

A work session of the Beaufort City Council was held on March 1, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Planning Conference Room, 1911 Boundary Street. In attendance were Council members Donnie Ann Beer, Mike Sutton, Mike McFee, Gary Fordham, Mayor Keyserling 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.

Mayor Keyserling called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION REGARDING COUNCIL COMMUNICATION AND MEETING SCHEDULES

The retreat had focused on communications, Mayor Keyserling said, and conference calls were held with the facilitator about council meetings and getting information out consistently and reliably. John Williams had created communication guidelines that Mr. Dadson reviewed with council and the public in attendance. There was a discussion of what is and isn't in the weekly staff reports. Mayor Keyserling and Councilwoman Beer cited the example of a meeting the previous night regarding repairs in Battery Shores.

There was a discussion of the initial contact role Ivette Burgess will play in the tracking and response to citizens' calls. Mr. Dadson said the proposed system is the best way to accomplish better communication.

Regarding a new meeting schedule, Mayor Keyserling said there had been a question of how to maximize workshops while not ignoring the formality of chambers and citizens' expectations about what council does. Staff recommended 3 work sessions per month. The first and fifth Tuesdays, there will be no meeting without special reason to do so. The second and fourth Tuesdays will be work sessions followed by a formal / regular meeting. The third Tuesday will be just a work session from 5 pm – 8 pm. The second Tuesday's work sessions would include the regional partners and discussion of applicable issues, and the fourth Tuesday will include chairs of the Redevelopment Commission and Joint Municipal Planning Commission. Mr. Dadson said the city attorney said formally changing the meeting time requires an ordinance change, but to do so temporarily does not.

Dave Radford expressed concern about work sessions becoming a consensus-building exercise and the formal meetings then would "merely be voting on a consent agenda," and Mayor Keyserling said this is essentially how it has been. He went on to elaborate on how the process has worked and said that the work sessions have no votes taken and the public is invited to attend and participate. Mr. Dadson went on to explain how the meetings would work and that the issues addressed would not be sequentially handled in order to allow time for public notice and so forth.

Mayor Keyserling feels the work sessions allow council members to be better informed on issues when it comes time to vote. Councilman Sutton said he's fine with the meeting schedule. He has some concerns about the 2 hour work sessions preceding the regular sessions, in the event that the work session only lasts an hour and then there is time spent waiting for the next meeting to start. Going over two hours would not pose a problem, however, in that the matters uncovered can be carried over to the next work session.

Councilman Fordham feels that city council is “getting more bureaucratic,” but added that he’s willing to try it. Mayor Keyserling said this arose from a desire for city council to be better informed and to have more interaction with the Joint Municipal Planning and Redevelopment Commissions.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PARKING ISSUES FOR METER RATES DURING FESTIVALS (MARINA LOT)

Mr. Dadson said the request is to raise the marina lot rate from \$1.60 to \$5 per space per day for those wanting to rent a block of spaces for festival purposes. **Bob Bible**, the 2011 Water Festival Commodore, said the heritage festivals are able to negotiate with the city; this would be an increase of \$4000 over what was paid last year. Vendors feel the South of the Broad Heritage golf tournament and the Water Festival North of the Broad are the two big festivals of the year. Sponsorship dollars are in jeopardy for both big events. To raise this extra money to allow volunteers to park is a hardship. He would prefer a smaller increase or an increase over time to make it easier for festivals to absorb.

Councilman McFee asked if they rented 80 spaces, and Mr. Bible said it varies; they negotiate it each year with the city. Mr. Dadson said they only pay for it when they use it, in that they’re taking the spaces out of use by others. Councilman McFee said the premise is that if the Water Festival isn’t using the space, the festival goers can use the space. Mr. Bible said the volunteers use them, the headquarters trailer is there, and other equipment is parked there. The Water Festival moved to the back parking lot the previous year, and they felt that helped.

Lanelle Fabian said Main Street Beaufort festivals require 2 days, so their budget won’t take the hit Water Festival’s would. Councilman McFee asked what the Gullah Festival uses. **Alice Wallace** said they used 138 spaces altogether. Councilman Sutton said they have in the past requested all the flat parking in the Marina, which Ms. Wallace said is 162 spaces. Mr. Dadson said this changes what the festivals might need to do for parking. Mr. Bible said this begs the safety issue. The area of all the movement is restricted. To only use a portion of it would increase the possibility of an accident. They would like to retain the back area of parking with sponsorship from the city possibly, or “a step system” to get where they need to be.

Randall Burch said he gets calls during Water Festival because the lot isn’t used during the week. It’s blocked off and there’s no access, but it affects the downtown businesses from 10 am – 5 pm until the evening events begin. There’s better management possible of “the upper portion” (closer to Bay Street) when it’s not being utilized by the festivals during the day. Mr. Bible said the craft market is ongoing every day of Water Festival, and they have deliveries of products and no set schedule for those deliveries. Mr. Bible said the festival is not using the portion close to Bay Street. Mr. Burch said that is the portion that is not being used by citizens. Mr. Bible said they don’t block that section off. He detailed what they block off, and Mr. Burch said that’s not what happened last year. Mr. Bible said Water Festival didn’t direct what Mr. Burch is talking about.

Councilman Sutton drew a graphic of the Marina lot and a discussion ensued about the spaces and what is available to the public. Mr. Bible said most of the lot is available to the public during Water Festival. Councilman Sutton said the Gullah Festival asked for and received the whole front blocked off, though there were issues. Ms. Wallace said Water Festival used 104 spaces last year. Councilman

Sutton asked what would be done with the spaces Water Festival wasn't using and said city council needs to consider how they could be used. They need to come up with a way to manage the lot.

Mr. Bible said they run a free shuttle service from the county building. Councilman Sutton suggested the volunteers could use that service. Mr. Bible said the volunteers are downtown mostly during the day for set up, when the shuttle isn't running. Councilman Sutton said the park wasn't designed for the ways it's being used now. He agreed that it is a big fee change, though \$1.60 was too little, he feels. Ms. Wallace said it's not about revenue. Some festival-goers need to park closer, and they can't walk very far, even if they're not able to park in handicapped parking. They might want to park in a space that a volunteer hasn't yet filled.

Mayor Keyserling said he's inclined for representatives of the Gullah Festival, Water Festival, Lanier, Main Street Beaufort and others to study this to determine a better way to manage it and have fewer limits on public access but also not limiting what the festivals do. They might be able to determine something that opens up more spaces to the public and maintains safety. Councilwoman Beer asked who owns the lot across from the federal courthouse. Mayor Keyserling explained and said that the lot gets used during Water Festival. Councilwoman Beer also suggested a shuttle service from King Street.

Councilman Sutton said there is limited parking. He wouldn't support the complete use of the Marina lot by the festivals unless it's at \$5 per space. He said Water Festival needs to say how many spaces they need, and then the city can determine what it will sponsor. The Water Festival may have to pay a little more than before for their percentage. Sponsorship may be used to pay a percentage of the cost. Mayor Keyserling said that the hike may be too big. They should determine the best use for the minimum number of spaces. Councilman Sutton said he'd like to see the lot sectored off and the available spaces determined that aren't used by others, i.e., the horse carriages. Mayor Keyserling said it has been determined in previous studies that restriping the Marina lot would create more spaces.

Councilman McFee said Water Festival should look at the efficiency of the spaces they use to maximize it. Councilman Fordham said they need to get a report in 30 days. Ms. Wallace said monthly charges have "always" been \$35/month and still are. Mayor Keyserling said an owner of a new lot thinks the city is undercutting his \$50/month private lot fee.

DISCUSSION REGARDING A REQUEST FOR A LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT FOR A GRANT TO FUND A FEASIBILITY AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY FOR A POTENTIAL CONFERENCE CENTER IN NORTHERN BEAUFORT COUNTY

Bob Moquin, Visitor and Convention Bureau, said they wanted to approach city council about the hospitality tax. He wanted to quantify the opportunity to build a conference center; seek the city's support in this initiative; and request that the city become a financial partner and supporter in a feasibility/economic impact study. He said this would increase jobs and address consumer demand "for the betterment of businesses and residents alike."

There's the opportunity for a \$100,000 grant from the Hospitality Tax. Mr. Moquin said they need to "quantify the return on investment," determine what the investment would be, and what the benefit is to the community. In 2005, there was a preliminary study done through Georgia Southern. The Visitor

and Convention Bureau wants a national firm to quantify and confirm what they believe based on work so far. They want the city to invest \$12,000 for the study to build a potential \$12 million facility. He said the Town of Port Royal has extended a letter of support.

Mr. Moquin said the money can come from wherever the city likes. Mr. Dadson said city council could designate the county's ATAX money for this. Mayor Keyserling said he doesn't understand why a site survey is done before they know what they want/need to build. Councilman Sutton said there aren't presently enough spaces in the core city or region to host events. There's clearly a need, he said. They need to find a space for it and do a feasibility study. Mr. Moquin said all the work thus far has been through time and effort, not dollars. They identified 3-4 properties which will take care of some of the feasibility study's legwork. The study can also include other opportunities that were missed. The city has property that wasn't necessarily submitted as part of the site evaluation.

Councilman Sutton asked which pot of money the \$12,000 would come out of. Mr. Dadson said the city council could reserve the distribution for this match from the ATAX. They're applying for ATAX with the county. **Carlotta Ungaro** said the grant comes from HTAX. Councilman Sutton asked if it's to fund something the city normally provides. Mayor Keyserling asked about the city's HTAX. Mr. Dadson said "you're going to take it from something else" other than HTAX. Councilman Sutton said he'd like to see it coming from the grant funding stream if they legally can. Ms. Ungaro said the HTAX and ATAX can be used for feasibility studies, etc. Mr. Dadson clarified the numbers the city gets for HTAX and ATAX. Mr. Dadson said the city would use the ATAX grant application if this study is to be funded. Councilman Sutton said if city council supports this, they would make a resolution to pull a fixed amount from the ATAX before granting the rest. Mr. Moquin said a decision by the March 21 would be ideal, if that's possible.

Councilman McFee said he thinks it's appropriate. Mr. Moquin said \$48,000 is on the high side, and they expect it will cost less. Ms. Ungaro reiterated that this study would be a feasibility and economic impact study. Mr. Moquin delineated what the study would look at, including presenting several options on potential funding opportunities as well. Councilwoman Beer said this would be "a wonderful addition to the area."

DISCUSSION REGARDING STATUS OF TEXT AMENDMENT TO UDO REGARDING SHORT TERM RENTALS

Libby Anderson said the Planning Commission reconsidered short-term rentals in residentially zoned neighborhoods. After considerable debate over two meetings, the Planning Commission recommended denial of the recommendation. They felt the zoning change for the whole city raised complicated issues. Ms. Anderson sought guidance as to whether staff should continue to work on a short-term rental ordinance or if the issue should be tabled and addressed through the civic master plan process. Ms. Anderson said if staff continues to work on the ordinance amendment, they will present a revised ordinance at a future work session. If council would like to act on the issue, staff would recommend that city council put it on for a vote on a regular meeting's agenda, vote to deny, and bring closure to the issue. Councilman McFee clarified what the Planning Commission's denial was based on. Ms. Anderson said the applicants for the text amendment have submitted an application for rezoning their Duke Street property. The ordinance on the table is for a citywide zoning change.

Councilwoman Beer said some areas could be exempted. She iterated some of those neighborhoods that do not want short-term rentals and have made that known. Councilwoman Beer asked if the rest of the city has no problem with short-term rentals, why they can't exempt the ones that don't want it or have POAs that don't allow it. Then they can make short-term rental possible by special exception. She feels they should exempt those that don't want it and allow it elsewhere where the neighborhood doesn't have a problem with it. Councilman Sutton said he doesn't know how to exempt, and the special exception does that for them. The UDO has use tables for the neighborhoods throughout the city. Special exception covers exempting out the neighborhoods that don't want it. He suggested that the special exception process will keep short-term rentals out of those neighborhoods that are opposed to them. Councilwoman Beer said long-term rentals are much harder to police than short-term rentals.

Councilman Sutton understands the Planning Commission's thought process but said this issue probably shouldn't go to the Planning Commission, and pushing it off on a future plan isn't necessarily valuable. Councilman McFee said they need to at least look at a stop-gap measure so the businesses can operate. Mayor Keyserling feels there's been investment in the process. They're coming block-by-block. It's on the agenda and he's not comfortable with saying they're making a fundamental change. He's comfortable with accessory dwelling units, commercial and neighborhood corridors, but is unsure about opening the whole city to it, even though he agrees that a neighborhood will mobilize if they don't want it. Since the city hired the Office of Civic Investment, and they will have the first sector done in 3-4 months, Mayor Keyserling feels they should let them do their job. Councilwoman Beer said if they pass it, she doubts many people will be coming in wanting a short-term rental because it's difficult, and the city will have more control over how they do business than they do with long-term rentals. Mayor Keyserling asked if the state's definition was different than the city's. For ATAX purposes, it's 90 days, several people said.

Mr. Radford said the Joint Municipal Planning Commission tried to craft something during 2 public meetings that wasn't happening. They voted on the matter at hand, voted it down, and had discussions among themselves to present to the city at some point about what they concluded. They were unable to do it in those two public meetings. Mr. Radford said he has an owner-occupied accessory dwelling unit and staff could approve under a conditional use in such a situation. He said Jim Hicks at the Planning Commission meeting had nearly proposed a sunset law during the planning process; several city council members said that the city attorney had determined that wasn't legal unless the ordinance was changed since these are businesses that are non-compliant at this time. Mr. Radford said he's been doing it for 20 years, before it was illegal.

John Dickerson said of the 16 properties that the city is aware of, a significant number have the owners either adjacent or close by. Councilwoman Beer said the problematic properties have been those where the owner is out of town. She said in her block there are many houses that are seldom if ever occupied. Councilman Sutton said he believes the Office of Civic Investment's master plan is not going to answer this question. 47% of the property in Beaufort is rentals. He doesn't feel the Office of Civic Investment's master plan is the right tool to use, but special exception is the right process with restrictions that create a filtering system.

Josh Martin said it will be a policy issue. People have said they want a neighborhood-by-neighborhood approach if they don't want short-term rentals. Councilman McFee said Pigeon Point has never been opposed, and he thinks neighborhood-by-neighborhood is the best approach. He thinks the special exception is a good process. There was discussion at the Planning Commission about a pilot project, but that would take months to see how it worked.

Mr. Dadson said zoning is "more contractual in nature." He thinks a process to allow people to conform or not conform is what's needed. He agreed with Mr. Martin and Ms. Anderson: if something is on the books to allow people to go through the zoning and enforcement processes, they still need to come into compliance. The Planning Commission is getting both group and individual feedback; this feedback is contradictory. Council has to deal with the fact that there is a non-conforming condition out there, and they either need to shut those down or allow conformity. Special exception is the provenance of the ZBOA; conditional use is through staff. Mr. Dadson said he hasn't heard the particulars of what are considered the issues here: noise, lighting, etc. These issues need to be listed so they can be enforced afterwards.

Erika Dickerson spoke about their property at 1004 Duke; a special exception allowing a short-term rental will keep it from becoming what the neighborhood doesn't want, which is a commercial office, and if they go to zoning, it will be commercial. With special exception, it will go to being a home that people eventually live in.

Councilman Sutton said "it's not a neighborhood if there are empty houses." Mr. Dickerson said form-based code is set up to show what can be done and the conditions under which a home, business, etc. can be done. This will improve government effectiveness. Mr. Dadson said form-based code will be different in every neighborhood.

Councilman Sutton said if staff was instructed to continue work, he wants to know where city council fits in. He wants city council to have final say. Mayor Keyserling said city council makes the final decision on zoning. Councilman Sutton said he'd "like to have a bite at the apple to ensure the process is working." The annual term of the licensing is a safeguard against the problems people are assuming will happen. Mr. Radford said long-term rental has fewer requirements than short-term rentals, and he doesn't understand that. The city has had one complaint per year for the last 3 years. Councilman Sutton said you can have a B&B but not a short-term rental; it's by special exception in the Historic District, Ms. Anderson said.

Councilman McFee said there are ordinances in the Historic District that are exclusive to those neighborhoods. Councilwoman Beer and Councilman McFee agreed that it should stay more uniform and special exception gives each neighborhood a way to control it. It's a safeguard and allows time for people to respond. Mr. Radford said there have been no problems, and to those who are opposed to it, "perception is reality." If it comes down to personalities, neighbors will be turned against each other. Councilwoman Beer said there's no way to please everyone.

There was some discussion about B&Bs in the city, which Councilman Sutton said is comparable to a short-term rental and is not as regulated as short-term rentals might be. There is a process in place, he

said, that needs to be adapted to the neighborhoods. The non-conforming short-term rentals have been working for years without complaints. Ms. Anderson reiterated the options on this matter: either a vote to deny, which would put the matter to rest, or direction to staff to keep working on accessory dwelling units with the special exception process to allow neighbors' involvement. Councilman Sutton asked if a step involving council could be added instead of just ZBOA.

Mr. Radford said if a ZBOA decision is appealed, one can't challenge public opinion, only the procedure. Mayor Keyserling said he's hearing that city council wants staff to proceed with developing the recommendation. Councilman Sutton recommended bringing it back to a future workshop, and he feels city council has a role in due diligence in the process. Ms. Anderson said an ordinance can be adopted or rescinded if it's not working. The businesses that get licenses will be legal conforming uses if they come in and get licenses and they could continue to operate. Councilman Sutton said they need someone to monitor the businesses to ensure they're "good neighbors." He reiterated his desire to have city council involved in the process and not just being at staff or volunteer board level. Councilman McFee said the business license process would be a powerful tool. When the neighborhoods see it in place, they will have less to fear. As the Office of Civic Investment works, it will be likely to change and evolve this as well. Mr. Martin said while the ordinances are being drafted, in the meantime someone could go through a rezoning.

DISCUSSION REGARDING STOKES HONDA ANNEXATION/REZONING

Mr. Dadson said they need to know if council is fine with expediting this process. Ms. Anderson said the property owners have been notified of the public hearing. Mr. Dadson said Stokes Honda is requesting annexation into the city. They have been working on building new facilities. They are half in the city and half in the county. They are requesting annexation into the city; they will build an addition to their facilities and be a part of the city. The question for city council is a first reading next week. Councilman Fordham agreed. Ms. Anderson said Planning Commission has already heard the matter and offered a positive recommendation. Councilman McFee asked why Stokes will benefit from being in the city. Ms. Anderson said for the site plan they want, the building can't be half in the city and half in the county. They want their site plan to not be split jurisdictionally.

DISCUSSION REGARDING DEMOLITIONS OUTSIDE THE HISTORIC DISTRICT

Ms. Anderson said the HDRB is required to review demolition of structures *outside* the Historic District but *within* the historic survey. If the HDRB denies the demolition, it's stayed for 180 days. There's ambiguity they want to clear up with an ordinance amendment, and they want council input. Ms. Anderson said delay might be argued to be useless. Others might say the delay is good to allow others like Historic Beaufort Foundation to find other options. Some might say the decision to demolish should be definitive or should NEVER be allowed.

Pete Palmer said Historic Beaufort Foundation is having its annual meeting March 21, 2011 at 5:30 pm at the Yacht and Sailing Club. Sometimes a special building comes up, and it's hard to find someone who will pay to move it. He knows having some time with it is a bump in the road. The owners know they own them and what their value is. He urged city council to maintain the 180 day delay or that amount could be just 90 with a possible extension "if you've got something live." They would know in 90 days if they had someone who would be able to move a house.

Mayor Keyserling said “there are gradations of these things.” Mr. Palmer said the number of buildings saved this way is quite small. Councilman Sutton said it’s not a matter of needing to know about it – they know that – it’s not HDRB’s process to have to follow an ordinance that gives them the right to only have 180 days. He doesn’t want to burden them with a bad policy or give them the power to deny. Councilman Sutton said the process doesn’t work as written. He thinks it’s important to delay, but he wants to know how to fix the process instead of sending it to HDRB. Mr. Palmer said he’s not here with proposed language. Councilman McFee said he heard that Ms. Anderson said they should clear up the ambiguity in the document. Mr. Palmer said Councilman Sutton is saying that HDRB may not be the appropriate vehicle to determine demolition. Councilman Sutton said he hated hearing those cases when he sat on HDRB; 180 days is a maximum if there’s denial.

Maurice Ungaro said it’s frustrating to sit on the board because all they can do is delay it, which doesn’t give anyone an option. If it’s outside the Historic District, it shouldn’t come to the HDRB. Moving houses “cheapens the Historic District” and is not recommended nationally. The Historic District should be expanded, new districts created, or that piece of authority removed from the HDRB.

There was general discussion about the amount of time that is appropriate and process. Ms. Anderson said HDRB sometimes votes against demolition and sometimes vote for it, and the owners know that. Historic Beaufort Foundation has a seat on the HDRB, Councilman McFee said. If the board moves forward on demolition, Historic Beaufort Foundation is aware of it. Mr. Palmer said Historic Beaufort Foundation gets the HDRB agenda ahead of time. Mr. Ungaro said that’s not so. Mr. Dadson said every HDRB has Historic Beaufort Foundation in it, for at least the last five years. He agreed with Councilman Sutton that when the application comes in, the clock should start so HDRB has more control over the situation and can steer it differently. Mayor Keyserling said staff might take the place of HDRB.

Councilman Sutton asked what application a citizen is required to do; Ms. Anderson said as part of the demolition process, the city posts notice. Councilman Sutton said the posting could allow that those with an interest in it will know about the potential demolition and allow public discussion. HDRB is not appropriate since it’s outside the Historic District, but he then wondered who it should be making the decision. There needs to be some kind of advertisement out there as part of the process. If they can’t do that, they could keep it with HDRB.

Ms. Anderson said HDRB doesn’t advertise it for sale or giveaway; they post the property with a sign and put a notice in the paper. Mayor Keyserling asked if they could go further. Mr. Palmer said the house is coming down “unless you want to take it and move it somewhere” is a different message than “a house is going to be demolished.” Mayor Keyserling said if staff reviews and advertises, they could potentially do a broader advertisement with staff as a contact. Ms. Anderson said they don’t own the structures, so saying it’s available for take-away doesn’t seem feasible. Mr. Dadson said it’s not, and he likes “clicking back to the time of application.” The fee can be for advertising, and they can say whatever they want: i.e., opportunity for redevelopment, preservation in Beaufort on their web page. The other part of the fee goes to the legal process and Historic Beaufort Foundation becomes “the amplifier for the issue.” Mr. Palmer said a wrinkle is that in some places on the county register, no one wants to go through the process, and someone needs to make that judgment. Mr. Ungaro suggested

Historic Beaufort Foundation. Mr. Dadson said the market should make that judgment, if the market thinks it's worth saving.

Councilman Sutton asked the problem with a delay when it's on the survey. There might be circumstances that crop up if the structure is dangerous. Ms. Anderson added that some owners genuinely don't know their property is on the historic survey, and they're ready to demolish and build something new; that's an aspect of this matter to be considered.

Mayor Keyserling said if Ms. Anderson says it's historic, then HDRB is scheduled, which could mean 30-45 days before there's a hearing. If it's something obviously coming down, he asked why anyone's time should be tied up. Some can and should be saved; they're trying to figure out how to protect the building while also enabling someone to move on with what they want to do. Councilwoman Beer said 180 days shouldn't be the ONLY time. HDRB can release something if it's got to come down.

Councilman Sutton said the process isn't working now; he cited a section of the review procedures that was confusing. Ms. Anderson said it could be worded better. Mr. Ungaro said some houses on Ribaut need to come down; on the other hand, a 1920s house was torn down that was listed on the survey so the builder could build "a Lowcountry house," and now there's an empty lot there. The rules are different in the Historic District. He thinks they should take it off the HDRB's list, or there need to be new historic districts.

Mr. Ungaro said there are probably a couple of these per year, usually. There have been more in the Historic District than outside of it. Mr. Dadson said the idea was to get direction. They can go through the Planning Commission if they want it to move through the process, unless they want it to stay the same. Councilman Sutton said there's no question the document needs to be cleaned up. Ms. Anderson said they can do that without changing the process, if that's the direction they're given. Councilman McFee doesn't think the HDRB is the venue for it. Mayor Keyserling asked if Planning could do it. Ms. Anderson said HDRB knows about historic structures. Historic Beaufort Foundation could possibly replace it. Mr. Palmer said Historic Beaufort Foundation "is not a creature of the city." Councilman Sutton said city council should ask Joel Newman to come in and talk to city council and see how broken it is. The language should be cleaned up and then the board talked with to determine better direction. They will take this to HDRB for a recommendation and then will report back, Ms. Anderson said.

PARKING METERS

Mayor Keyserling said the additional Carteret meters were removed. He has had three different businesses say that through the winter, almost every space with 30 minute meters was vacant, plus the three near the Carnegie building and the three next to Rainey Antiques. The Carteret south side meters could be bagged when they know a bus is coming. Councilman Sutton said he thinks that's a good idea. Mr. Burch wanted it to be vetted through the Visitor and Convention Bureau board first. Mayor Keyserling said he understands 30 minutes at Craven, but "dead spaces make no sense." He asked if they were going to put meters on West Street across from Nippy's and at the furniture warehouse near Breakwater.

Councilman McFee asked if the pedestrian marking is happening; Mr. Dadson said after the mast arms are installed, there will be a crossing at USCB, and at Craven and Carteret Streets, there will be a pedestrian sign. Councilwoman Beer asked if on Sunday her church can have a pedestrian crossing. Mr. Dadson said they've continued to say no at that crossing on North Street. A crossing at Port Republic is allowed, Mr. Dadson said, because it "creates a timing sequence and slowness" that fits in their criteria. A discussion ensued among all council on the matter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
IVETTE BURGESS, CITY CLERK