



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

January 14, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

7:06PM

Mayor Pro Tem, Mike McFee. Members of Council in attendance - Mike McFee, Stephen Murray and Phil Cromer. Members not in attendance, Mayor Keyserling and Nan Sutton.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Phil Cromer

III. PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

A. Character Education Proclamation - Aria Lovejoy, Robert Smalls International Academy

Motion to approve made by Murray and seconded by Cromer. Proclamation read by Councilman Murray and presented to student by Mayor Pro Tem, Mike McFee. Proclamation accepted by student and Assistant Principal for the Academy; Jeremiah Young spoke about the student. Aria's teacher, Ms. Weaver also spoke.

B. Proclamation Proclaiming Beaufort County School Choice Week

Motion to approve made by Murray and seconded by Cromer.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy Todd, Finance Director shared the receipt of the Distinguished Budget Presentation award from Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the City's FY 2020 Budget.

V. MINUTES

A. Worksession and Regular Meeting November 12, 2019

Motion to approve made by Murray and seconded by Cromer. Councilman Cromer asked to please when using acronyms also spell out what it means since the general public may not know what the acronym is for.

Minutes approved as submitted.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance annexing a portion of parcel R200 015 000 0875 0000 into the corporate limits of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina - 2nd Reading

Motion to approve made by Cromer and seconded by Murray. Ordinance was approved in 2nd and final reading unanimously.

- B. Ordinance amending the City of Beaufort zoning map to include a portion of parcel R200 015 000 0875 0000 to be zoned as T5-UC - 2nd Reading

Motion to approve made by Murray and seconded by Cromer. Ordinance was approved in 2nd and final reading unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance amending Part 3 Chapter 2 Sections 3-2002 of the City Code of Ordinances concerning fees for docking on the seawall at the Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park and fines for violation of regulations regarding discharge into the waterways - 1st Reading

Motion to approve made by Murray and seconded by Cromer.

Linda Roper, Downtown Operations Director stated that the proposed change to the ordinance is the linear per foot charge which is currently 50 cents be changed to \$1.00 a foot. This charge is for the larger vessels that park along the Seawall in the Waterfront Park. The other proposed change is amending the section that will define the fines. These changes will mirror the federal statutes.

Councilman Cromer asked for clarification purposes to add for 2nd Reading, “per day” to the proposed Ordinance so patrons know that it’s clear that it’s a per day charge.

Ordinance was approved in 1st Reading unanimously.

- B. Approval to allow the City Manager to enter into a Contractual Agreement with SHM (Safe Harbor Marine) Beaufort Downtown Marina regarding the Pumpout System

Motion to approve made by Murray and seconded by Cromer.

Linda Roper, Downtown Operations Director stated that this an agreement for the use of the Pumpout boat that the City owns.

Approval given unanimously.

VIII. REPORTS

City Manager’s Report - City Manager Bill Prokop gave began by stating the City has received the reimbursement from FEMA from Hurricane Matthew. He went on to say that building permits are up this year compared to last year. The Waterfront Park piling project is now complete on time and on budget along with the Arsenal Roof project. Greenlawn Streetscape project is close to being done and will be on time and on budget. The Mossy Oaks Stormwater project is on track but still waiting on all the permitting to be completed.

Mayor's Report. Mayor Keyserling not in attendance.

Reports by Council Members. Councilman Murray mentioned a meeting taking place at the County regarding the development of Bay Point Island. He also shared the Beaufort Digital Corridor received a \$65,000 grant from the Department of Commerce. This grant will allow the BDC to work with entrepreneurs and more startups. Murray will continue to serve as the City's appointee to the Lady's Island Implementation Committee. Councilman Cromer gave a reminder that the Affordable Task Force will be meeting tomorrow in the Planning Conference. Mayor Pro Tem, Mike McFee gave an update on the last LATS (Lowcountry Area Transportation Study) meeting.

IX. ADJOURN

7:41PM

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