



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

June 14, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

7:00 PM

Mayor Pro Tem, Mike McFee

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. CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATION

A. Appointment of Municipal Judges.

Motion to reappoint Ned Tupper and Mary Sharp, as City Municipal Judges was made by Councilman Cromer for 2-year terms to expire on June 30, 2024. Motion was seconded by Councilman Mitchell.

All were in favor, motion carried.

IV. PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

A. Character Education Proclamation - Aundrea Phillips, Joseph Shanklin Elementary School.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Grant McClure - Coastal Conservation League, would like to see the City of Beaufort adopt the Southern Lowcountry Stormwater Standards. He stated that this has been adopted by the Town of Bluffton and Beaufort County.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

A. FY 2023 Recommended Budget.

Alan Eisenman, Finance Director, stated that the notice of the Public Hearing was advertised in the Beaufort Gazette on May 23, 2022. The total projected revenues are \$30,744,412.00. Projected expenditures are \$27,588,044.00. The Millage rate remains the same at 78.2 Mills.

There was no public comment.

VII. MINUTES

- A. Special Worksession - May 17, 2022
- B. Worksession and Regular meeting - May 24, 2022.

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

Minutes approved as presented.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. FY 2023 Budget Ordinance - 1st reading.

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

Alan Eisenman, Finance Director, stated that citizens can go to our portal to view the document.
<https://www.cityofbeaufort.org/161/Financial-Transparency>

All were in favor, motion carried.

- B. Ordinance setting election, related dates, and filing fee for two (2) members of City Council pursuant to sections 1-8001 through 1-8006 of the City of Beaufort Code of Ordinances - 1st reading.

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

Traci Guldner, City Clerk, stated that this election is to fill two Council seats that are expiring this year. The opening for filing will be on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, and will close at noon on Monday, August 25, 2022. Candidacy packets will be made available to the public on Wednesday, June 22, 2022.

All were in favor, motion carried.

- C. Ordinance annexing parcels of property into the Corporate Limits of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina - 1st reading.

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

Reece Bertholf, Deputy City Manager, gave a timeline of the notices that were sent out. The Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022. There are 26 properties totaling 41.53 acres. He then gave background information on the annexations. On May 16, 2022, the Metropolitan Planning Commission voted to recommend the annexation of these parcels, except for 1502 Palmetto Drive. They voted to table the consideration for this parcel by a vote of 3-2.

The following citizens spoke on this issue.

Melinda Hagan - 2813 Riverbank Drive
Roxanne Pierce - 1603 Palmetto Drive
Grant McClure - Coastal Conservation League

All were in favor, motion carried.

- D. Ordinance amending the City of Beaufort's Zoning Map to include parcels R100 028 000 122D 0000, R200 015 000 116C 0000, R200 015 000 0552 0000, R100 001 000 0241 0000, R100 001 000

0261 0000, R100 001 000 0257 0000, R100 001 000 0006 0000, R100 001 000 0050 0000, R100 001 000 005N 0000, R100 001 000 005J 0000, R100 001 000 005R 0000, R100 029 000 0059 0000, R100 029 000 0057 0000, R100 029 000 058A 0000, R100 001 000 005F 0000, R100 029 000 0504 0000, R100 029 00B 0039 0000, R100 029 000 0110 0000, R100 026 000 162A 0000, R100 029 000 010B 0000, R100 026 00A 0203 0000, R100 028 000 0122 0000, R100 001 000 0005 0000, R100 001 000 005G 0000, R100 001 000 005H 0000, R100 001 000 005I 0000 zoned as noted herein - 1st reading.

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

Reece Bertholf, Deputy City Manager, went over the recommended zoning changes. They have not changed since the Public Hearing. The Metropolitan Planning Commission heard the zoning recommendations that were given by staff on May 16, 2022. All parcels were approved as written in the ordinance, except for R100 026 00A 0203 0000, 1502 Palmetto Drive. They took no action on this parcel.

Rico Giani, Community and Economic Development Department, spoke about the zoning for 1502 Palmetto Drive.

All were in favor, motion carried.

- E. Authorization to allow the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Beaufort and Community Works for the City of Beaufort Homebuyer Assistance Program.

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

Bill Prokop, City Manager, gave an overview of the program. The program will offer up to \$10,000 in down payment and/or closing cost assistance to qualified City of Beaufort Employees. Beaufort Memorial Hospital offers this program to their employees as well.

All were in favor, motion carried.

IX. REPORTS

City Manager's Report

The Sea Island Quilters are raffling off a quilt. All proceeds will be donated to the Pride of Place Program for Ukraine relief. The winner will be announced on July 24, 2022. The quilt is on display at City Hall.

Thanked the Habersham Community Garden Group for their donation of \$5,305.00 to the Ukraine relief effort.

Monday, June 20, 2022, city offices will be closed in observance of the Juneteenth holiday.

Live after 5 will be held downtown on Thursday, June 16, 2022.

City Public Works and Public Safety Departments will be holding a "Touch a Truck" event on Saturday, June 18, 2022, at the Southside Park from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm.

Congratulated the Parris Island Marine Band for being nominated for a regional emmy by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Southeast Chapter.

Reported that the second and final reading on the FY 2023 budget will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

Mayor's Report

Stated that the Primary was today. Hoped that citizens voted.

Reported he is attending the American Flood Coalition Mayors Conference in Washington, DC.

Councilman Lipsitz

Nothing to report.

Councilman Mitchell

Attended the Habersham Garden Butterfly Release on Saturday, June 11, 2022.

Was invited to Dataw Island, to speak with the residents and share news about what is happening in the City of Beaufort.

Mayor Pro Tem, McFee

Spoke about the effort to locate a 17th century Scottish settlement known as Stuarts Town. The digs have been started in the Downtown area. This is being led by the University of South Carolina Archeological Department.

Attended the Change of Command ceremony at the Naval Hospital.

Councilman Cromer

Reported the kick off for the search of Stuarts Town was very successful. He thanked all that attended and helped spread the word. Donations for this effort can be donated through Pride of Place. They are looking to raise funds for an Archeological dig that will start on August 8, 2022.

X. ADJOURN

8:14 PM

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

All were in favor.

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