



# City Council Worksession

## Meeting Minutes – Planning Conference Room – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

February 8, 2022

### I. CALL TO ORDER

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5:02 PM

Mayor Stephen D. Murray III

Members of Council in attendance - Phil Cromer, Neil Lipsitz, Mike McFee, Mitch Mitchell, and Mayor Murray.

### II. EMPLOYEE NEW HIRE RECOGNITION

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A. Fire Department - Tim Ogden, Fire Chief.

**Fire Chief Ogden** introduced Firefighter Joshua Preston.

B. Police Department - Dale McDorman, Police Chief.

**Police Chief McDorman** introduced Officer Ashley Turner.

### III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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A. Interviews of Applicants for Boards and Commissions - Parks and Tree Advisory Committee.

Council held a question-and-answer session for all applicants.

Victoria Bergesen, Tamala Conner, Barbara Fariior, Gordon Fritz and Kathryn Rustad.

B. County Impact Fees.

**Bill Prokop, City Manager**, started off my saying that there is only one impact fee that the city is paying to the county and that is for transportation. He went on to state that last year, the fire impact fee was created, and that is our own. On July 27, 2020, discussions were started about new impact fees. The county hired a consultant and looked at transportation, parks, library, and EMS. An email was sent from the county on November 6, 2020, stating that no municipal projects would be added to any of the impact fee projects unless an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) was established. He said that all the local managers objected to this because the rate was unknown. On November 23, 2020, the capital list for the county did not include municipal projects. The municipalities agreed to all take a look at the list and add their municipalities individual needs. On May 20, 2021, the local managers started asking the county about the impact fees. As of today, they still do not know if any of the requested fees have been added.

**Mr. Prokop** stated that on Thursday, February 10, 2022, there is a meeting on the transportation impact fee for all municipalities North of the Broad. City Attorney, Bill Harvey, has been asked to look at the agreements from 2020 to see if they are acceptable. To this date, no Intergovernmental Agreement has been signed with the county.

#### **IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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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) (1) of the South Carolina Code of Law: Discussion regarding personnel - Boards and Commissions.
- B. Pursuant to Title 30, Chapter 4, Section (70) (a) (1) of the South Carolina Code of Law: Discussion regarding citizen appointment to the Beaufort County Transportation Committee.
- C. Pursuant to Title 30, Chapter 4, Section (70) (a) (2) of the South Carolina Code of Law: Discussion regarding pending contracts.
- D. Pursuant to Title 30, Chapter 4, Section (70) (a) (2) of the South Carolina Code of Law: Receipt of Legal Advice regarding pending litigation.

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

No actions from Executive Session.

#### **V. ADJOURN**

**7:15 PM**

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