

A regular meeting of the Beaufort City Council was held on February 8, 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, Gary B. Fordham, Mike Sutton, Mike McFee, and City Manager Scott Dadson.

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 council meeting on January 25, 2011 were presented to council for review. On motion by Councilman McFee, second by Councilwoman Beer, council voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written. Councilman Fordham abstained because he was not present at the meeting.

AMENDMENT REVISING MARSH GARDENS PLANNED UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT (PUD)

Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman McFee, made a motion to approve the amendment on second reading. **Reed Armstrong**, Coastal Conservation League, said it's often difficult to find a satisfactory compromise position between a developer and the city's comprehensive plan, so he was pleased that had apparently happened in this case. He expressed hope that in future projects in the Boundary Street Master Plan area, this will set a precedent. **The motion passed unanimously.**

MOTION TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF REYNOLDS STREET INTO THE CITY SYSTEM

Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Fordham, made a motion to approve acceptance of Reynolds Street into Beaufort's street system. Mayor Keyserling explained the issue in brief to the assembled public.

Councilwoman Beer amended her motion to include consideration of acceptance upon obtaining funds from CTC for resurfacing of the street. Councilman Fordham seconded the amended motion.

Councilwoman Beer withdrew her motion and Councilman Fordham his second. Councilman McFee made a motion to include consideration of acceptance upon obtaining funds from CTC for resurfacing of the street and to include the acceptance of a maintenance agreement between TCL and the City of Beaufort. Councilwoman Beer seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION REQUESTING REDUCTION OF SPEED IN THE BOUNDARY STREET REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Fordham, made a motion to approve the resolution. Mayor Keyserling said the reason for the resolution is that there are design issues at the intersection of Highways 170 and 21 and this will allow for the optimum road curve. Mr. Armstrong said the issue has been clearly laid out, and the resolution was important for the success of the Boundary Street Plan and the safety of vehicles and pedestrians. He wished the city his best in their efforts with the DOT.

Mr. Dadson said he had heard from Rob McFee, the County Division Director of Engineering and Infrastructure, that Mr. McFee is advocating in Columbia for this and other matters. **The motion passed unanimously.**

REQUEST FROM GUILD OF BEAUFORT GALLERIES FOR WAIVER OF OPEN CONTAINER FOR VALENTINE ART WALK

Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Fordham, made a motion to accept the request for the February 14, 2011 event. Councilman McFee asked if this is the same as a previous Art Walk request with regard to its expansion of the event area to Carteret Street. Mr. Dadson said yes. **The motion passed unanimously.**

REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman McFee briefly discussed the two meetings of the Redevelopment Commission he had attended as a new member of the commission.

Councilwoman Beer said a definite date for the next Lt. Dan Weekend will be September 16, 2011.

Councilman Fordham said that several weeks ago, he had questioned the pilings at the site of the old Shell station next to Wendy's on Boundary Street and requested that they be removed so it could be used for parking, but nothing has been done. Councilman Sutton said he disagrees with any plan to use an area intended to be a vista onto the marsh for parking. There was some discussion about this. Mayor Keyserling agreed that signs might be a good idea for notifying the public that it is an open historic site. Councilwoman Beer said she believes it was created to be an open space, not a park or parking area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilwoman Beer, seconded by Councilman McFee, council voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to Title 30, Chapter 4, Section 70(a) (2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws for a legal briefing from the city attorney. The motion was approved unanimously.

Councilwoman Beer, seconded by Councilman Sutton, made a motion to come out of executive session and resume the regular council meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before City Council, Councilwoman Beer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Sutton. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
IVETTE BURGESS, CITY CLERK