect the consolidated budget; and to provide budgetary control of the City's fiscal affairs; and other matters relating thereto - 2nd reading.

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

No changes were made since first reading.

Scott Marshall, City Manager, urged citizens to visit our Transparency Portal at [beaufortsc.opengov.com](http://beaufortsc.opengov.com).

Councilman Scallate read some statistics from an Employee Compensation Study that was done in September 2021 for the City.

The following addressed Council:

Graham Trask, 68 Fiddlers Bridge Road, Staatsburg, NY. Secondary address 1211 Bay Street.  
Patrick Canning, Burroughs Avenue

**All were in favor, motion carried.**

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

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- A. Appointments/reappointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees.

**Motion to postpone to the June 27, 2023, meeting was made by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee and seconded by Councilman Lipsitz.**

**All were in favor, motion carried.**

- B. An ordinance to amend the City of Beaufort Code of Ordinances, Section 1-4002, appointment of City Manager regarding residency requirements - 1st reading.

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

Scott Marshall, City Manager, gave an overview of the ordinance.

Graham Trask, 68 Fiddlers Bridge Road, Staatsburg, NY. Secondary address 1211 Bay Street, addressed Council.

**All were in favor, motion carried.**

- C. An ordinance authorizing (1) the execution and delivery of an option to purchase; and purchase agreement for Beaufort Commerce Park, Lots F and H; (2) the conveyance of such real property in accordance with the terms of such agreement; and (3) other matters relating thereto - 1st reading.

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

Scott Marshall, City Manager, gave an overview of the ordinance.

The following addressed Council:

Graham Trask, 68 Fiddlers Bridge Road, Staatsburg, NY. Secondary address 1211 Bay Street.  
John O'Toole, Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation.

All were in favor, motion carried.

## **VIII. REPORTS**

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

Thanked Council for their support of the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.

There will be a Touch a Truck event at Southside Park on Saturday, June 17, 2023, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

There will be a CPR class offered to youth in grades 6 and above on June 24, 2023. This is a Free class and is limited to 25 students. This offering filled up quickly, but the Fire Department is already looking ahead to add more CPR training opportunities for youth as well as adults. Standby for news of future classes.

The Police Department will be hosting another Chill with a Cop event at Pigeon Point Park on Friday, June 30, 2023, starting at 4:00 pm.

City offices will be closed on Monday, June 19, 2023, in recognition of the Juneteenth holiday.

Council Summer break will begin after the July 11, 2023, meetings. The schedule will pick back up on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, with the Code Edit Worksession.

### **Mayor's Report**

Cited the second denial of a motion by a Circuit Court Judge regarding the lawsuit that involves Mix Farms and West Street Farms. This denial was in favor of the City of Beaufort.

Thanked the Gullah Festival Committee on a wonderful event.

Was sorry that he missed the Legislative Reception and thanked Ian Scott, Executive Director of the Chamber for hosting the event.

Invited all to attend the Touch a Truck event at Southside Park on Saturday, June 17, 2023. He will be in the dunk tank from 9:30 am - 10:30 am. Councilman Scallate will be in there from 9:00 am - 9:30 am.

Wished all a Happy Father's Day.

Wished all a Happy Juneteenth.

### **Councilman Mitchell**

Nothing to report.

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

Was honored to represent the City at the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Main Street Retreat that was held here in Beaufort.

### **Councilman Scallate**

Attended the Northwest Quadrant Homeowners Association meeting on May 25, 2023.

Attended the Beaufort History Museum meeting on June 9, 2023.

### **Councilman Lipsitz**

Congratulated Dr. Washington on a very successful Memorial Day Parade.

Attended the Gullah Festival, the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Main Street Retreat, the Legislative Reception, and the BJWSA Reception.

**IX. ADJOURN**

**8:15 PM**

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Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Lipsitz and seconded by Councilman Mitchell

All were in favor, motion carried.

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