

A work session of the Beaufort City Council was held on September 24, 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.

### **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS INTERVIEWS**

**Daniel Ahern, Julie McKay, Ron Lewis, and Joseph Noll** were interviewed for positions on various volunteer boards: Design Review Board, TDAC/TMAC, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Historic District Review Board respectively.

### **DISCUSSION WITH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Alice Howard**, representing the Metropolitan Planning Commission, said the commission is still working on the Civic Master Plan, and they passed on the recommendation about the sandwich boards in the Historic District. Mayor Keyserling asked if the commission had questions for council on the Civic Master Plan. Ms. Howard said the group needed to review the proposed changes. The representatives of the Historic District had a lot of comments, and **Libby Anderson** furnished the commission with notes. She said they just needed more time.

Mayor Keyserling said they are anxious to keep the Civic Master Plan moving because council will not take it up until the Metropolitan Planning Commission has.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to Title 30, Chapter 4, and Section 70 (a) (2) of the South Carolina Code of Law, **Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman Sutton, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of proposed contractual agreements. The motion passed unanimously.**

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Beaufort City Council was held on September 24, 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 7:01 p.m.

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

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

**Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman Sutton, to come out of Executive Session and begin the regular session. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **PROCLAMATION OF OCTOBER AS ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH**

**Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman McFee, to approve the proclamation.** Councilwoman Beer read the proclamation and **Mary Lou Brewton** made comments about archeological events, including a film festival with more than 30 films.

#### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the work session August 27, 2013 were presented to council for review. Councilman McFee pointed out a missing paragraph, which the recorder has corrected.

**Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman O'Kelley, to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **REQUEST FROM BEAUFORT COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS TO HOST ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PARADE**

**Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman O'Kelley, to approve the request for the November 11, 2013 event.** Councilman McFee said the parade would begin at 9:30 a.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **REQUEST FROM THE EXCHANGE CLUB TO HOST ANNUAL GHOST TOURS EVENT DOWNTOWN**

**Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman McFee, to approve the request for the October 11-27, 2013 event.** Councilman Sutton asked Officer **Hope Able** if there was lighting that should be done at night on the buggies. Officer Able said that they should have lighting per their inspections. Councilman Sutton asked if they could be checked and "tuned up." Officer Able said they have reflectors, but the lights are on the side. The horses have reflectors, too. **The motion passed unanimously.**

## **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**Councilman Sutton made a motion to appoint Richardson LaBruce, Jeremiah Smith, and Jan Malinowski to serve on the Housing Authority. Councilwoman Beer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Councilman Sutton made a motion to appoint Buffy Camputaro to the Election Commission. Councilman McFee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Councilman Sutton made a motion to appoint Michelle Knoll to the Historic District Review Board. Councilman McFee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Keyserling said he had given out promotional pieces for Phase 6 of the Spanish Moss Trail. The community needs to raise money to help the project get going, he said. They hope to have a ribbon cutting for the Ribaut Road to Port Royal section on the week of Thanksgiving. They hope to have it open even sooner than that, he said. He said he'd asked about maintenance and had told the chair of the Spanish Moss Trail about discussing a county-wide fee for the regional and destination parks when the Northern Regional Implementation Committee meets on Friday.

Mayor Keyserling said that a new company in Beaufort had brought with it a connection to the Spirit of America Foundation, which is run by the Coast Guard and provides boating safety classes for middle schoolers. They have a concern about where they can have access to water. Students get a permit to operate a watercraft when they graduate. Councilman Sutton expressed interest in being involved with their project.

## **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Councilman O'Kelley said he was asked about the Beaufort Elementary School traffic situation, which he said got better for a while with cones and monitors, but it has slipped back into being hard to get out with blocked driveways and intersections. People on King Street don't want to let anyone in off Glebe or Pilot Streets, so they block the intersection. A 3-way stop on Pilot and King Streets was suggested. Mr. Dadson said they are meeting with DOT officials, and they will put that on the table for discussion. Mayor Keyserling said he had met with the principal about the issue, and "he's ready to do something."

Councilman Sutton said that the previous weekend, the community had done a project with grant funding, and the city staff did an incredible job, especially Ms. Anderson and **Lauren Kelly** but also many others. "They went after the grants and then put on work clothes and worked," he said. He praised their commitment and the great project. That grant was a Keep America Beautiful grant through Lowes. Marines showed up with tools and bodies, and Councilman Sutton said it couldn't have been done without Ms. Kelly working with Historic Beaufort Foundation and "other people who had never been seen before" at such occasions who showed up and rolled up their sleeves. "A \$5000 grant was easily spread into \$15,000 worth of work," Councilman Sutton said. Mr. Dadson agreed. Mayor Keyserling said if they could identify

more projects where the amount could be that low, he'd "be happy to knock on doors," if \$5000 will do something good for a disabled person and a neighborhood. He said it's a perfect example of a "compassionate city." Mr. Dadson said when the money comes from the private sector like Lowes, "you get the maximum value from it because you're not hemmed in by regulations." Mayor Keyserling said he would be happy to knock on doors for the funding for that type of project.

Councilman McFee thanked the police department for their "rapid response to the (mobile meth lab) situation in Pigeon Point."

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before City Council, **Councilwoman Beer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Sutton. The motion was approved unanimously,** and the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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IVETTE BURGESS, CITY CLERK