



City Council Worksession

Meeting Minutes – Planning Conference Room – 1st Floor

July 13, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

5:01PM

Mayor, Stephen D. Murray III

All members of Council in attendance (Phil Cromer, Neil Lipsitz, Mike McFee, Mitch Mitchell, and Mayor Murray)

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Comprehensive Plan (working draft) review schedule

Bill Prokop, City Manager, started off by stating that the Comprehensive Plan is a working document and that the public will have ample time to view and make recommendations.

David Prichard, Community and Economic Development Director, stated that the draft has been informed by the Beaufort 2030 Future Vision Exercise, the Strategic Plan, the Civic Master Plan, and the 2009 Comprehensive Plan. This has been a unified effort between the city staff, the Lowcountry Council of Governments, and Design Workshop consultants. He then went over the timeline from present-day, until the presentation of the final plan for approval on October 12, 2021.

Mayor Murray asked if the General Assembly had given an extension as to when documents were due and inquired if there was a deadline.

Mr. Prichard stated that they had given an extra year and believes it to be at the end of this calendar year 2021.

Mayor Murray suggested that there be a worksession on August 24, 2021, to go over feedback that has been received from the public and council. He also would like to see another in-person public session be added to the schedule.

Mr. Prichard, responded by stating they would include another session.

Mayor Murray inquired when the Priority Investment Element would be included. He would like to see all items included so that the public can see the entire document.

Mr. Prichard stated that they can go ahead and start working on this item and make amendments to the document, as necessary.

Mr. Prokop stated that they are hopeful to have the updated census data by September and can incorporate those figures as well.

B. Emergency Management protocols - Emergency Manager, Deputy Chief John Robinson

Bill Prokop, City Manager, started off by stating that each department is part of a detailed plan should it become necessary, and that the city has its own Emergency Operations Center

when required at the Police Department. He stated that the State used to have 5 Operational Conditions, and they have now reduced that number to 3.

Deputy Chief John Robinson, Emergency Manager, went over how the city runs their Emergency Operations Plan and went over the Natural Disaster plan should a mandatory evacuation for the area be called.

Councilman Cromer asked if we have vendors in place that can supply us with equipment.

Mr. Robinson said yes. We have several on the city level, as well as those through Beaufort County Emergency Management.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Cromer made a motion to go into Executive Session and seconded by Councilman Lipsitz.

A. Pursuant to Title 30, Chapter 4, Section (70) (a) (2) of the South Carolina Code of Law: Receipt of Legal Advice.

No actions from Executive Session.

Councilman Cromer made a motion to come out of Executive Session and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee.

IV. ADJOURN

7:05 PM

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