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REGULAR MEETING - Council Chambers, 2nd Floor - 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER
   A. Billy Keyserling, Mayor

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
   A. Mike McFee, Mayor Pro Tem

III. PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS
   A. Proclamation proclaiming Mary Legree as the South Carolina Hospitality Employee of the Year

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. MINUTES
   A. Worksession and Regular Meeting, April 9, 2019

VI. NEW BUSINESS
   A. Annual street closure request from Tabernacle Baptist Church for 5K Run/Walk for Christ Saturday, May 25, 2019
   B. Resolution in support of April as Fair Housing Month

VII. REPORTS
   ♦ City Manager's Report
   ♦ Mayor Report
   ♦ Reports by Council Members

VIII. ADJOURN
CITY OF BEAUFORT
DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO: CITY COUNCIL
FROM: Linda Jefferies, Director of Sales, Greater Beaufort-PortRoyal CVB
AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Proclamation proclaiming Mary Legree as the South Carolina Hospitality Employee of the Year
MEETING DATE: 5/14/2019
DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

South Carolina Hospitality Employee of the Year

PLACED ON AGENDA FOR:

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, travel has a positive economic effect on Beaufort, South Carolina: and

WHEREAS, the Beaufort Visitor Center is an integral partner in enhancing the visitor experience to Beaufort; and

WHEREAS, Mary Legree has been an Information Specialist at the Visitor Center, widely known for her customer service and deep knowledge of the Gullah culture for more than 5 years; and

WHEREAS, she is a native of St. Helena Island and returned home to the Coffin Point community of her early childhood after spending much of her adult life in the northern states; and

WHEREAS, when she returned home, she started doing more research on the Gullah culture and eventually became recognized as a local historian: and

WHEREAS, Mary Legree served in multiple cultural, planning and preservation leadership positions in Beaufort and was twice president of the Penn Club, a non-profit organization that supports the Penn Center; and

WHEREAS, she is now also a lecturer, having led presentations at Penn State University, the University of South Carolina – Beaufort, the Senior Leadership of Beaufort County, and the Peace Corps Alumnae 50th Anniversary and Celebration; and

WHEREAS, Mary Legree was given the South Carolina Hospitality Employee of the Year award on Wednesday, February 20th at the SC Governor’s Conference on Tourism.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Beaufort does hereby recognize Mary Legree as

SOUTH CAROLINA HOSPITALITY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

And celebrates her knowledge and contribution to the community, its residents and visitors to the City of Beaufort, South Carolina.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Beaufort to be affixed this 14th day of May, 2019

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BILLY KEYSERLING, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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IVETTE BURGESS, CITY CLERK
A work session of Beaufort City Council was held on April 9, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Beaufort Municipal Complex, 1901 Boundary Street. In attendance were Mayor Billy Keyserling, Councilwoman Nan Sutton, Councilmen Mike McFee, Stephen Murray, and Phil Cromer, and Bill Prokop, city manager.

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d) as amended, all local media were duly notified of the time, date, place, and agenda of this meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER**
Mayor Keyserling called the work session to order at 5:01 p.m.

**UPDATE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
John O’Toole, Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) executive director, spoke about the various people and organizations that contribute to the EDC’s success.

The most important “spoke” on the economic development “wheel,” Mr. O’Toole said, is the environment; a strong educational system is also important to site selectors and companies considering coming to Beaufort. Other spokes are housing and transportation, which he said the county and municipalities “pay attention to.”

Mr. O’Toole said the economic development partners in the city and county are great, and he provided an example of a company that recently looked at locating in Beaufort.

Mr. O’Toole described some of the things the EDC is working on, such as “market attraction,” site development, and business retention and expansion, and successes the EDC has had in retaining some businesses. He went on to detail the organization’s goals and where it stands with them (e.g., The job creation goal was 200, and it’s currently at 313; retention is at 104% of the goal.).

In the Beaufort Commerce Park, Samet Corporation won the bid to build a 50,000 square foot spec building, Mr. O’Toole said, and an individual is looking to build another spec building “on his own dime.” He described the plan for the spec building. If it isn’t leased after a designated period, the county would pick up the interest costs. County council is supportive of this, and Mr. O’Toole explained why. The projects that are being slotted in “aren’t disturbing to the county” or its residents, he said.

Mr. O’Toole said he is frustrated that the Commerce Park project is not farther along. The deal is with the developer’s attorney, he said, and then it will go to the county and city attorneys. This is “a new model we’re trying,” he said, but he’s proud of what they are doing, even with the delays, and of the approach that they are taking with the project. He explained how the dollars from Commerce would work.
Mr. O’Toole provided an update on incentives and the amount of site development grants that have been acquired year-to-date, as well as the amount of “compensation tied to the projects.” The goal on leads was 75, he said, and they have 79 year-to-date. “Senior leadership” has been a great source of leads, Mr. O’Toole added.

Mr. O’Toole described their targeted industries, including aerospace, defense back office, bio/life sciences (e.g., A group is blood-letting horseshoe crabs in the former Dust Solutions building.), headquarters, healthcare, hospitality/tourism (e.g., distilleries in Beaufort County), and insurance, among others.

Mr. O’Toole discussed the EDC’s positive relationship with Commerce.

Mr. O’Toole said when prospects are brought in, they ask them to look at underserved populations and to “slot a few people in those jobs.” An aerospace company, for example, would work with TCL on hiring, he said, to help make 8 of the 35 people they’re hiring “successful in their positions.”

“The military needs product,” Mr. O’Toole said; the City of Beaufort and Beaufort County have invested $580,000 in the last year, and Mr. O’Toole described the ways that has already paid off.

Mr. O’Toole described the EDC’s future plans. For example, they are working with city and county planners to get box hangars at the Beaufort County airport. He said David Prichard has been “very valuable in regard to the AICUZ zone.” The EDC is also working with the Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce on a program to help exiting military to be able to stay in this area.

The EDC is looking at hiring a firm to help “tell [the EDC’s] story better, Mr. O’Toole said. The organization has a presence on social media, and they are targeting the right people there, he said. They will be featured in “SCBIZ” magazine in May.

Councilman Cromer asked Mr. O’Toole about local “opportunity zones”: what types of prospects or projects he’s envisioning. Mr. O’Toole said he is “not that focused on that one.” It could be retail, housing, or commercial, he said; what will happen there will fit in with the hopes for USCB’s campus and for affordable workforce housing. Mr. O’Toole thinks the Commerce Park is where they will “make some hay.” Councilman Murray said Mr. O’Toole “has been trying to disseminate accurate information about the opportunity zones.”

Mayor Keyserling asked about interest in healthcare here; he read there is a huge demand for it (e.g., home healthcare, assisted living). Mr. O’Toole said he hasn’t given enough attention to that “sector.” The EDC has healthcare “as a target,” but they are focusing resources on light industrial, aerospace, backroom, and headquarters. Mayor Keyserling said he was talking about “helping [healthcare] with workforce,” not about
attracting those types of businesses. Mr. O’Toole said they meet regularly with Dr. Al Panu, USCB’s chancellor, and USCB asked the EDC to help determine what the needs are. “We probably need to bring that community together,” he said.

Mayor Keyserling asked if the lack of affordable housing has been something Mr. O’Toole has felt is an issue in his recruiting. Mr. O’Toole said he’s been asked to look into the need for workforce housing. He feels “somebody needs to do something dramatic.” His experience has been that they need to “bring someone in” to “find out what the barriers are to entry.” There needs to be more thought put in and more work done on workforce housing, Mr. O’Toole said.

Councilman Murray said there are “a pile of studies out there about this,” and “a lot of folks [are] talking about it,” but governmental bodies “need to take action.” They need to look at the UDO and at the regulations across the county to see what is standing in the way of building affordable housing, he said.

Mayor Keyserling asked if there is any feedback about housing being a reason people don’t move their businesses here, and Mr. O’Toole said he doesn’t hear that as much about the City of Beaufort as he does about other parts of the county. Councilman Cromer said it would be a problem here in the future. Councilman Murray said there are job opportunities in Jasper and Colleton Counties, and that will “create more pressure on Beaufort County.”

Councilman Murray said 75% of the leads the EDC has received come from people within Beaufort County, so he wants everyone to be aware of opportunities to connect people with Mr. O’Toole, who could then help to bring their projects and businesses here.

Jonathan Sullivan said hospitality and tourism is the #1 economic driver in Beaufort; #2 is trade and retail, and #3 is health and human services. There’s a shortage of employees across all of these areas, he said, and he described the problems that result. He said developers need to be brought to the table on affordable and workforce housing. The county has incentive plans, Mr. Sullivan said, and he agrees with Councilman Murray that they don’t need more bureaucracy (e.g., creating a housing trust) when “everyone’s suffering to get employees.” There are “a large number coming from Hampton County now” to Beaufort County, Mr. Sullivan said, and as that area develops, those people will stop commuting from Hampton County; they will stay there to work, he feels, and when that happens, “Beaufort and Beaufort County won’t have any employees.”

Mayor Keyserling said, “It’s got to be a partnership,” and employers should “be more sensitive to the needs of their employees” (e.g., about transportation and how much they’re paid). The costs of land and construction won’t change, he said, nor will the largest impact fee, which is for water and sewer. Mayor Keyserling asked if it is
government’s role or the private sector’s to meet and determine what can be done about this (e.g., private and public dollars and the administration of a loan program that is “no more complicated than” Habitat for Humanity’s). If no one is putting money into a housing trust, he said, and all the costs are going up, nothing can happen. Mayor Keyserling feels “the only successful model” would be a partnership of various entities.

Mayor Keyserling said he knows hospitality has a problem with short-term rentals, but those are private businesses, and they “shouldn’t [be picked on] more than any other business.” He feels they “need to quit talking” about these needs and should “work together” on solutions.

Deborah Johnson said a group of local developers and builders were brought together to “talk about their barriers.” They might do that again, she said. Mr. Sullivan said he’s saying that at last week’s Chamber of Commerce meeting, which the city wasn’t invited to, no developers were present, so he is suggesting that the city should be involved, and that developers need to be “involved” in the solution beyond “just get[ting] their input.”

**ORDINANCE AMENDING PART 5 CHAPTER 2 ARTICLE C SECTION 5-2028 PERTAINING TO ANNEXATION INCENTIVES**

Mr. Prokop said annexation will be “a large part of our growth and planning,” as the city continues to seek to fill donut holes. The city is “working on 5 to 8 large annexations where people have come to us,” he said, and he described the incentives, saying that there is “no administrative process with incentives” as there was in the past. This streamlines the process, Mr. Prokop said, and makes it easier for the city and the applicant.

Councilman Cromer asked if the incentive is “attractive enough to invite people to want to annex.” Mr. Prokop said the people who come to the city are not coming for the incentive but because they want to annex. In the past, the incentive “was only given if you asked for it,” but now it is given to anyone who annexes into the city.

Mayor Keyserling asked if the city needs to have the incentives. Mr. Prokop said staff feels they are needed because “in some areas, the difference in taxes is significant.”

Councilman Murray said there is a difference in the tax burden, depending on where county residents are in relation to fire services (e.g., Burton versus Lady’s Island). Property owners have to petition to come into the city, and he thinks the incentives provide a reason to do that, which allows the city to close up donut holes.

Mr. Prokop said there is a misconception that the county “loses all its taxes when something is annexed” into the city. The only change is in the fire district fee, he said; the school and the county get all the same fees that they were getting before the annexation. The benefit to the City of Beaufort is only in “streamlining, not in making more money,” Mr. Prokop said.
Kathy Todd said Boundary Street is “pretty much finalized,” and the amendment to the budget for the Greenlawn Drive project is done, so they have “a better final number of $3.8 million” in TIF II funds. Therefore, it’s “time to prioritize projects,” so she is presenting five for council to offer direction on: property acquisition on Polk Street, the “municipal complex security retrofit,” land acquisition, the Public Works building upfit, and the median in front of City Hall/the Spanish Moss Trail connection.

Councilman Cromer asked if there are any timelines on expending the funds. Ms. Todd said there’s no deadline, but they can’t be held indefinitely without a plan. They held on to them to ensure they would have enough money for Boundary Street, and TIF II was the backup for that.

Councilman Cromer asked if an ordinance would need to be amended for these projects, and Mr. Prokop said no.

Mr. Prokop said the estimate for the parallel road is between $12 and $15 million. Engineering suggests that they “should think about this down the road.” They are looking at an alternative design, and that probably will be even more expensive, he said. The breakdown is $4.5 million in easement costs, $3 million in engineering, permitting, etc. and $5 to $6 million in construction costs. They are planning to retain $2 million for a possible grant match, Mr. Prokop said.

There are “things that need to be fixed,” Mr. Prokop said, in City Hall and the municipal complex. The current number doesn’t include an upfit for a potential county rental of the space because the discussions about that are still ongoing, and the upfit would cost $1 million. “Land acquisition” is to complete “what we have on Boundary Street,” he said.

The Public Works building upfit is to fix things there that have been put off and need repair, Mr. Prokop said. The final item is to connect the Spanish Moss Trail along Highway 170 and to fix “the median out here” in front of City Hall. He said those costs “might be a little high.” Staff recommends these as the priorities for the remaining TIF II funds, along with a reserve, Mr. Prokop said. He added that money is being put aside for land acquisition on Boundary Street.

Councilman Murray asked about the $750,000 “security retrofit.” Mr. Prokop said it’s for security in the City Hall offices; air handlers in the police department; work on sensors and “automatic lights off”; additional office space for the planning department, and door replacement at City Hall and the municipal buildings. Councilman Murray asked if TIF II funds need to be used for this, and if the doors couldn’t be refurbished. The price they got was $4,000 – $5,000 per door set, Mr. Prokop said. They would be replaced with a composite, Matt St. Clair said.
Councilman Murray asked for a presentation about the parallel road, which will get more difficult to put in over time. The private sector is being asked to put in businesses there with the expectation that a parallel road will be put in, he said. Mr. Prokop said they want to look at “the third alternative,” and then they would make a presentation. Property owners have said they won’t give up their land and the use of it because it’s more valuable to them to keep it rather than selling, he said. Councilman Murray said he knows some property owners would be unhappy to have their properties divided.

Mayor Keyserling said he uses Polk Street “all the time” to avoid Boundary Street traffic. Councilman Murray asked if they have looked at capacity on Boundary Street in 10 to 20 years, because it will “become unsustainable at some point.” He knows the city has these needs that staff has presented, and that “another funding stream will be needed” to meet those needs, but the TIF II funds are “a valuable pot of money” that is meant for improvements to Boundary Street.

Mayor Keyserling suggested the funds could be leveraged against a federal grant.

Mayor Keyserling said he doesn’t think the parallel road should be abandoned because it was an integral part of the Boundary Street plan; he thinks not doing the parallel road first was the right thing to do in order to “generate public confidence” in the project.

Councilman Murray said the Taylor Motors site is for sale, as is an adjacent site, and all that property is in the opportunity zone; the city could create a package with incentives for affordable workforce housing, “in addition to the opportunity zone.” A developer could then take those sites and build workforce housing, Councilman Murray said, but s/he would have to be told that s/he has to site the buildings on one side or the other of a road that might be built in the future. Mr. Prokop said developers complain about having to build “up at the street,” per the Beaufort Code.

Mayor Keyserling said property that goes back to the marsh has been on the market for some time. Ms. Todd said this is why they want to have funds in reserve; they don’t want to sit on the $3.8 million indefinitely. They need to make decisions and then set some money aside for consideration for the parallel road.

Councilman Murray said the city could go to the school district and its county partners and ask them to forgo some revenue in order to make an investment in spaces that would help to spur private investment. Councilman McFee said the TIF district created the growth, which “created a higher tax base for them.”

Ms. Todd said TIF II was created to help fund the City Hall and municipal buildings. Boundary Street was supposed to be funded by the federal government and impact fees, but there was a shortage from the county in sales tax dollars. TIF II dollars were generated to create a bond for the municipal buildings, she said. The school district and
the county “didn’t lose anything,” Ms. Todd said. “Before Boundary Street, the increment went up”; the value was $3.8 million, and there was “growth [that] generated an increment.”

Ms. Todd said the TIF II increment dollars paid for the TIF debt, not the general fund debt mil. Mayor Keyserling said there was a referendum on the general obligation bond for City Hall. Ms. Todd said TIF II supplemented that.

Councilman Murray said the city still has debt obligation on City Hall; instead of using the TIF funds to “accelerate payment on the buildings,” it was rolled into the Boundary Street project. Ms. Todd said she doesn’t know the legality of using TIF II dollars to pay off the debt on City Hall. Councilman Murray said the funds were spent on Boundary Street, so it doesn’t matter.

Councilman Murray said if they completed the parallel road, it might spur development along the corridor. He feels they might need to have a conversation about this, and they might determine there would not be a parallel road, but they need to decide if it’s a priority before they commit “a very valuable pot of funds” to it.

Mr. Prokop said they need to determine if they want to do the land acquisition on Boundary Street, fix the Public Works building, and work on the City Hall median and the Spanish Moss Trail connection; they need to decide if they want to spend the money or not spend anything. Mayor Keyserling said the city is obligated on the land acquisition. Ms. Todd said there is money “in the land fund.”

Mayor Keyserling asked what the decision-making process is and what the time frame for it is. Councilman Murray said he doesn't feel he has enough information to make a decision about spending the funds, and he’d like to see a presentation on the parallel road and “a breakdown” on the municipal complex security retrofit and the Public Works building.

Mr. Prokop said this would be only along the edge of the road; it would connect the wider sidewalk to the trail. Ms. Todd said this would move it to the Capital Improvements Fund, to be considered in the budget process.

Councilman Murray said they didn’t look at the city’s Capital Improvement Plan at the retreat. Ms. Todd said it was in the presentation, but they didn’t spend time on it.

Councilman Murray said the area in front of City Hall and the Spanish Moss Trail connection are on Boundary Street, so he feels they are “legitimate expenses.” Mr. Prokop said the rest – except for the parallel road – will be part of staff’s budget presentation.

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE STANDARDS FOR THE PLACEMENT OF SMALL**
WIRELESS FACILITIES IN COVERED AREAS OF THE CITY OF BEAUFORT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. Prokop said there is a model ordinance in council’s packets from the Municipal Association of South Carolina; he wanted them to be aware that it will be brought forward with the city’s ordinance when it’s finalized. He has a letter from Dick Stewart, which Mr. Prokop will send to council, in which Mr. Stewart expresses his concern about this matter.

There was a general discussion about what is happening with this in the state legislature.

STRATEGIC PLAN 2019-2021

Mr. Prokop said he had given council the plan, and he wants the public to know the 7 goals; there are dates and metrics for all of them. He said this plan incorporates things discussed in the Beaufort 2030 meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Title 30, Chapter 4, and Section 70 (a) (2) of the South Carolina Code of Law, Councilman Murray made a motion, seconded by Councilman McFee, to enter into Executive Session for discussion of contractual agreements. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before council, the work session was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.
A regular session of Beaufort City Council was held on April 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Beaufort Municipal Complex, 1901 Boundary Street. In attendance were Mayor Billy Keyserling, Councilwoman Nan Sutton, Councilmen Mike McFee, Stephen Murray, and Phil Cromer, and Bill Prokop, city manager.

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d) as amended, all local media were duly notified of the time, date, place, and agenda of this meeting.

Councilman Murray made a motion, second by Councilman Cromer, to adjourn the executive session. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Keyserling said the item discussed in executive session is on the meeting’s agenda.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Keyserling called the regular council meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilman McFee led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Tom McMahon said he was presenting council with a petition from city residents to deny the liquor license application for the proposed “Pink Pub” at 902 Boundary Street because they object to “that type of business so near to campus housing” and Bridges Preparatory School.

MINUTES
Councilman McFee made a motion, second by Councilman Cromer, to approve the minutes of the special city council regular meeting on March 12, 2019. Councilman Cromer said on page 2, in the third paragraph from the bottom, in the second line, he misspoke, and he’d like to clarify that “a large number” should be “a surprising number.”

Councilman McFee said on page 1, the call to order was for the “special regular session,” not a work session. The motion to approve the minutes as amended passed unanimously.

Councilman McFee made a motion, second by Councilman Cromer, to approve the minutes of the council work session on March 19, 2019. The motion to approve the minutes as submitted passed unanimously.

Councilman McFee made a motion, second by Councilman Cromer, to approve the minutes of the work session and regular meeting on March 26, 2019. Councilman Cromer said in last sentence, it should be “a 'vac' truck,” not “a back truck.” The motion to approve the minutes as amended passed unanimously.
ORDINANCE AMENDING PART 9 CHAPTER 1 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL SECTIONS 9-1002 AND 9-1003
Councilman Murray made a motion, second by Councilman McFee, to approve the ordinance amendment on second reading. Ivette Burgess said this is second reading, and it is being brought to council as part of the ordinance cleanup. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5.8.4.A OF THE BEAUFORT CODE – “DESIGN STANDARDS FOR EXTERIOR LIGHTING” – TO ALLOW LIGHT POLES IN AUTOCENTRIC AREAS TO BE A MAXIMUM OF 30 FEET ABOVE GRADE
Councilman McFee made a motion, second by Councilman Murray, to approve the ordinance amendment on first reading. Mr. Prichard said the maximum height would be 30’ above grade in autocentric areas. In pedestrian-oriented areas, the maximum height would be 15’. The MPC recommended these for the maximum heights, he said, and recommended that the planning director should make these decisions.

Mr. Prichard said, in a parking lot, from a distance of 20’, a 25’ light pole would look shorter than a 15’ light pole looks on the sidewalk. He read the changes to the ordinance.

Mayor Keyserling explained the need for the ordinance amendment. Councilman Murray said there will be “some transition” before more pedestrian-oriented areas will be possible.

Councilman Murray made a motion, second by Councilman McFee, to amend the ordinance to include a provision that light poles over 15’ in the Historic District must be approved by the HDRB (Historic District Review Board).

Chuck Symes, 507 Craven Street, said he approves of the amendment. He understands the city’s position on development and redevelopment, but protecting the Historic District is “one other major function” of the city. He’d prefer that the Historic District be excluded from the ordinance, but he said he accepts the compromise Councilman Murray has proposed.

Mayor Keyserling said people could appeal this, whether there is an ordinance or not, but this is a way to protect the Historic District.

Councilman Murray said the Beaufort Code was passed, but there are a couple of sites that the city wants to have redeveloped, and 15’ light poles wouldn’t look good there. Some sites in the Historic District might come up for redevelopment in the next few years, and this amendment would allow public input on that, and allow the citizen-advisory board (HDRB) to be able to vet those projects and determine what makes sense for each of them individually. Mr. Symes said he understands that, but he feels “the
Historic District is unique.”

**Peggy Simmer** lives in the Historic District and has a parking lot behind her house. She said she appreciates Mr. Symes’ comments and Councilman Murray’s compromise.

**Mike Sutton** said anyone can go to SCE&G and apply for a street light permit. He suggested that people measure all the different sizes of light poles in the area.

**Maxine Lutz**, 811 North Street, thanked council and staff for further discussion of this ordinance. She’d still like to know what areas in the Historic District are considered autocentric. She thought of “ten,” including “the large dirt parking lot that the Baptist Church owns,” the post office, the downtown marina parking lot, the flat surface parking lot that 303 Associates owns, and “the Dowling block” on Bladen Street. Ms. Lutz agrees with Mr. Symes that the maximum light pole height should be 15’ in the Historic District, with people able to ask the city for more height, if need be.

Mr. Prichard said a parking lot is autocentric “on its face,” but he’s a little concerned that 15’ poles “might give [the Historic District] something they don’t want” and that isn’t good for it. For example, a parking lot full of old streetlights would “look like a parking lot full of candles,” he said. With taller lights, there can be fewer of them, and they can be full cut-off. Mr. Prichard said even if an area in the Historic District is autocentric, if it’s redeveloped, that would be discussed at the HDRB meetings.

Mayor Keyserling said based on the Civic Master Plan, he personally feels that none of those places Ms. Lutz mentioned, or “anything downtown – especially in the Historic District” – would be considered autocentric if it were to be “improved.”

Councilman Murray said he thinks Mayor Keyserling is saying that if someone wants a variance for light poles, they could go to the ZBOA, but he has confidence in the HDRB to determine if there should be a variance. He felt Mr. Sutton’s point was good: Other than on Craven Street, the rest of the neighborhood (i.e., The Point) has “utility lights.” If those were pulled off, and they were required to go through the regulatory process, they wouldn’t want to replace them with 15’ or shorter lights, Councilman Murray said. Ms. Lutz replied that The Point is not “autocentric.”

Mr. Prokop said he doesn’t think there’s any light pole shorter than 20’ on Newcastle Street. They wanted to light the basketball court in Washington Street Park, so those poles will have to be taller than 15’, he said, adding that the light poles in many cases in the Historic District are already taller than 15’.

**Heather Seifert**, Historic Beaufort Foundation (HBF), said the organization would like “specific language that excludes 30’ light poles in the Historic District.”

Mr. Symes said he realizes there are “tall poles in The Point with dangling wires,” and
he’d “love to get rid of them” and have shorter, “more historic-looking” light poles. Those poles have been there for a long time, he said, but this discussion is about what residents want in the future and what they want it to look like.

The amendment to the motion passed unanimously. The amended motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF THE CITY MANAGER ENTERING INTO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SAFE HARBOR MARINAS (SHM BEAUFORT DOWNTOWN MARINA, LLC)**

Councilman Murray made a motion, second by Councilman McFee, to approve the city manager entering into the lease agreement. This agreement was the subject of the executive session, Mayor Keyserling said. Mr. Prokop said there are “a few technical areas” that need to be finalized in the lease. He introduced Jason Hogg and Jeff Rose from Safe Harbor. Both expressed their excitement about this partnership.

Mayor Keyserling said council went over the lease in executive session, and there are some small issues that need to be worked out by the attorneys, but he thinks everything will be ironed out by the next council meeting.

Mr. Prokop thanked staff and volunteers for all of their work on this. This lease is “a win-win,” he said, and Safe Harbor has committed to donating $50,000 to the Beaufort Pride of Place program.

Councilman Murray made a motion, second by Councilman Cromer, to table this item. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF THE CITY MANAGER ENTERING INTO LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Councilman Cromer made a motion, second by Councilman Murray, to approve the city manager entering into the agreement. Mr. Prokop said this a memorandum of understanding between the Town of Bluffton and the City of Beaufort police departments. Both cities’ attorneys have worked on this new memorandum of understanding to allow Beaufort police officers to respond if Bluffton requests support and vice versa, he said. The motion passed unanimously.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

Mr. Prokop said the Santa Maria ship has come in. The downtown merchants said the First Friday event last week was very successful.

The city is getting ready for the best Taste of Beaufort ever on May 3 and 4, Mr. Prokop said, and the city is planning for “National Tourism Travel Week” a couple of weeks after that.

Mr. Prokop thanked Rick Griffin and his staff for their years of work at the marina. The
new management at the marina has “a national reputation for being one of the most professionally run operations” in the US, he said.

Mr. Prokop welcomed Ms. Seifert as the new executive director at HBF.

April 22 is Earth Day, Mr. Prokop said, and Public Works, Beaufort County, and Port Royal will be taking that day to pick up trash all over the county; he asked others to also pick up litter.

Budget review for the upcoming year will begin at the council’s work session on April 23, Mr. Prokop said.

MAYOR’S REPORT
Mayor Keyserling mentioned the Henry Louis Gates special on Reconstruction on PBS. There was a special presentation of the program for Young Leaders of Beaufort, he said, and it was “terrific.”

COUNCIL REPORTS
Councilman Murray said Friday is Co-working at the Corridor, and at 8:00 a.m. Friday, Lady’s Island Middle School students who are headed to the world-level robotics competition.

Councilman Murray said, through a partnership with the Beaufort Arts Council and the Pat Conroy Literary Center, Tjawangwa Dema, author of “The Careless Seamstress,” will be giving a reading at the Mather School at TCL on April 10.

There being no further business to come before council, Councilman Cromer made a motion, second by Councilman Murray, to adjourn the regular council meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.
TO: William Prokop, City Manager  
City Council  

FROM: Linda Roper, Dir. Downtown Operations & Community Service  

DATE: May 7, 2019  

SUBJECT: Request for Street Closures for Tabernacle Baptist Church – Saturday May 25, 2019 for 5K Run/Walk for Christ  

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Tabernacle Baptist Church will hold their annual Run/Walk for Christ event, Saturday May 25, 2019. The event begins at 8am and participants will rally at the church then walk along the sidewalks through historic downtown neighborhoods. A portion of the participants will use a route, (attached), which has been reviewed and approved by Chief Clancy with the stipulation that participants on this route utilize the sidewalks only during the event.

To accommodate participants who choose to run the event, Tabernacle Baptist Church requests permission to close streets from 8am – 10am to accommodate the route for the event which begins at Tabernacle Baptist Church and includes a portion of Craven St. to Carteret St to then connect to the standard 5K route across the Woods Memorial Bridge to Lady’s Island, down Meridian Road to then run the reverse of the same route back to Tabernacle Baptist Church. All street closures and related controls will be coordinated with the City of Beaufort Police Department, Beaufort County Sheriff’s Department, SC DOT, and the Bridge section of the Seventh Coast Guard District.

Thank you for your consideration.

Idr
CITY OF BEAUFORT
WATERFRONT PARK APPLICATION
1911 Boundary Street
Phone: 843-525-7084    Fax: 843-586-5606

Name of Event: Run/Walk for Christ

Date(s) of Event: 25 May 2019
Setup start/end time: 8:00 AM
Actual event start/end time: 8:30 AM
Take down start/end time: 10:00 AM

Organization/Individual Name: Tabernacle Baptist Church
Kenneth Redburn

Address: P.O. Box 1564
Telephone: 843-524-0076
Email: KRedburn@bmbsc.org

Completed application must be received and approved by the Events Coordinator, Linda Roper.
Full receipt of deposit must be received to ensure securing your requested date for rental of the Waterfront Park.
Deposits are refundable provided the venue is returned in the same condition it was received.

Please mail completed application to:
City of Beaufort, Attn: Linda Roper, 1401 Boundary Street, Beaufort, SC 29902, or
scan and email to Events@beaufort-sc.gov.

All private events must follow the Special/Private Events Policy. To discuss specifics of the desired event,
you must contact the Events Coordinator at 843-524-7084.

Is event open to the public? Yes
Will admission be charged or donation required? Yes
Will alcoholic beverages be sold? No
Will food be sold? No
Will there be any retail sales? No
Number of people expected to attend: 50

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PUBLIC ASSEMBLY AND PARADE APPLICATION

City of Beaufort – City Manager’s Office (2nd Floor)
1911 Boundary Street, Beaufort, South Carolina, 29902

To be filed NOT LESS than 30 days before event

Please Check One: ☐ Public Assembly Request ☐ Parade Request

Name of Applicant: Abraham Simon

Address: PO Box 1564 - Beaufort, SC 29901 Phone # 843 534-9417

Name of Sponsoring Organization: Tabernacle Baptist Church

Address: 911 Craven Street / Mailing (PO Box 1564 - Beaufort, SC 29901)

PUBLIC ASSEMBLY: $25.00 non-refundable application fee is applied when 50 or more in attendance

Date of Public Assembly: 5/25/2019 Time Assemble will begin: 7:00 am

Location of Assembly Area: Church Grounds

Type of Public Assembly (including description of activities): Annual Walk/Run for Christ through Beaufort

Description of Recording Equipment, sound amplification equipment, banners, signs, or other devices to be used:

PARADE: $25.00 non-refundable application fee is payable when the application is submitted

Date of Parade: 5/25/19

Time Parade Will Begin: 8:00 am Parade will Terminate: 11:00 am

Time Parade Line-Up Begins: Location(s) of Line-Up Area(s):

Route Proposed (Giving Starting & Termination Points): 911 Craven Street

Route diagram attached

Approximate Number of Persons, Animals & Vehicles Constituting Parade: 50 - 100

Parade Will Occupy All of the Width of the Streets to be Traversed

Parade Will Occupy Only a Portion of the Width of the Streets to be Traversed X

Interval of Space between Units in Parade:

NOTE: IF THE PARADE IS DESIGNED TO BE HELD BY AND ON BEHALF OF OR FOR ANY PERSON OTHER THAN THE APPLICANT, THE APPLICANT FOR SUCH PERMIT SHALL FILE A LETTER FROM THAT PERSON WITH THE CITY MANAGER AUTHORIZING THE APPLICANT TO APPLY FOR THE PERMIT ON HIS BEHALF.

Signature of Applicant: Abraham Simon Date: 3-10-2019

OFFICE USE ONLY: Application Received By: Date Received: Receipt #: Approved By:
RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT APRIL 2019 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

WHEREAS, April 11, 2019 marks the 51st anniversary of the passage of the U.S. Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, and the State of South Carolina enacted the South Carolina Fair Housing Law in 1989, that both support the policy of Fair Housing without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, sex, familial status, and handicap, and encourages fair housing opportunities for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beaufort is committed to addressing discrimination in our community, to support programs that will educate the public about the right to equal housing opportunities, and to plan partnership efforts with other organizations to help assure every citizen of their right to fair housing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beaufort rejects discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability or familiar status in the sale, rental, or provision of other housing services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beaufort desires that all its citizens be afforded the opportunity to attain a decent, safe and sound living environment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina does hereby designate April 2019 as being Fair Housing Month, and recognizes the policy supporting Fair Housing by encouraging all citizens to endorse Fair Housing opportunities for all not only during Fair Housing Month but throughout the year.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Beaufort to be affixed this 23rd day of April, 2019.

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BILLY KEYSERLING, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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IVETTE BURGESS, CITY CLERK