

A work session of the Beaufort City Council was held on October 8, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in the Beaufort Municipal Complex, 1901 Boundary Street. In attendance were Mayor Billy Keyserling, Council members Donnie Ann Beer, Mike Sutton, Mike McFee, and George O'Kelley, 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

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

STORMWATER UTILITY UPDATE

Andy Kinghorn offered a report from the Stormwater Utilities Board. In regard to the 319 grant for the Burton Hill project, he said, they have a cautionary agreement with the county for construction on the site. The watershed that feeds into it is 35% county, but they have agreed to a 50-50 share on costs.

Battery Creek has a fecal coliform violation, Mr. Kinghorn explained, and so shellfish for a ¼ mile is not classified as suitable, though it should be. The area from Rabbit Island to Boundary Street also doesn't meet shellfish standards, but it's classified as "recreational." An existing pond will be converted to a best management practices (BMP) facility; they will try to accumulate the stormwater during peak storm flow. They will reduce water velocity and dial off the fecal coliform.

The preliminary design is done; \$350,000 is the amount of the grant. Ward-Edwards has communicated with DHEC. The total costs are around \$750,000, so the city and county will have to come up with the additional \$400,000, Mr. Kinghorn said. Hydraulics are expected to work despite the flat land.

The owners have been met with, and the easement agreements are in the works. Mr. Kinghorn said as the city's representative on the Stormwater Board, the owners' cooperation is because of his relationship with them, and he plans to "treat them right." They have been helpful in granting easements to utilities. Mr. Dadson agreed that Mr. Kinghorn has been crucial to that relationship.

Mr. Dadson said the city has budgeted for its portions of the \$400,000 in this year's and next year's budget. Mr. Kinghorn said this is a good opportunity for the county and the city to say they "have fixed something."

Councilman McFee asked where the discharge is coming from. It's a ditch at Robert Smalls Parkway and Parris Island Gateway, Mr. Kinghorn said, and there are many drains into it. The ditch was built 100 years ago and goes right into the wash, he said. Councilman O'Kelley asked what side the pond is on. Mr. Kinghorn said it's to the left of the house and the pond's about 2 acres. **Jack Gray** built the pond in the late 1950s, Mr. Kinghorn said. Councilman O'Kelley asked

if the water went into the pond if it would be “curative,” and Mr. Kinghorn said yes and explained how it would work. There’s a reduction of flow into Battery Creek and a dial-off of the fecal coliform. Councilman O’Kelley asked why they don’t get the dial-off when it goes through the ditch; Mr. Kinghorn said it goes through the ditch so far, and then the bacteria from wildlife, etc. “gets scoured out” with rainfall and “puts a big slug of that in there each time.” He shared an anecdote and said the basis of the need for stormwater control is to develop low-impact development and the need to reduce the instantaneous flows. Councilman Sutton said there’s not follow-up maintenance on the ditch lines, and he asked how would that be different if it were maintained. Mr. Kinghorn said the volume of water will scour it out whether it’s maintained or not, so cleaning would help, but it needs to be more than that.

Mr. Kinghorn said another study underway with the county is with a grant for the South Carolina DNR. It’s a \$288,000 grant, and their work partners include USCB, DHEC, the County Stormwater Utility Board, etc. They are looking at 5 situations and trying to assess the impact in different levels of development; they are doing 5 watersheds at one time. They are going to measure salinity in sudden inflows, assess the impact on the biology of the receiving stream and other things. They are looking at degradation which has the potential to tell them where they need stricter regulations where there’s development, depending on the overall environment that they are in. He said the study will last 12-15 months. There’s an effort to involve USCB more, Mr. Kinghorn said. USCB has committed to the purchase of a piece of equipment that the Stormwater Board bought that is in USCB’s lab now. He said it’s a good collaboration and will offer faster analysis response.

Mr. Kinghorn said he has concerns about leadership of the County Stormwater Utility, of which he is an ex officio member. There are 11 people on the board, 7 appointed by the county; two seats are vacant and need to be filled, and they are having a problem getting a quorum. The city and municipal representatives are there but don’t vote. In regard to the MS4 permits, Mr. Kinghorn said, the draft for Beaufort County was issued in May, and the permit was to be issued in late August, giving them a 6-month response time. They need to update the 2006 Stormwater Management Plan for that draft, update hydrologic analysis of key watersheds, do water quality tracking, evaluate the effectiveness of new BMPs, illicit discharge detection and elimination, a PR campaign, and more. It’s so much work, Mr. Kinghorn said, and he had advocated the intergovernmental agreement with the county that was done, but the county “has been leaderless since the end of January”; **Dan Ahern** was the county manager for stormwater and did a good job. But he resigned February 1, and no one’s been in charge since, Mr. Kinghorn said. Stormwater has been given to **Rob Merchant**, and he’s overloaded with work. The county program hasn’t gotten much done in the last 7-8 months, and he was concerned that there would be no one to do all that work. The county interviewed candidates to replace Mr. Ahern, but they cut off the interviews, and the board doesn’t know what is going on.

In late spring, they were told that the decision was made to hire an engineering company to manage the program. Mr. Kinghorn said a county employee would be more responsible and accountable. The county put together the criteria to select the firm, and the county asked for

volunteers for an evaluation board. Mr. Kinghorn volunteered as well as 6 others. They ranked the RFPs and came up with the 4 most qualified and interviewed them all. He felt like one firm was far superior, as did 5 of 7 people on the panel, and one of the 2 picked that firm for second. October first, the whole solicitation was cancelled, according to the county administrator, and Mr. Kinghorn's opinion is that "we didn't pick the right firm." He said it's a shame, and he doesn't know what will happen now, but the MS4 is not as urgent as he'd feared. Good news for the city is that DHEC said that they think nothing north of the Broad River will be included in the MS4s, but that doesn't relieve the county from the work they must do in other areas.

Mr. Kinghorn doesn't know what will happen in regard to leadership. He feels they should replace Mr. Ahern in order to have someone to be responsible for the program and bring in resources and then have 1-2 engineering firms to get the work done. If the firms run things, there's a conflict of interest that occurs. The county criteria didn't include the need for the firm to be local; they were told not to consider local as a criteria, but he thinks that is why all of it was overturned, because the county favored a local firm.

Mayor Keyserling asked if there's something they should do about the leadership issue. Mr. Kinghorn said the county "lucked out," because if they hadn't gotten the permit, they would be in "a world of hurt." They are getting a break because Beaufort County has a good relationship with DHEC, but that can deteriorate. He has heard that other voting members agree with him, and there is likely to be a motion to go back to a single county point of contact and a single engineering company. Whether the county administrator will pay attention to that, Mr. Kinghorn doesn't know.

Councilman Sutton asked if this isn't the time to send a letter of inquiry about having the municipalities take a position on the board so that Mr. Kinghorn and his successors will have a voting position. Mr. Dadson said they don't have a vote because the municipalities receive their money separately from the county. Councilman Sutton said he gets that, but Beaufort should have some vote if they are doing cost-sharing. He asked how they could do that; Mr. Dadson said council can direct Mr. Dadson to write a letter and they will contact elected representatives. Mayor Keyserling said at the mayors' coffee, he can bring it up, and all the municipalities could submit a letter all at the same time. Mr. Dadson and Mayor Keyserling agreed it would be stronger if every municipality's voice were heard.

Mr. Dadson said items that are coming their way are an update on Boundary Street, which is going out for bid; Main Street Beaufort will be coming to talk about issues on their agenda, e.g., Wi-Fi; council will be discussing engineering contracts for Mr. Dadson to enter into in regard to the day dock. Before they enter into that agreement, they need to clear the engineering contract. They will leverage funds for a possible much larger federal grant. He explained the steps that would take place. Mr. Dadson said they are getting back all the responses on Tier 1, the mooring field. They have worked out a point system to finish work on the transient dock. The first grant should be coming in soon. **Kathy Todd** said they are "ready to go on the BIG one."

Mr. Dadson discussed the LPA program (Local Public Agency), which would come up in the regular council session. Councilman McFee said the City of Beaufort and Town of Port Royal are no longer considered rural for the purposes of getting agricultural money. Mayor Keyserling said they are community development corporation eligible, though.

Mayor Keyserling said he'd been at the LCOG meeting last week; he knows they have the ability to give grant money, and he asked Councilwoman Beer about it. She said "it's confusing." He said it goes to little counties, mostly.

Councilman Sutton asked if there were anything new in regard to Duke Street; he thought it was done. Mr. Dadson said they went back toward Charles Street; there's another phase coming, and they have that money. They will apply for a grant for Bladen going toward Ribaut Road. It doesn't go past Duke Street presently. Mr. Dadson explained what had been done and what they are planning to do on Bladen and Duke. Mayor Keyserling said he had told **Steve Tully** that if he built low- to moderate-income housing, it would be easier to go for the grant money. Mayor Keyserling said there could be 6-8 houses on that block on the Adventure Street side of Duke, and he enumerated the lots and the vacant houses where that could happen. They "have tried to maximize the Main Street footage" that they can, and they "have plans back in there"; they have done \$2 million in work with CDBG dollars, he said. Mayor Keyserling said the outstanding CDBG projects are for Beaufort and Bluffton's money for sidewalks.

Mayor Keyserling asked if there was a problem with TDAC; Mr. Dadson said "according to the paper there is." Councilman McFee said that he has spoken to committee members, and they don't know of any problems. There was a general discussion about TMAC and TDAC and the need for members as well as the work the groups do. Mr. Dadson said TMAC will be reviewing a new matter.

Mayor Keyserling said council all got a letter from **Donna Starkey** about Boundary Street, and he believed she was talking about Boundary Street, Jr., not "Big Boundary," then realized his mistake. Mr. Dadson reviewed the encroachment permits that they have and haven't gotten responses for yet. Mayor Keyserling said they could do a workshop on the issue of additional on-street parking issues. Mr. Dadson said active permits are in, but they have not had responses yet. SCDOT usually responds with "Take the road."

Councilman Sutton said at Shrimp Festival, there were cones at each foot to keep people from parking for a long stretch of Bay Street. He wondered why they did that instead of a landscape feature that is a barricade or a knee wall to allow parking along the Bluff. Mayor Keyserling said they should discuss the options they have in regard to parking. Mr. Dadson said there are ongoing permit applications, and they could discuss them at a work session.

Councilman Sutton said they should discuss Washington Street Park in the Northwest Quadrant. A school is using it now. Mayor Keyserling said he knows that while **Henrietta Goode** and **Dwayne Smalley** ('the older leadership'), were pushing hard, the original group that had the 100-year lease quick-claimed it. Councilman O'Kelley said it needs to be taxed if they're not a

501c3, and if they *are* taxed, “that will maybe get their attention.” Mayor Keyserling said at the Northwest Quadrant meeting, they said the committee was going to meet to figure this out. Councilman O’Kelley said “tax it.”

Councilman Sutton said the city maintains it and has a liability, a school is using it, and a civic group wants improvements made. With wear and tear, there will be accusations and liability. Mr. Dadson said staff worked with the group to put in bathrooms and had been maintaining it, but when they applied for a grant, the ownership matter came up. Councilman O’Kelley suggested writing them a letter, and said it should be taxed if it’s private land. And the city should not be doing anything, Councilwoman Beer added. Councilman O’Kelley said the city maintained it for years, and until the bathroom issue came up, the organization that owns it never mentioned anything about owning it. **John Gadson** was trying to work on it, Mr. Dadson said, but passed away. Councilman O’Kelley said it either has to be a park or has to be on the tax rolls. Mayor Keyserling said the neighborhood association is not upset with the city at all.

Maxine Lutz asked who is liable if a child is injured at the park. Mr. Dadson said the city “maintains things,” and the city would be covered from that perspective, but it’s “tricky,” so if the organization is liable, he wondered if they have assets to pay anything. Councilman Sutton said the group should be co-signers in the event of a liability. Mr. Dadson said if it gets a PARD grant, it has to be maintained in perpetuity as a park. Councilwoman Beer asked why the group claiming ownership wanted the park if they weren’t interested in maintaining it.

Councilwoman Beer said she’s had no replies about the parade for Veteran’s Day. There was general discussion about the time of the parade and the mode of transportation for council. All council members agreed to be in the parade.

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Beaufort City Council was held on October 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Beaufort Municipal Complex, 1901 Boundary Street. In attendance were Mayor Billy Keyserling and council members Donnie Ann Beer, Mike Sutton, Mike McFee, and George O’Kelley.

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 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Beer led the invocation. Mayor Keyserling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Lutz, of the Historic Beaufort Foundation, discussed the Historic District being named a Top Ten Great Neighborhood.

PUBLIC HEARING: ADOPTING THE CIVIC MASTER PLAN AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mayor Keyserling said this is on the agenda because they have to give 30 days notice on this, and the expectation was that the Civic Master Plan would be further along in its process by now. There will be a public hearing, but not until after the matter has gone before the Metropolitan Planning Commission. **Councilman O’Kelley moved to table the adoption of the Civic Master Plan as an amendment until the Metropolitan Planning Commission had heard the matter. Councilwoman Beer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC HEARING: UDO AMENDMENT REVISING SECTION 7.2.H.2, “BEAUFORT HISTORIC DISTRICT SIGN GUIDELINES” TO PERMIT SANDWICH BOARD SIGNS IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT

Mayor Keyserling opened this public hearing. Ms. Anderson said this pertains to sign regulations, specifically for the Historic District. Staff proposes permanent sandwich board signs being permitted in the Historic District. They were permitted until 2003 when the current ordinance was adopted; existing signs were grandfathered. Many businesses have begun using sandwich board signs, and many are inappropriate for the historic area – i.e., they are too large and are made of plastic.

Staff proposes allowing sandwich boards again in the Historic District, according to Ms. Anderson. The size, material, and permitting would be the same as they were before the current ordinance was put in place. She discussed the size requirements. Historic District Review Board, Historic Beaufort Foundation’s Preservation Committee, and Main Street Beaufort all support this change in concept, Ms. Anderson said.

She showed the proposed changes to the ordinance on the overhead. They permit easel signs now, and their lower versions (sandwich boards) are what’s proposed to be allowed now. They prefer that the signs be on private property but they can be in the public right-of-way if there’s

no lot line; however, they “have to be neatly up against the building.” Ms. Anderson said they would permit off-premise signs if a not-for-profit group does them. The fee for the permit is based on the cost of the sign.

Andina Foster, Hemingway’s owner, suggested that her restaurant has had such signs for 15 years. The basic signs they have are 3’ x 2’, so she suggested an increase in sign allowance to 6 square feet from 5 square feet. She said asked that they allow 2 such signs when there are 2 means of entrance into a business.

Stephen Murray, Pigeon Point, commended the ordinance amendment for the sandwich board signs. He suggested that council consider that a diverse array of signs adds to the hometown charm but said he also understands the desire for more uniform signs. He said that they might offer several options for diversity. The fee for permitting, Mr. Murray said, is a concern for small businesses that already have a burden in other fees. He suggested a standard being created, given to the businesses, and allowing voluntary compliance with no fee. Those who don’t comply after a period would receive a fine.

Charles Aimar said his Bay Street business has two “footprints” and has two signs. He said neither of the signs is an easel or a sandwich board. He asked Ms. Anderson to define what a sandwich board or an easel is. He said that they need to support the businesses that are not on Bay Street because they are also a benefit to the city. He asked what a permanent sandwich board is.

When the Redevelopment Commission or other volunteer boards make decisions, Mr. Aimar continued, he hopes that “those who serve on these boards are all my peers” who live and work in the City of Beaufort like he does. He warned against Beaufort becoming like Fayetteville, NC, a military town.

Ms. Anderson said new businesses are entitled to a sandwich board for 6 months; a permanent sandwich board would be a sign that a business would display all the time - not bringing it in and out - for the duration of the time that the place is in business.

Councilman Sutton said Mr. Aimar said his sign is freestanding and neither an easel nor a sandwich board. Councilman Sutton asked if that’s a problem. Ms. Anderson said “it probably doesn’t fit into a current category.”

Nan Sutton, 809 Craven, thanked city staff for allowing sandwich boards. She said she went through downtown and took pictures of the sandwich boards so that council could see their proliferation. She showed the pictures and recommended that the business owners be allowed a variety of types to choose from. She said without the sandwich boards on West Street alleyway, for example, you wouldn’t be able to see what the businesses are and might not go down that way. She said if they keep in the part of the ordinance that says no third party advertising can be on the sign, that would be bad because it’s important to many retailers, e.g., Pandora at the Rossignol's store. Ms. Sutton has Vera Bradley at her store, and that’s similar.

She thinks this matter should be addressed and allowed in the ordinance. She said she hopes that adjustments will be allowed so that some of the signs she's shown will be allowed.

In regard to way-finding signs, Ms. Sutton said she doesn't think they're as good as a sandwich board, which pulls people into a store. She said she agrees with Mr. Murray that there shouldn't be fees attached to this because owners already pay a percentage of their gross in license fees. She also hopes there's no application process; if the guidelines are written up, and the business owners know what they should and shouldn't do, "they can do it and go about their business."

LaNelle Fabian said the Shrimp Festival was "wonderful" the previous weekend. In regard to the signs, Main Street Beaufort sent the proposed ordinance to businesses for comments, and they sent those comments to city staff. Most surveyed said they felt that the sandwich boards should be allowed. Some restaurants mentioned the matter of the third-party logos that are on the sandwich boards, which vendors supply them so that they don't have to pay for the signs. Main Street Beaufort has no problem with the third-party advertisement or the type advertising in the Pandora sign that was shown. Ms. Fabian said that the off-premise way-finding signs under discussion would say something like, "More to explore," and then a business can buy a spot on the sign.

Ms. Fabian said she has picked up sandwich boards that have blown down, and it can be a hazard on a sidewalk, so maybe there should be a provision about business owners' responsibility for their signs.

Barbara Stanley, St. Peters Church, has a sign up about free tours of the church and graveyard "that tie into the history of Beaufort." They have a sandwich board that they put out when they're giving tours. They are plastic and from Signs Now; the volunteer docents are older and so the signs are as light as possible without blowing down so that they are able to carry them up and down stairs. It's kept on the church's property, not on the sidewalk. Their sign was special ordered. She said in regard to the 5 square feet, she thinks few of the signs were 5 square feet and agreed with Ms. Foster that they should be larger.

Eddie Rodgers said not-for-profits have signs or might like to put up a sign, not just businesses, so she said perhaps the ordinance should be amended to include these not-for-profits. Mayor Keyserling said that there would be a decision as to whether there would be a work session on this matter. **Mayor Keyserling closed this public hearing.**

MINUTES

The minutes of the work session and regular meeting of September 10, 2013 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.**

AMENDING FY 2014 BUDGET

Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman McFee, to approve the

amendment on first reading. Ms. Todd said the access way for Pigeon Point Park has been acquired for \$10,000 so a new access to the park can be constructed. Councilman Sutton and Councilman McFee said “It’s about time” and “Hallelujah,” respectively. **The motion passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION TO RELEASE COMMITTED FUND BALANCE FOR LAND ACQUISITION

Councilman Sutton made a motion, second by Councilman McFee, to approve the resolution. Ms. Todd said per policy, the funds must be committed by resolution and then have a resolution to release them from committed fund balance. Councilman McFee explained the need for neighborhood access to the park on the Newcastle Street side so that no one has to go on a major roadway to walk or ride to get into the park. Councilman Sutton said “it’s a small piece but a huge deal.” Mayor Keyserling explained the process of fund balance to the public. **The motion passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BEAUFORT TO BE DESIGNATED AS THE QUALIFIED LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA) FOR A SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT AWARD

Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman McFee, to approve the resolution. Ms. Anderson said the city has received a \$400,000 grant for the Allison Road pedestrian connector for a multi-purpose path to Ribaut Road. For the city to administer the project, they must be a local public agency designated by the DOT. The resolution will be included in the application to demonstrate the city’s support of this. If they are not designated an LPA, DOT will design and administer the project, but there would be less control for the city, Ms. Anderson said. This would add to the strength of the application for the city. **The motion passed unanimously.**

MOTION ALLOWING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE BAPTIST CHURCH OF BEAUFORT

Councilman Sutton made a motion, second by Councilwoman Beer, to approve the city manager’s and the Redevelopment Commission’s memorandum of understanding with the Baptist Church of Beaufort. Mr. Dadson said the memorandum of understanding was approved by the Redevelopment Commission last week at its meeting. The objective is to transfer a piece of property to the Baptist Church of Beaufort in exchange for property elsewhere - a house - to the city. In addition to the swap, there will be an agreement that the property along King Street will be rehabbed, and there can be infill of houses along King Street. The property exchange can occur, and the Redevelopment Commission can work with the church, then the church with a developer, to make this process happen.

Mayor Keyserling said the Baptist Church of Beaufort and the developer will share an easement for rear access, and the property conveyed to the Baptist Church of Beaufort will have a restriction that the front part of the piece of property can’t be used for parking, though the rear part can with proper screening. The Redevelopment Commission wants to rehab the district as well as fill in the vacant spaces, he said. The city will continue to have more density - on the scale of a town - and be walkable. Mayor Keyserling said this requires that the city will be

compensated for the old house when someone is found to restore it.

Councilman Sutton said this has been a long time coming, and “the hinge for the city was an old pump station on Prince” which led them to clear the lot a year and a half ago. The Baptist Church of Beaufort wanted the parcel, and the city asked the Redevelopment Commission to look for the best options for the city. This will take a city block with only one active structure on it currently, and add three or four new structures and a rehabbed building on it – “putting a city block back in service.” Councilman Sutton thinks this is “another huge step in the right direction to redevelop our city.” **The motion passed unanimously.**

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

Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman McFee to approve the request for the October 26, 2013 event. Mayor Keyserling said this is basically the same as in past years. **The motion passed unanimously.**

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Councilman McFee, second by Councilman O’Kelley, made a motion to appoint Julie McKay to the Tourism Management Advisory Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman McFee, second by Councilwoman Beer, made a motion to appoint Elinor Gray to the Tourism Management Advisory Commission.

Councilman McFee made a motion to reappoint to the Redevelopment Commission Keith Waldrop, Martin Goodman, Ms. Goode and Alan Dechovitz. Councilwoman Beer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Sutton nominated, seconded Councilwoman Beer, Councilman McFee to continue to serve as the city council representative on the Redevelopment Commission. Councilman McFee recused himself. The motion passed 4-0.

Councilman McFee, second by Councilwoman Beer, made a motion to reappoint Erika Dickerson to the Historic District Review Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman Sutton, to appoint Mr. Dadson to the Military Enhancement Committee (MEC) and to appoint Mayor Keyserling as an ex officio member. Councilman Sutton said the current representative has taken a job on the base and has removed himself from the committee. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Councilman O’Kelley asked if any other nominations are still pending or if there are people who need to be interviewed who haven’t been already. Mayor Keyserling said he believes they have interviewed everyone who’d applied for positions. Mr. Dadson said they will review the matter to ensure that all have been interviewed who’ve applied.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Keyserling said the Shrimp Festival “was quite a festival.”

Ms. Anderson gave the future dates in regard to the Civic Master Plan: the Metropolitan Planning Commission draft will be released on October 18; it’s online. October 21, the Metropolitan Planning Commission will take up the Civic Master Plan at their meeting, which begins at 5:00 pm. There will be a resolution for them to consider for adoption of the Civic Master Plan. If they recommend approval, the council will hold the public hearing on November 12.

Mayor Keyserling said Councilwoman Beer’s birthday is this Thursday.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before City Council, **Councilwoman Beer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman McFee. The motion was approved unanimously,** and the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
IVETTE BURGESS, CITY CLERK