

A work session of the Beaufort City Council was held on March 10, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Beaufort Municipal Complex, 1901 Boundary Street. In attendance were Mayor Billy Keyserling, Council members Mike McFee, George O’Kelley, Stephen Murray, and Phil Cromer, and Interim City Manager Bill Prokop.

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**

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

### **SOUTHSIDE PARK COMMUNITY URBAN FARM PROPOSAL**

**Fred Leyda**, Human Services Director for Beaufort County (COSI and Human Services Alliance), said the county has been involved in Together For Beaufort County, through which it has tried to have an impact on the health of the community.

**Paul Brody**, representing Beaufort City Roots, said in North Myrtle Beach they are using wind turbines, and Milwaukee is “ground zero” for community agriculture. He said, “We want to be ground zero” for community agriculture “in the Southeast,” where people will come to learn to do this in their own communities. He showed video clips about different community farms.

This is the right thing to do, Mr. Brody said. It involves the community as volunteers and offers employment to 5 full-time employees to start, and in later phases, more than 20, and not at minimum wage. Materials and services will be locally sourced, and there will be many educational opportunities. There will be nutrition classes, for example, and tours for school children. The farm can encourage community health, Mr. Brody said. There is an EBT program in which cardholders will be provided with food at more than the value of the card run (e.g., \$30 worth of food for \$20). There’s also a “work for food” program. Water and energy conservation will be practiced, and during the hours the farm is open, “there will always be eyes on the park” to watch the irrigation, hydroponics, etc. This farm will lead to agro-tourism, as people come to see how this works, Mr. Brody said, and to buy what the farm produces.

Mr. Brody said this is needed because local and organic food is difficult for low-income people to get. He showed some examples of grants that have been given to micro- and urban farms. Mr. Brody showed the growing capacities of Beaufort City Roots Farm.

Mayor Keyserling said Southside Park is 37 acres, and there have been concerns over the years about maintaining it and keeping it safe. The neighborhood didn't want it to be an “active” park. Mayor Keyserling said **Liza Hill** has been working on creating a tree farm there, so he thought this would work there as well. Beaufort City Roots is a not-for-profit, and profits will go to charitable organizations that need food. Mayor Keyserling said the presentation needs to go through PTAC, but he wanted it to be brought to council to let Mr. Brody and Mr. Leyda get feedback on this project.

Ms. Hill said her main thought is that the Civic Master Plan has a large agricultural component for Southside Park. She felt it was important to keep the north, south, east and west street connections and integrate them into the agricultural component. The tree farm works well with the Beaufort City Roots farm, Ms. Hill said. The farm acreage is 4-5 acres. Part of the cleared part will be the dog park, and the rest will be passive-but-active recreation (e.g., pick-up soccer games).

Councilman O'Kelley said some of the places on the farm are highlighted in the Andrews and Burgess plat with which they'd been provided. He asked where the tilapia farm would be, and Mr. Brody showed where the greenhouses that they would grow the fish in would be. They can grow 100,000 fish a year and grow vegetables on top of them, he said.

Mr. Brody said this is a 5-phase project, and the farm will expand as they expand the customer base. He said the chickens are essential, and they are "working chickens," not just egg-producing. Parts of the microgreens that are grown on the farm "are like candy" to chickens, and when harvested, Mr. Brody said, the chickens eat the root systems, and scratch all the compost back into compost. The chickens stay in a run for a week and a half, and then they're moved, and red clover or buckwheat is planted where they were, then they're moved back in, and eat that. They also protect the beds from bugs, Mr. Brody said. He explained how the chickens' deep bedding system would be done so as not to have a bad smell. (It's changed every 6 months and is composted as it goes.) Every greenhouse collects its own water, and it will be purified (575,000 gallons) for use in irrigation - which will be enough with the average rainfall in Beaufort for all of their irrigation. They have a 55,000-gallon pond that will collect drainage from the other places.

Mr. Brody said that implementing the whole project would take about 5 years, as the customer base grows. They can't give all the food produced and not sold to food banks. He estimated that they would grow 700,000 pounds of produce to start. Squash will be planted along the fence lines, as will beans, cucumbers, etc. One greenhouse can produce 105,000 heads of lettuce, Mr. Brody said. The roofs are retractable when it's sunny, so strawberries can be grown year-round. They can get 80 plants in a square foot.

Councilman Murray said he thinks "it's a cool idea," and there's much he likes about it, but it's a substantial commercial operation in the middle of a neighborhood. He wonders if it's a compatible use. Beaufort City Roots has asked for a \$1 a year lease for these 4.5 acres; there are for-profit farms in the area, and giving Beaufort City Roots this land for their operation might create an unfair advantage to those commercial farms. Mr. Brody said the business model is different for this farm than for those. There might be items that Beaufort City Roots can sell to groceries, too, like microgreens. Mayor Keyserling asked Mr. Brody if they could teach the commercial farmers some of their techniques, and he said yes. His intention is to teach others how to do the same thing on their farms and in other places.

Mr. Brody said at this time there is no funding in place to start the farm, but all of the groceries have funding programs to do things like this, and they are applying to all of them for funding.

They are also talking to local supporters. Mayor Keyserling said that given council's process, April 1 is too soon to give an answer. Mr. Brody said they didn't want to go any further until they knew if council was going to approve this in Southside Park.

Mayor Keyserling asked him to address the traffic, parking, and road access. Mr. Brody said the old Beaufort-Jasper operations building and a 3-door garage could be renovated to be an office, a harvest house, and a store. A tractor will bring things to the harvest house. He showed which road they would need. Councilman McFee asked the volume of trucking they would anticipate having on the farm, and Mr. Brody said once a day they would pick, put it on the truck, and then drive it out. Councilman Cromer asked if the neighborhood has been canvassed, and members of the public in attendance said "No."

**Connie Hipp** was on the Southside Park committee for years she said, before it went to PTAC. The committee had asked people in the neighborhood what they wanted to have in the park, "and this is the opposite of what they wanted," Ms. Hipp feels. They had said they wanted "a passive park, not a business in the middle" of the park. She is "100% opposed to the idea."

**Barbara Chemsak** asked what happens at the end of the 5-year lease, and Mr. Brody said the farm would continue if it were successful. Mayor Keyserling said there would be 33 acres left of the park if this farm is built. For 11 years, what to do with the park "has been very contentious." The budget to maintain it originally was larger than the budget for Waterfront Park. As of the last 6 months, the land is ready for the walking trails, and the dog park is starting to happen. The park will not be gone, Mayor Keyserling said.

Ms. Chemsak said it would help to have a picture of the plans that Mr. Brody had put up for his presentation. She's concerned because the Civic Master Plan shows the whole park being used for an urban farm, including the green areas that are there right now and being used as a park. Ms. Hill said the elements that were determined by the park's neighbors many years ago for use for passive recreation, a playground, and a dog park are there, and there is a playground in the treed area. The dog park will be 1.5-2 acres in a cleared area where there is buried rubble from BJWSA, according to Ms. Hill. A treed area has been bush-hogged and is a passive picnic area. None of these components will go away. The part that's used now for passive recreation will continue to be. The center of the park would be where the farm would be; she added that this plan for the farm "is highly conceptual." The Civic Master Plan shows a butterfly garden and possible agriculture in this area. The components that Ms. Hipp had polled the neighborhood about having in the park are there and will remain there. The neighborhood said they didn't want lights, ball fields, and lots of traffic, Ms. Hill said, and there are no plans to have any of those things.

Ms. Chemsak asked about problems at night "with drugs" in the park. Mayor Keyserling said one of the reasons they wanted to have the farm there was to have eyes on the park. Ms. Chemsak said that wouldn't provide protection at night, though. Mr. Brody said whether they're there or not, there could be drugs there. Ms. Hill said she would look into it, because when they put in lights at Pigeon Point Park, "the documented problem" with loitering and drug

dealing “went away.” Councilman Murray recommended that neighbors making “a call to dispatch” gets people out of Pigeon Point Park who are hanging around there after park hours. Ms. Chemsak said the police presence in Southside Park in the last year has increased. Mr. Brody asked if putting a gate into the park would help. Mayor Keyserling said the people who are a concern would walk in.

Mr. Brody showed where traffic other than the produce truck would go – for people who were coming to buy produce. Ms. Hill said the Civic Master Plan shows the elimination of some roads. Ms. Hipp said that when the neighbors had said they wanted agriculture, they had meant they wanted to grow stock to use elsewhere as plantings in the city. Ms. Chemsak asked if they could only have plants, not chickens, etc. Mr. Brody said it’s a symbiotic relationship among all the components.

Mayor Keyserling asked council to give Ms. Hill direction to give to PTAC as to whether they should proceed. In regard to competition with commercial farms, **Susan Schaefer** said this is different because of the not-for-profit donations, so it’s not just a business: “It’s feeding more people than can afford to buy food.” Also, it’s a year-round enterprise, not seasonal, like Dempsey’s is, she said, so she feels like Beaufort City Roots isn’t really a competitor with other farms like Barefoot Farms, which is “on the other end of town.” This farm would be in town and easily accessible for people who can’t go out to St. Helena, Ms. Schaefer said. In terms of the community aesthetics, she said when it’s planted, the farm will be “a little Garden of Eden,” with 6’ walls of flowers, etc. Councilman Murray said commercial enterprises have to pay for their dirt, and Beaufort City Roots wouldn’t, which makes this an unfair advantage. Mayor Keyserling said to lease land in Southside Park for farming, it would be \$15-\$50 an acre; Councilman Murray said then those monies could go into park improvement, but still, thousands of tons of tomatoes would change the competition with other growers.

**Eddie Rodgers** asked if there would be an outlay of city funds for the roads and buildings. Mayor Keyserling said he anticipates “no outlay of city funds whatsoever.” He said there could be a model where this project generates enough money to finish out the park. He asked council if there were enough interest for Mr. Brody to get with PTAC and start working on it, or if Mr. Brody “should find another site.” Mr. Brody said he can go somewhere else, but then “you wouldn’t be able to walk to the farm.” This is meant to give access to everyone who needs this, and is meant to be self-sustaining, and then they will give everything else away.

Councilman Cromer said he feels PTAC “should run with it” and get more public input. There was general agreement with that. Councilman Murray suggested that the neighborhood should look at it, and there might be other areas in the city where it would work instead. Ms. Schaefer said the existence of this farm in an urban area is “the ethos behind the project.” If it’s in a rural area, it’s just a regular farm.

Mayor Keyserling said before Midtown was built, they had built a neighborhood garden that was quite successful, but then the famers were evicted because the land was donated.

## **LOVEJOY STREET SEWER RELOCATION PROJECT**

Mayor Keyserling said this is the sewer project in the area of the connector that was built so that when one is leaving City Hall, one can get to a traffic light. It required moving sewer and has been “confusing.” **David Coleman** said the original relocation was to come down the property to Boundary Street and tap into the duct bank, but when they went out to bid, it was apparent that that the future road project would conflict. It was also going to be extremely expensive. They came up with another solution to tie in on the other side of Boundary Street. They reengineered and got RFPs back. The numbers for that “are a little higher than expected,” Mr. Coleman said. Tree work adds to the cost.

Mr. Coleman said this solution would now work with the Boundary Street project. **Kathy Todd** said council had approved \$100,000, but that was based on a preliminary estimate that was provided. When they got them in, initial bids were for \$300,000, so they got Mr. Coleman and Ward Edwards to redesign in order to stay away from the 18” main. Then this went out for bid on the redesign, but those estimates, too, are for \$300,000. The proposals haven’t been evaluated; Ms. Todd had averaged the prices and built in a contingency, and the average cost is \$353,000. It was originally funded out of TIF 2, she said, and that will end June 30, 2015. TIF2 will have about \$2.5 million. All of Boundary Street, including contingencies, is \$8.3 million committed. Even bringing in additional TIF2 dollars, the city can still be comfortable, Ms. Todd said. Mayor Keyserling said it would “eat into Greenlawn dollars to do Lovejoy.”

Mayor Keyserling said there should be a process in the future to avoid situations like this, where an estimated value is not stated; this amount is 3.5 times what the city expected it to be when it went into the project. The city has no other choice, though. Councilman O’Kelley asked if the \$353,000 was the estimate for running it under Boundary Street, and Mr. Coleman said, “Yes.” He added that they are confident in that number because they have proposals from a viable contractor.

Councilman Murray said there had been a meeting about the Greenlawn project and this one on December 16, 2014. He asked why it had taken so long to get this revised project estimate. Ms. Todd said the first proposals were due January 9, and a couple of days later, they met when Mr. Coleman arrived, and they brainstormed as to how to handle it. They decided to go with the redesign, and that “forced it into a new RFP.” Those proposals came in March 6. **Courtney Worrell** said 303 Associates shares the timing concerns, and they had had a meeting to get all the issues out on the table because their construction is underway for Starbucks, and this is affecting their timeline. It had been a productive meeting, Ms. Worrell said, and “things are moving in the right direction.” She said 303 Associates had honored its end of the agreement, so they want council to approve the funding so that they are able to move on Starbucks and “another building we want to come online at the same time.”

Ms. Todd said she doesn’t think this will delay Greenlawn too much. Councilman Murray said fingers are crossed on Greenlawn because they had prioritized that with CBDG. Mr. Prokop said he hopes that they can recommend a contract by the end of the week. Mayor Keyserling said there are only two options: “Do this or don’t do anything.” Councilman McFee said the property

owners have done their part of the commitment, so the city has no option not to do it. Councilman Murray asked if it were a flat fee to the contractor. He also asked if there were a way to structure it so that there's not "fat" in it. Mr. Coleman said it's a fixed number for the price, but there are quantities in the project so that the city knows how they have to pay them. Ms. Worrell said they have discussed having their contractor work with the city's, and there may be some savings potential in that.

Mayor Keyserling recommended that the next two items be postponed because of the need to have the executive session. The Battery Creek vista project and the disposition of surplus city land can wait.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to Title 30, Chapter 4, and Section 70 (a) (2) of the South Carolina Code of Law, **Councilman O'Kelley made a motion, second by Councilman Murray, to enter into Executive Session** to discuss recommendations in regard to the new city manager and police and fire personnel issues. **The motion passed unanimously.**

The work session was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Beaufort City Council was held on March 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Beaufort Municipal Complex, 1901 Boundary Street. In attendance were Mayor Billy Keyserling, council members Mike McFee, George O’Kelley, Stephen Murray and Phil Cromer, and Interim City Manager Bill Prokop.

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Keyserling called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Councilman O’Kelley made a motion, second by Councilman McFee, to adjourn the Executive Session and enter the regular council session. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilman McFee led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **RESOLUTION COMMENDING ERIC BROWN FOR SERVING ON THE CITY’S DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**

Councilman McFee read the commendation, and Mayor Keyserling presented it to Mr. Brown.

### **PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MARCH AS DISABILITIES MONTH**

Councilman McFee read the proclamation, and Mayor Keyserling gave the proclamation to Ms. Dennis.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**John Dickerson, Greg Rawls and Andrew Nichols** appeared to represent DragonBoat Beaufort. Mr. Rawls commended the city for getting grants to improve the day dock. He said that July 25 there would be a DragonBoat race, and it would make the event much more fun and safer if the day dock was in by then. Mayor Keyserling said because engineering hasn’t started yet, and it’s March, the likelihood of the process being completed is “slim to none.” Mr. Prokop said that the grant money also has not yet been received. Mayor Keyserling suggested that they find the barge operator who stages the fireworks and ask him to let them use that for a starting point.

**Kelly McGowan** said the horse carriage topic hasn’t come up. She wanted to comment about it. She is a certified tour guide and said the ordinance is clear about the differences between van, walking, and carriage tours. She works for Beaufort Tours and said she opposes allowing another carriage. Ms. McGowan said she had been unable to park in the marina lot the day before. The new surreys are dangerous, she added, and she will bring those concerns to TMAC at its meeting the following day. She had to halt one of her tours because a horse tour got behind a surrey, and the surrey was slower than the horse. Also, a guide had seen a surrey go into a yard on Craven Street.

## MINUTES

Councilman McFee made a motion, second by Councilman Murray, to approve the minutes of council's work session and regular meeting February 10, 2015. The motion to accept the minutes as submitted passed unanimously.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO TOURISM MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE TO INCORPORATE PEAK SEASON OVERFLOW EXCEPTION

Councilman Murray made a motion, second by Councilman McFee, to approve the amendment on second reading. Mr. Prokop said on the advice of the city attorney, it was recommended that this be tabled until the majority of TMAC passes this proposed amendment. Mayor Keyserling gave the public background on the issue and explained. **Councilman Murray withdrew his motion.**

Charlie Williams, TMAC chair, asked for clarification of why the motion was being tabled. Mayor Keyserling said what was passed last week on first reading hadn't been voted on by TMAC. It was Mr. Williams's interpretation of what TMAC had discussed, so the city attorney had said council shouldn't move until it had a formal recommendation from TMAC. Mr. Williams said that made sense. Staff and the city attorney didn't review what he had submitted formally, so he rewrote it after the fact when he found that out, and put in language that would clarify the intent of TMAC. **Councilman O'Kelley made a motion, second by Councilman Murray, to table the matter, as recommended by the interim city manager. The motion passed unanimously.**

## REQUEST FROM MAIN STREET BEAUFORT TO WAIVE OPEN CONTAINER ORDINANCE FOR SPRING ART WALK EVENT

Councilman McFee made a motion, second by Councilman Cromer, to approve the request for the March 21, 2015 event. The motion passed unanimously.

## REQUEST FROM MAIN STREET BEAUFORT FOR STREET CLOSURES, OPEN CONTAINER IN WATERFRONT PARK, USE OF THE PARKING IN THE PLAYGROUND AREA OF THE WATERFRONT PARK FOR THE ANNUAL TASTE OF BEAUFORT EVENT

Councilman McFee made a motion, second by Councilman Cromer, to approve the request for the May 1 and May 2, 2015 event. The motion passed unanimously.

## REQUEST FOR STREET CLOSURES FROM HBF FOR 2 EVENTS

Councilman McFee made a motion, second by Councilman Murray, to approve the street closure requests from Historic Beaufort Foundation for its "Business After Hours" event on March 19 and its Soiree on March 28. **The motion passed unanimously.**

## ORDINANCE ANNEXING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 810 ROSEIDA ROAD

Councilman McFee made a motion, second by Councilman Murray, to approve the ordinance on first reading. This is to combine lots for a business, Mayor Keyserling said. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**ORDINANCE ZONING A PARCEL OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 810 ROSEIDA ROAD ON PORT ROYAL ISLAND, HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT**

**Councilman McFee made a motion, second by Councilman Cromer, to approve the ordinance on first reading. The motion passed unanimously.**

**ORDINANCE REZONING A PARCEL OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2402 ALLISON ROAD, FROM R-2 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO OFFICE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT**

**Councilman McFee made a motion, second by Councilman Murray, to approve the ordinance on first reading.** Mayor Keyserling said council had had a public hearing on this. Councilman O’Kelley asked Ms. Anderson if there had been any negative comments received, and Ms. Anderson said they had received no public comment. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1-9023 OF THE CITY OF BEAUFORT CODES OF ORDINANCES TO MODIFY THE COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE CITY OF BEAUFORT REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**Councilman McFee made a motion, second by Councilman Cromer, to approve the ordinance on first reading.** Mayor Keyserling described the background of the Redevelopment Commission. With the Civic Master Plan in place and council’s consensus that they should get moving on the plan, this is a motion to put 5 council members and 4 private sector people on a reconstituted commission. Councilman Murray said he’s still not convinced that all 5 council members being on the Redevelopment Commission is the best idea. However, he will support the ordinance as presented for first reading. Councilman McFee said he had asked the city attorney if they are limited to 9 members, and if all of council needs to serve on it. Councilman O’Kelley said **David Taub** had “checked with a couple of attorneys, and I was right,” that both citizens and council people can serve at the same time.

Councilman Cromer asked the process for choosing citizen commissioners. Mayor Keyserling said Councilman Murray would do a narrative, and then committees would spin off to work on specific matters with councilmen. They will discuss this at next week’s work session

Mr. Dickerson asked if it would mean that council was convening if all 5 council members were at a Redevelopment Commission meeting. Mayor Keyserling said they would be convening as members of the Redevelopment Commission. Mr. Dickerson said he was concerned because it appeared as if “the composition of the Redevelopment Commission has come full circle.” Mayor Keyserling said that this seems to be the best way to accelerate activity on the Civic Master Plan.

Mr. Dickerson asked about the Redevelopment Commission’s budget – how would it be funded? Will it have a budget? Mayor Keyserling said it would be seen in this fiscal year’s budget. The parking revenues are unknown, and therefore the budget is tight, he said, so this will either be a budget item, or they will go back to the “idea of a downtown utility.” Mr. Dickerson believes the RDC “needs to be well funded” and “able to move quickly and effectively.” Council should explore funding sources for the commission as well as how they will staff it, he feels. **The motion passed unanimously.**

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Prokop said the city had received a certificate of achievement for excellence in reporting for this year's CAFIR report. He thanked Ms. Todd and her staff for their work.

He said **Ivette Burgess** would be contacting council as part of preparation for the budget process to give them a heads-up. He discussed how budgeting would be based on the city's priorities. They have a program that is "a live, active program" to show short- and long-term effects of aspects of the budget.

The business license issue could cut city revenues by up to 30% and will affect funding to organizations and purchases from local suppliers. It will have a major economic impact. The public needs to be educated on the facts, Mr. Prokop said, as to what this tax is, exactly.

The staff has organized an internal grant team that will meet quarterly, Mr. Prokop said.

Land clearing will begin within the next week for the fire station. The site work and the stormwater improvements will be underway shortly, according to Mr. Prokop.

The current condition of the marina is being looked at, Mr. Prokop said. They want to create a coordinated waterfront improvement plan. The supplier can't do the work until August, but they are taking the opportunity to look at the marina and day dock programs to see that they meet the city's needs.

Mr. Prokop said the city has been exploring ways to work together on programs to save money: wellness programs, MS4 stormwater issues, "and everything in between."

March 30 there will be FOIA meetings for council, staff, and volunteers lead by the MASC, he said.

Mr. Prokop thanked the members of the parking committee and said that staff is continuing to work on its customer service plans.

Mayor Keyserling said utility work was being done on Port Republic and West Streets. The utilities were coming back; they couldn't finish before because of the weather.

Councilman McFee said he would like to have vendors reminded that food service trucks should only be downtown within a certain timeframe.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Keyserling said he'd received a call about why a man's road in Dale hadn't been graded. Mayor Keyserling gave him the correct number, then got a call from someone in Bluffton who was being evicted. He said these stories were to illustrate what he deals with in his role as mayor – because people are able to contact him, even when he's not the person to solve their problems.

## **REPORTS BY COUNCIL**

Councilman Murray commended the Beaufort police department for being on the forefront of technology with their 888-7777 number. Those who sign up will have texts sent as part of a network whenever the police send one out.

Councilman Murray said that **Debbie Kidd**'s students at Beaufort High School had won first and second place at the World Quest competition on Hilton Head, and students there also took first place in engineering championships.

Councilman McFee discussed the Northern Regional Planning Commission meeting on the subject of the JLUS (joint land use study) There will be a public meeting on the study at TCL, which is being done by and for the municipalities and county. Mayor Keyserling asked about a figure for the growth boundaries of Beaufort. The consultants determined that some of the AICUZ overlays were exaggerated in the 2004 plan. There were higher noise requirements on two approach patterns, Councilman McFee said. Because of questions about the acreage for the joint land use plan, they discovered this exaggeration, and the noise requirements were corrected on the new JLUS plan.

Councilman O'Kelley said in regard to the business license proposals in the state legislature, Senator Quinn had sent a letter to city managers asking for constructive criticism, so Councilman O'Kelley had asked for the municipalities to be able to determine if they had Local Option Sales Tax by referendum.

Councilman Cromer said he thinks the Santa Elena Foundation's acquisition of the fed building lease would be a boon to tourism.

Councilman Murray said county council had made a resolution supporting an outlying field, and he suggested that the city might want to do that as well. Out of executive session, he added, county council had voted to support a version of LOST proposed by Rep. Herbkersman in order to offer relief from Act 388.

**Walter Gay** said he didn't get a chance to make a public comment earlier. There are tours until 6:00-6:30, and the bathrooms are being locked by The Greenery at a 4:45. If there's anything else that can be done, it affects all of the tours, and there's nowhere to go to the bathroom.

There being no further business to come before council, **Councilman O'Kelley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Cromer seconded. The motion passed unanimously**, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.