

A regular meeting of the Beaufort City Council was held on January 25, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Beaufort Municipal Complex, 1901 Boundary Street. In attendance were Mayor Billy Keyserling, Council members Donnie Ann Beer, Mike Sutton, Mike McFee, and City Manager Scott Dadson. Councilman Gary Fordham 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

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was led by Councilwoman Beer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the mayor.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting January 11, 2011 were presented to council for review. On motion by Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman McFee, council voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

The minutes of the work session January 18, 2011 were presented to council for review. On motion by Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Sutton, council voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

AMENDMENT REVISING MARSH GARDENS PLANNED UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT (PUD)

Councilman Sutton, second by Councilwoman Beer, made a motion to revise the amendment on first reading. Ms. Anderson said the amendment had been presented to the Planning Commission January 10 and a public hearing had been held January 11. The application has since been revised at the request of staff to conform to the Marsh Gardens PUD format. The project will be subject to review by the Design Review Board (DRB).

Chris Damgen reminded council that the Boundary Street Master Plan was passed in 2006 and said the plan had been hailed as “one of the boldest and most insightful plans in the country.” He asked that any changes made to the plan were done “with the most careful consideration” and that projects such as this “should not deviate from the plan.” Councilman Sutton said the PUD was created before the Boundary Street Master Plan. Mr. Damgen emphasized that the plan for the PUD should remain consistent with what is planned for Boundary Street and that respect should be given to the parcels surrounding the PUD.

Mayor Keyserling told Mr. Damgen “it’s not a perfect world,” and said he believes “all parties have come together in a way that allows the project to move forward.” He went on to say that both parties have made an effort to bring the plans as close to one another as possible given the economy. He said the developer, staff, and others have considered what Mr. Damgen suggested.

The motion passed unanimously.

**ORDINANCE REZONING A PARCEL OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1403 GREENLAWN DRIVE,
FROM NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL TO MARSH GARDENS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT
(PUD)**

Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Sutton, made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading. Ms. Anderson indicated the property on a map. The proposed zoning is Marsh Gardens PUD. Mayor Keyserling reminded council that Mr. Fordham, though absent, has long held the belief that council should not consider anything before it goes to the Planning Commission, even on first reading, but Mayor Keyserling disagrees with that position and thinks “it makes no sense for the Planning Commission to hold it up.”

Councilman Sutton said the council needs “an extreme understanding of what’s happening in the development areas in the city” and said council, not the volunteer boards, represents the public at large. He went on to say that the volunteer boards “may not have an understanding of the subject.” He believes those boards “should come tell the council if there’s something they don’t know without a battle in public about something (council is) trying to achieve.”

The motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Keyserling thanked Councilman McFee and Erin Dean for their work on the tricentennial celebrations thus far. He noted that Councilman Sutton had said that Bishop Hathaway’s invocation should be given every year as a reminder and he agreed.

Mayor Keyserling said that the Northern Regional Plan Implementation committee will meet Friday, January 28, 2011 at 9:30 in the county building.

REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman McFee briefly discussed possible future tricentennial plans.

Councilwoman Beer said she is working with others on an event to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, and she invited ideas from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before City Council, Councilwoman Beer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman McFee. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
IVETTE BURGESS, CITY CLERK