

A work session meeting of the Beaufort City Council was held on October 23, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the Beaufort Municipal Complex, 1901 Boundary Street. In attendance were Mayor Billy Keyserling, Council members Donnie Ann Beer, George O’Kelley, Mike Sutton, and 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 5:00 p.m.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS INTERVIEWS

Lolita Huckaby-Watson was interviewed for a position with the Beaufort Housing Authority.

DISCUSSION: MOU FOR CITY OF BEAUFORT AND SCDOT REGARDING STREETS

SCDOT Commissioner **Craig Forrest** and **Isaiah Smalls** joined council at the table. Mayor Keyserling said there has been an ongoing informal conversation in regard to the question of ownership of streets. He said an idea is for SCDOT to work with local governments who would be willing to take over some of the responsibilities of the streets. A point of contention is who will handle the maintenance of those streets. As for city plans, there are a number of streets that it would consider taking, but there needs to be a revenue source to maintain them. The commissioner and the legislature will change, which could further create problems, Mayor Keyserling said.

Mr. Forrest said there will be a new commissioner, **Jim Rozier**, after Election Day. Mr. Forrest said he had received the packet of Mr. Smalls’s presentation. Mr. Forrest said SCDOT does poorly at getting things from the districts to Columbia and vice versa. The state is “even more interested in getting rid of streets than has been portrayed.” Mr. Forrest said he had spoken to the secretary about this issue, and they are definitely interested in cutting their system down, probably to half of what it is today. To accomplish this, he said he’d spoken to Deputy Secretary John Walsh, and would speak with him again. Mr. Forrest said they “are committed to making this work,” though each side has “issues.” He feels that “both sides can ultimately feel comfortable.” The 3-4 streets that SCDOT has “given you some heartache on” could be part of a package, he said. SCDOT does not have a good handle on future financing and money for future maintenance. Usually they give future year credits. He said they “will do everything within our power to get this done,” even if they don’t accomplish turning over all 138 miles of road.

Mayor Keyserling asked Mr. Forrest if he’s talking about the specific streets that he’s been told about or more. Mr. Dadson said the 148 lane miles are what Mr. Smalls had presented – an overall picture. The district has stopped the city from doing specific things to a road; they prefer to just offer the road itself. In regard to Basil Green Park, Mr. Dadson said, there are four roads around it. With the county, the city asked if they could combine monies to improve the

recreational facilities there. Part of the solution is on-site parking, but the “bump in the road” was the planned on-street parking. This was the first phase of what they wanted to do.

Mr. Dadson said that Mr. Smalls had prepared a report on local tax dollars spent on roads that are not the city’s. Council recommended the discussion with Mr. Forrest. Mr. Dadson said when Mr. Forrest talks to the “folks” he will discuss the best path forward. Mr. Forrest agreed and said when he spoke with the Deputy Secretary, they discussed an incremental approach and also extending the long-range plan including exchanges, etc. Mr. Forrest said Mr. Smalls’s presentation is helpful. Unfortunately, the communication, he reiterated, between the District and Columbia gets “confused or misunderstood.”

Mr. Dadson said when Mr. Smalls deals with the District, they generally agree. Mr. Dadson said he thinks the District liked this idea, though whether they have the money to do so is another question. When he presented this to the secretary and Deputy Secretary, they were interested, Mr. Forrest said and from his standpoint and his successor’s, they will do what they can to accommodate the city’s interests.

Mayor Keyserling said if there’s no resolution, they will be forced to forgo the money for the streets. Mr. Forrest said he’d convey the sense of urgency about these three streets: Nairne, Rodgers, and Lafayette. Councilman O’Kelley said Mr. Rozier is “persuasive and did remarkable things in Berkeley County.” He feels Mr. Rozier will be able to present things to the legislature in a way that may develop solutions. There are good sources of revenue available, and if he can get the legislature on board, the city may have the funding they need.

Mr. Forrest said in Myrtle Beach, they looked at the state’s needs and opportunities for additional funding. Mr. Forrest said he believes “the report will be accepted.” A package will be put together, and it should go to the governor and the legislature after that. Funding is “woefully understated.” The needs are twice as much as the amount they have; “we need to double our budget and do it now,” Mr. Forrest said.

Mr. Forrest said a key issue in the report is tolls, which the legislature is “totally opposed to.” They made it a point to say that they believe tolls should be in the mix. Department funding is going to hit the news and elected officials shortly, and then the department will follow up. Mr. Forrest said that the major thing that scares him is that raising the gas tax is not the answer. He’s concerned that the gas tax will be raised to the exclusion of the other 19 suggestions. Raising the tax 10 cents “will make only a dent.”

Councilwoman Beer said she understands the need and desire for the city to take the roads but “Columbia scares me.” Securing the issue is very important to her to ensure that Columbia honors the agreement. Mr. Forrest said if there’s a gas tax hike, it will be divided in such a way that the districts would receive the same amount annually out of the 30% designated for them. Councilwoman Beer said South Carolina’s roads are among the worst in the country. Mr.

Forrest feels that they need to find a way to accommodate the needs for redevelopment. Councilwoman Beer said her concern is the politicians in Columbia, not the commissioners.

Councilman Sutton said Mr. Forrest had said that money isn't on the table, and he feels that everyone understands that. South Carolina has the fourth largest holdings of roads in the US, he said, so it's clear why they would want the city's to take them. Mr. Smalls said Beaufort only owns five miles now. Councilman Sutton said "the roads are not just the roads"; they include ditches, stormwater drainage, etc. The citizens of Beaufort are picking up the tab on these now. The city raises funds for maintenance and has a stormwater program, Councilman Sutton said, and suggested that Mr. Forrest take that information back with him to the deputy secretary and secretary. The utilities companies can still share the easements, and then they would share maintenance costs. Councilman Sutton said that council is passionate about building the city, and "the hurdles are crazy" as they are now. He said the state's budget has a lot in it that does not benefit the communities. It's \$2 billion to run state roads, and that's not enough. The state would like the city to take the roads, and the city will "as long as there's a formula to prevent future taxpayers from falling off a cliff." The city has no road department, he added.

Mayor Keyserling said he likes the idea of doing it incrementally, but he will have a hard time "supporting something without some sort of reversion clause," so that if the deal changes, the roads would have to go back. Mr. Forrest said initially, nothing is off the table. They would never force the matter and would like whatever they do to be mutually beneficial.

Mr. Dadson said Mr. Rozier has a good ear and asked if Mr. Forrest would be staying on. Mr. Forrest said he will be on at large for two years, but he will defer to Mr. Rozier in some matters.

FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL UPDATE

Councilman McFee explained to the public what the information was that was being presented. **Kathy Todd** said the CAFR would go to the auditors next week. In her presentation, she showed "a snapshot" of all combined funds through September 30, 2012. There is not a lot of change in the fund balance section, she said. She went on to show the revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances. In regard to the General Fund, a picture of revenues at this point is difficult because not a lot of revenue has been earned yet.

Ms. Todd said state accommodations revenue will stand out because they were not received before 9-30-12. TIF revenue will be less because TIF has slowed down. Ms. Todd showed the percentage of distribution of expenditures and said they are staying pretty much the same with the police department at 37%, 32% for the fire department, 11% for public works, and 20% for all others. Councilman Sutton asked if the numbers were historically similar, and Ms. Todd said yes. Councilman Sutton asked to see a "comparison between the average and where they are in fact at this time."

Ms. Todd showed a slide comparing the actual revenues to the General Fund budget to 9-30-11. She went on to show property tax revenues compared with 9-30-11 and then a comparison of

the revenue from General Fund business licenses and Accommodations Tax and Hospitality Tax to 9-30-11. Councilman O'Kelley asked how much was collected from business taxes, and Ms. Todd said that will be in the June CAFR. Councilman O'Kelley said the collections can't be anywhere near where they are up until April 15. Ms. Todd said they collect business license revenues all year, and they are doing better than they did last year, plus they have the potential to exceed budget based on what's normally collected.

Mayor Keyserling said they have expenses and expectations through the year. They are up 8% over last year, Councilman Sutton said, when they look at the quarter. Ms. Todd said she is presenting "just a year over year snapshot." Councilman Sutton said they should ask if there are \$600,000 left in business taxes. Ms. Todd said this is why it's difficult to make a budget presentation on the first quarter of the fiscal year.

Ms. Todd showed salaries and benefits by department and explained that overages would be balanced out in subsequent quarters and, in the case of the city manager's office and Human Resources, how the change from being under one heading to being under two headings created an overage in one and shortfall in the other. They are "right on target with regard to salaries and benefits," Ms. Todd said.

Mayor Keyserling said were "someone to see the unfavorables, it's not what it looks like." Ms. Todd said it's "an old accounting term" and doesn't really mean it's "unfavorable." If there were an unfavorable variance that was $\frac{3}{4}$ of the YTD of the entire budget, that would be notable. Mr. Dadson said you will get unfavorables if you owe the full year's insurance bill in one quarter, for example. Ms. Todd said the city from a cash and current ratio perspective is in a "pretty good position." The city has currently expended about \$300 per resident.

Maxine Lutz asked what the budget amendments are for the regular council meeting. Ms. Todd said that the first is that BJWSA increased their rates, which generated an increase in the franchise fee collected from them. The second relates to a transfer to the capital improvement fund for additional Bladen Street costs. The third is related to the police department for regular off-duty services. The revenue is in there but not the expenditure. Next is another unexpected revenue resource; as the previous insurance program is closed, the city receives a rebate, in this case for \$162,000. The last one is a transfer out of the General Fund of \$93,000 for Bladen Street relating to the Prince Street extension.

Mayor Keyserling said there has been a lot of talk about the consultants' fees. By reducing staff, in the planning budget, they have received a savings in planning without gaining a fixed cost. Ms. Todd said Planning had \$951,014 in actual expenditures in 2009; the current budget with Planning and the Office of Civic Investment contract charged to the General Fund is back to the 2009 level.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Beaufort City Council was held on October 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Beaufort Municipal Complex, 1901 Boundary Street. In attendance were Mayor Billy Keyserling, Council members Donnie Ann Beer, George O'Kelley, Mike Sutton, Mike McFee, and City Manager Scott Dadson.

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CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PROCLAMATION OF OCTOBER AS NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman McFee, to approve the proclamation. The motion passed unanimously. Councilman McFee read the proclamation. Mayor Keyserling gave the representatives the proclamation. Councilman McFee said on 10-29-12 there is an open house at the Vocational Rehabilitation facility, and he encouraged people to see the facility.

PROCLAMATION OF NOVEMBER AS ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH

Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman McFee, to approve the proclamation. The motion passed unanimously. Councilman McFee read the proclamation. Mayor Keyserling gave representatives from Family Services of Beaufort the proclamation. **Michael Keyserling** thanked the mayor and council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

LaNelle Fabian read about the National Main Street awards which are by application, and said that Main Street Beaufort has been invited to apply for the award. Greenville is the only South Carolina city that has won this award. She said she would be gathering stats, writing, photos, etc. as components of the application. She said she also needed letters from elected officials. The five winners will be announced in the spring.

Rodney B. Bennett, Mossy Oaks Road, said he has spoken to Mayor Keyserling three times on the phone recently. He said he "wants a leader as the mayor." He said he had learned that "the city is hurting for money." Mayor Keyserling said that "the city is tracking on budget." Mr. Bennett said that the speeding ordinances should be enforced in all cases and this would be a source of revenue. He went on to ask what "city debt" is for on his tax bill, and Mayor Keyserling said it's largely for the City Hall building.

Joe McDermott said “this city was founded on fairness” but he feels that the city and country are not often fair. He said he doesn’t believe in speeding tickets and told a story about getting a ticket he considered unfair. He cited the municipal court judges not getting in trouble for public transgressions. He thinks “the municipal court must be bringing in a lot of money.” He disagrees with people being pulled over for only going 5 miles over the speed limit as well.

MINUTES

The minutes of the work session and regular meeting on October 9, 2012 were presented to council for review. **Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman McFee, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.**

ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BEAUFORT MARINA RECREATIONAL DAY DOCK AND WATER SPORTS CENTER PLAN AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE SECTOR 1 CIVIC MASTER PLAN

Councilman Sutton made a motion, second by Councilwoman Beer, to adopt the ordinance on second reading. Charlie Williams, Euhaw Street, spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance. He said good points were made by council members at the previous reading, particularly that a waterfront town has cut itself off from the water. He called the waterways a “tourist highway.”

Walter Gay, owner of Sea Island Carriage Co. and Sea Island Gifts, said he is in favor of kayakers and promotes the sport daily as he does with Dragon Boat Beaufort. However, when the day dock extension to the west side of the river was proposed, it was only 50’, and it was voted down. The next idea was to put it in front of the seawall, but that also was voted down. The cruise ships bring in revenue to the gift stores, Mr. Gay said, but they don’t eat at the restaurants. The only place the ships will be able to tie up is at the sea wall. If the day dock were moved to the bridge end, he said, it could be open year-round. As it is currently proposed, it will have to be shut down during the Water Festival and other festivals in Waterfront Park.

The day dock is rarely full now, Mr. Gay said. There were eight buses in Beaufort that day, and they had to be sent to the courthouse to park. He’s in favor of the dock but not its location. The boats that will use it need significantly less water than the cruise ships do. The water sports center will block the view, Mr. Gay feels. There are only six spots for parking buses and boats as it is. He suggested an alternative location for storing kayaks and other boats because there’s so little space for parking as it is. Councilman Sutton said that those with parking passes have plenty of opportunities to park, even if it’s not where they might *want* to park. Mr. Gay said he got a ticket on Craven Street for parking his truck with a monthly pass. He said the buses pay \$10 to park to unload, and they don’t like it. He said tourism will suffer from the day dock and the water sports center and their effect on buses and cruise ships.

Ms. Fabian stated Main Street Beaufort’s support for the day dock. She read from a 1996 article that termed Beaufort “a successful city” when it built the floating day dock. She said there are more boaters now, so they need to expand the dock.

David Buey urged the mayor and council to adopt the ordinance.

Mr. Bennett asked if this meant that taxes would go up, and Mayor Keyserling said no. Mr. Bennett said that taxes were raised in the past for sidewalks on Ribaut Road that have not been built.

John Dickerson, Charles Street, said he had found an article in the 1979 Milner Report about the Waterfront Park, and he read it.

Blakely Williams, Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce, endorsed the day dock.

Alan Dechovitz, representing the Redevelopment Commission, said the Redevelopment Commission is sensitive to the interests of those like Mr. Gay and the dependence of the city on tourism. He said the solution is not necessarily the waterfront development; it's the work done on the economic development at the Industrial Park which will bring in revenue that's needed for the city to be in control of its own destiny, not dependent on the revenue of tourists. He said this is a recreational waterfront amenity for those who live here as well as for visitors.

Mr. Dechovitz said in September 2011, the Metropolitan Planning Commission recommended the adoption of the Sector One master plan, and when it came to council, after some small amendments, it was unanimously adopted and the waterfront plan was part of it. One of the buildings that might go in there is a building that increases waterfront access for people who live in Beaufort, "giving them greater lifestyle assets," Mr. Dechovitz said. He said the master plan recognizes that development at the marina anticipates parking problems and suggests that parking at Port Republic Square would be an option. Development on the marina cannot occur unless they have that additional parking. The water sports center, if the larger version is built by a private developer, and if the two current buildings are removed, will increase parking on the site by 10-20 parking places, depending on the landscaping, Mr. Dechovitz said.

Tzipi Rudensky, Port Royal, said she is a Dragon Boat Beaufort member; she's new to the community, and a rabbi, so she blessed council with the wisdom and perspective for what is happening.

Councilman O'Kelley said he doesn't think 7000 square feet is a small building. He's not against the day dock but "against the massive structure." The unanimous vote was for a concept that is now "growing wings and feet and tails everything." He doesn't believe the parking garage will solve the problems. He can't vote for the day dock because of the water sports center, Councilman O'Kelley said.

Mayor Keyserling said if they look at the ordinance specifically, there is no specificity in terms of the size for the building. Councilman O'Kelley said Mr. Dechovitz had said he wanted a 7000 square foot building. Mr. Dechovitz said the ordinance says 3000-7000 square feet because they were asked not to be specific about its size. He recommends removing the other buildings

at the marina first. Mr. Dechovitz said 7000 square feet of retail space is not considered that large.

Councilwoman Beer said she once voted against the day dock, but she has changed her mind because she believes it's going to be an economic driver and will be an asset. The other building is just a concept and may or may not ever happen. Councilman Sutton thanked the "silent majority" who have showed up to the meetings and offered support for this idea. He encouraged anyone who hasn't lately to find a ride on the river because he feels they'll change their minds.

Councilman McFee said he's a boater and in favor of it. He called the idea "ludicrous" that they are passing a 7000 square foot building because it would have to go through a lengthy process before it would ever happen.

Mayor Keyserling said he has been interested in and in support of this project for 21 years. The day dock will go forward because they have found a funding source. The day dock "will soften the hard edge between the water and the land." **The ordinance passed 4-1, Councilman O'Kelley opposed.** Mayor Keyserling thanked Mr. Dechovitz and others who have brought this concept together as well as those who expressed their points of view, whether they were in support of it or not. He told Mr. Gay that the parking lot will not change significantly until the larger parking issue is solved.

APPROVAL OF FREE HOLIDAY PARKING DOWNTOWN DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON AS RECOMMENDED BY MAIN STREET BEAUFORT, USA

Councilman O'Kelley made a motion, second by Councilwoman Beer, to approve the recommendation. Ms. Fabian said this is to be the same as last year, when some new things were tried, because it was the most successful plan for holiday parking in some time. Mayor Keyserling asked what the revenue difference was during that period. Mr. Dadson said he didn't remember. Ms. Fabian said she believed she recalled that there was a loss in the past but it was "break-even last year." Mayor Keyserling said he would like to see the figures because possibly the period of days for free parking should be extended.

Councilman O'Kelley asked what was done with the kiosks last year, and Ms. Fabian explained. She also said if the period of parking were to be extended, it would be likely to help the merchants. Mr. Dadson said it would cut into city revenue. Councilman Sutton said when the parking management team changed, it was budgeted for, but he advised against incremental changes. He raised the idea of merchants giving out tokens that they pay for on their own. He believes there should be a two-hour token created for merchants to give out. They will be able to gauge its success by tracking the coins. Ms. Fabian said they have discussed it with Park Beaufort, and it's still on the table. Councilman Sutton said he'd like a date when the merchants can offer free parking instead of the city having to "mediate this the hard way."

Kevin Cuppia, Main Street Beaufort Business Development Committee, said that if they could get the December numbers for how well Lanier, the city, and Main Street Beaufort did, they would see that a substantial amount of money was put in the meters, and tickets were still written, though he was told it was better than in previous years. Main Street Beaufort is working on tokens and annual passes as well as several different options including trolleys, “but it takes time to get these things from concepts.”

Ms. Fabian said on January 9 there was a *Beaufort Gazette* article that said there was \$6800 in holiday parking revenue the year before and \$21,000 last year. Mayor Keyserling said the period begins at Thanksgiving. Councilman McFee said it merits discussion, but he feels they should go forward from where they are. Councilman Sutton said the question is whether this should be extended by three weeks. Mayor Keyserling said it’s a week more than it was last year because of when Thanksgiving falls. Councilman McFee said they should budget it for future years because of the loss in revenue. **The motion passed unanimously.**

REQUEST FOR STREET CLOSURE FROM MAIN STREET BEAUFORT, USA TO HOST “A NIGHT ON THE TOWN”

Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman McFee, to approve the request for the December 7, 2012 event. Androula Weiland said this is the same as in previous years. **The motion passed unanimously.**

REQUEST FOR CO-SPONSORSHIP FOR USE OF THE WATERFRONT PARK FROM MAIN STREET BEAUFORT, USA TO HOST THE LIGHT UP THE NIGHT BOAT PARADE

Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman Sutton, to approve the request for the December 8, 2012 event. Ms. Weiland said this is the same as last year, too, and the city has co-sponsored in the past. **The motion passed unanimously.**

REQUEST FROM MAIN STREET BEAUFORT, USA TO HOST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE IN DOWNTOWN BEAUFORT AND REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF PERMIT FEE

Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman O’Kelley, to approve the request for the December 9, 2012 event. Ms. Weiland said this is no different than in previous years. Mr. Dadson said they want to waive the \$25 permit fee. **The motion passed unanimously.**

REQUEST FROM SOUTHERN SCOOTERS TO HOLD ANNUAL MOTORCYCLIST TOY RUN

Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman McFee, to approve the request for the December 9, 2012 event. **Steven “Stitch” White**, Laudonnaire Street, explained that the toys would be donated to the Salvation Army. Mr. Cuppia said it’s not normally the same day as the Christmas parade. Mr. White said he’d noticed the conflict. Councilman O’Kelley said the start times were different and wouldn’t interfere with the parade. Mayor Keyserling said the staff recommendation was for approval. Ms. Fabian said the motorcycles and toys could be part of the parade. Mr. White said that he would let his organization know.

Councilman Sutton asked Mr. White about the revving ordinance. Mr. White said since the issue arose, he addressed the group about it during the run, and he said a few still did it. Councilman O’Kelley said he doesn’t have a problem with the group doing the revving. **The motion passed unanimously.**

APPROVAL TO AMEND THE FY2013 BUDGET

Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman Sutton, to approve the budget amendment on first reading. Ms. Todd explained the reasons for the amendments. **The motion passed unanimously.**

APPROVAL TO AMEND THE BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO COLLECT AND DISTRIBUTE TAXES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

Councilman Sutton made a motion, second by Councilman McFee, to approve the amendment on first reading. Ms. Todd explained the reason for the amendment: During the 2012 legislative session, the South Carolina General Assembly passed legislation requiring municipalities to amend their business license ordinance to address insurance companies and non-admitted insurance brokers due to recent changes in the federal law under the Dodd-Frank Act. The new law requires the South Carolina Department of Insurance to collect the brokers’ premium tax and deposit all revenue collected into a special fund, separate and distinct from the General Assembly’s general fund. The law also authorizes the Municipal Association of South Carolina to serve as the municipal agent to receive the funds from the Department of Insurance and distribute the funds to municipalities. The ordinance requires an amendment authorizing the Municipal Association to receive and distribute the revenues on behalf of the City.

Ms. Todd clarified that they will collect the broker’s tax and remit it to the city. They will get the full 6%, but they will keep 4% of the gross 6% for their fees. She said she expects little impact on revenue, and the Municipal Association has done a good job in the past with collecting revenues. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Councilman O’Kelley made a motion that the mayor enter into this agreement with the Municipal Association, second by Councilman McFee. The motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT TO A CITY BOARD

Councilwoman Beer made a motion to appoint Michael Brock to the Tree Board, second by Councilman McFee. The motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Keyserling said he was invited to a roundtable at the Chamber of Commerce for members and stakeholders in economic development. He added that TWEAK will be soon announcing that it has found a military liaison.

REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman McFee said that Jack Keener was killed Monday, and it was a huge loss to the community.

Councilman O’Kelley agreed with Councilman McFee and added that Bladen Street is open.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilwoman Beer, seconded by Councilman O’Kelley, 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 discussion of contracts. The motion was approved unanimously.

Councilman O’Kelley, seconded by Councilwoman Beer, made a motion to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular council session. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before City Council, **Councilman O’Kelley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Beer. The motion was approved unanimously,** and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
IVETTE BURGESS, CITY CLERK