



# City Council Worksession

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

May 23, 2023

### I. CALL TO ORDER

5:01 PM

Stephen D. Murray III

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

### II. PRESENTATIONS

#### A. Interviews of Applicants for Boards and Commissions.

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

Historic District Review Board - Chris Hartley, Maxine Lutz, Rob Petitgout, and Wayne Reynolds

Tourism Development Advisory Board - Vimal Desai, Matthew McAlhaney

Zoning Board of Appeals - Kevin Blank

#### B. Updates on the Downtown/Point Drainage Project, Southside Park Design Project.

**Neal Pugliese, Project Manager and Michael Horton, Engineer with Davis and Floyd**, gave an update on the Downtown/Point Drainage Projects. Mr. Horton stated that a drainage study was completed in August 2022. The plan identified 28 drainage projects. The estimated cost is \$23 million. The City has received various grants that are slightly under \$18 million. The priority ranking along with grant funds that have been received are as follows:

1. King Street - \$9,460,299.00.
2. Charles/Craven Streets - \$7,527,351.00.
3. Port Republic/Carteret Streets - Combined with the above.
4. Bayard Street - \$800,000.00.
5. Washington/Carteret Streets - TBD.

**Mr. Pugliese and Mr. Horton** then went over each project from Analysis to Closeout.

**Mr. Pugliese** stated that it is critical for the work to be done in a concurrent fashion. There will be construction in many different places happening at the same time. Due to grant funding time constraints, they cannot be done individually.

**Mr. Horton and Linda Roper, Downtown Operations and Community Services Director**, then went over Phase I of the Southside Park Improvements. Mr. Horton stated that construction is slated to commence in January 2024. Ms. Roper indicated there would be two playgrounds. One for ages 2-5 and another for 5-12. She went over the playground equipment that was chosen by the taskforce. All will be ADA compliant.

Mayor Murray would like to have another worksession on the drainage projects to see how it is going to affect the surrounding neighbors near each of the five projects. What is it going to look like? How will the public be notified? Also, what data is being factored in regarding sea level rise and climate change? He would also like to see the same thing done for Southside Park.

### **III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

- A. Pursuant to Title 30, Chapter 4, Section (70) (a) (1) of the South Carolina Code of Law: Discussion regarding personnel appointed by Council.
- B. Pursuant to Title 30, Chapter 4, Section (70) (a) (2) of the South Carolina Code of Law: Discussion regarding the proposed sale or purchase of property.

Mayor Pro Tem, McFee made a motion to recess Executive Session and resume once the Regular Meeting has concluded. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lipsitz. All were in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Lipsitz made a motion to come out of Executive Session and was seconded by Councilman Mitchell.

No actions from Executive Session.

### **IV. ADJOURN**

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**9:30 PM**

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