

A regular session of Beaufort City Council was held on January 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Beaufort Municipal Complex, 1901 Boundary Street. In attendance were Mayor Billy Keyserling, Councilmen Mike McFee, Stephen Murray, and Phil Cromer, and Bill Prokop, city manager. Councilwoman Nan Sutton was absent.

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 regular council meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilman McFee led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LOWE'S AS A VALUED COMMUNITY PARTNER**

**Councilman McFee made a motion, second by Councilman Murray, to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.** Councilman McFee read the resolution, and Mayor Keyserling presented it to representatives of Lowe's.

### **MINUTES**

**Councilman Murray made a motion, second by Councilman Cromer, to approve the minutes of the work session and regular council meetings on November 13, 2018.**

Mayor Keyserling abstained from the vote because he was not present at the meeting. On page 5, Councilman Cromer said, "security lighting" should be "security lining." Councilman McFee said he – not Mayor Keyserling – had made the calls to order as both the work and regular sessions. **The motion to approve the minutes as amended passed 3-0.**

**Councilman Murray made a motion, second by Councilman McFee, to approve the minutes of the work session and regular council meetings on November 27, 2018.**

Mayor Keyserling abstained from the vote because he was not present at the meeting. Councilman McFee said he – not Mayor Keyserling – had made the calls to order for both the work and regular sessions. On page 4, Councilman McFee said that in the last bullet point on page 4, "EDC" should be "MASC" (Municipal Association of South Carolina). **The motion to approve the minutes as amended passed 3-0.**

### **ADOPTION OF MASC 2019 ADVOCACY INITIATIVES** 11 SEP

**Councilman Murray made a motion, second by Councilman McFee, to approve the proclamation adopting the initiatives. Ms. Todd read the proclamation. The motion passed unanimously.**

**REQUEST FROM DOWNTOWN OPERATIONS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO HOST 2019 COMMUNITY EVENTS: TASTE OF BEAUFORT, SHRIMP FEST, HALLOWEEN, & HOLIDAY WEEKEND, INCLUDING STREET CLOSURES FOR EVENTS** [11] [SEP]

**Councilman Murray made a motion, second by Councilman Cromer, to approve the request.** Linda Roper said staff had consolidated its requests to council so they could begin the planning process for the community events. She described what each of the events would involve in general, and in terms of the elements that city council approves (e.g., street closures, wine and beer sales, etc.).

Councilman Murray asked about comp passes for parking for sponsors and said he doesn't want to issue a blanket approval. Ms. Roper said it depends on the number of sponsorships; for Shrimp Festival, it was 20 spaces on Friday and 35 on Saturday. Councilman Murray said, if an applicant from another nonprofit were to come before council, they would not be offered "a blanket waiver." Ms. Roper said, "We actually pay the fee" for parking "from the sponsorships." There was then a discussion about when the city donates spaces for events. Ms. Roper said sponsors are not charged for parking. Councilman McFee suggested capping the number of spaces at 40, and if more spaces are needed, Ms. Roper could update council, so it would know how many spaces are being used by sponsors, even if they're being paid for.

Councilman Murray said he is glad the city is taking on the Halloween event, and the changes they had made this year worked. He asked if they would be coming back with a specific date and use of Waterfront Park for the Halloween event. Ms. Roper said she could do that, but they needed to request permission for it with the other events "because there is an expense to it."

Ms. Roper said the city is looking for partners like Beaufort Area Hospitality Association to help with such events.

**Councilman Murray made a motion to amend the request to include a cap on the number of sponsorship parking spaces at 40 per day for Taste of Beaufort and Shrimp Festival. Councilman McFee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Councilman McFee asked about the port-a-potties being situated throughout the Christmas parade route. Ms. Roper said they would only be in the staging areas. **Councilman McFee made a motion to amend the request to include language stating that port-a-potties would only be in the staging areas. Councilman Murray seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

**The amended motion passed unanimously.**

**REQUEST FOR PERMISSION FROM LOWCOUNTRY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TO HOST 2ND ANNUAL LOWCOUNTRY HABITAT TURKEY TROT 5K**

**Councilman McFee made a motion, second by Councilman Cromer, to approve the request for the November 28, 2019 event. Rhonda Carey discussed street closures and other details of the event. Janie Lackman said the first annual Turkey Trot was a great success, so they are very excited about doing it again. The motion passed unanimously.**

**REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO HOST ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARADE FROM BEAUFORT COUNTY MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE**

**Councilman Cromer made a motion, second by Councilman McFee, to approve the request for the January 21, 2019 event. The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPOINTMENTS TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Councilman McFee asked if the terms were staggered. He proposed that they should be so there would be a “constant rotation. **Councilman McFee made a motion, second by Councilman Murray, to approve the appointment of Mike Sutton and Eric Powell to serve 4-year terms, and Jennifer Pender Peterson, Robert Bognadus, and Robert Montgomery to serve 2-year terms on the Building Board of Appeals. The motion passed unanimously.**

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

Mr. Prokop said the city’s new website has been up about a month, and it is getting good feedback.

The Beaufort 2030 Future Lab starts next Thursday at Tabby Place from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mr. Prokop said. 55 participants are confirmed, and the public can attend to observe.

**Stu Rodman** is the new county council chair, Mr. Prokop said.

There was a discussion about attendees at the Future Lab.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilman Murray said Beaufort County Economic Development Corp would be having its annual strategic planning retreat next week.

Councilman Cromer said the Beaufort History Museum has an exhibit on “Beaufort in Films” that is opening this week.

**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 7:36 p.m.**