

A work session of the Beaufort City Council was held on April 8, 2014 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.

TEMPORARY PARKING SPACE RENTAL RATES

Mr. Dadson said there are no hard and fast rules for how these spaces are used when people reserve them. There have been various uses. Staff wants to know what they should be reserved for, for how long, should it vary per street, and what should be allowed in a space. Mr. Dadson feels it should be cars or safety equipment so as not to harm people or property. Councilman O'Kelley said last week a block was full of Cadillac Escalades, and the cars had Michigan license tags, and they were trying to sell the cars. They could've parked the cars in a parking lot.

Councilman Sutton said he feels service and delivery are the two things that must be the purposes of the spaces. Councilman Sutton said that at this point, anyone could buy a few spaces for a month for whatever purpose they wanted. There were people who took up two spaces and cooked on Port Republic. Councilman Sutton said someone may need numerous spaces for long periods of time for construction.

There was some discussion about how the Cadillac event occurred. **LaNelle Fabian** said that Main Street Beaufort has sold reserved spaces for an event to park, not for cooking in the spot, etc. Some more direction, she agrees, would be helpful. Councilman Sutton said they might need waste containers that need to be parked near a job site. Councilman Sutton said special events might come through council, going beyond staff. He asked if they want to do something special, should it go past staff level? Mr. Dadson agreed that the reserved spaces should be for service and delivery and for a defined period, especially if it's to be on Bay Street. There is more availability on streets other than Bay, and exceptions should be rare and for a good reason, he said. It should be for short periods of time and then have to be renewed.

Ms. Fabian said the Port Republic issue has happened a handful of times before. Ms. Fabian said Park Beaufort should be involved, and that should be clear to the parker.

Councilman Sutton suggested that the fee structure might vary depending on who needs it for what and for how long. Construction could be for a long period of time and all day long. Councilman Sutton said it's difficult for freight trucks to deliver now because there are fewer loading zones. Mr. Dadson said they have coordinated that with the police department. Councilman O'Kelley said there's a spot for deliveries near Palm and Moon.

Councilman Sutton suggested restrictions on the renting of spaces. Councilman O'Kelley reiterated that the Cadillac event was "totally wrong." Councilman Sutton said it had happened with a political rally, too. Councilman O'Kelley said Park Beaufort shouldn't have the say-so "with things like Lindsey Graham and the Cadillacs."

Mr. Dadson asked if service and delivery and special events should have higher-level review. Councilman Sutton said if someone gets approval for a purpose, should they pay the same rate as a contractor? If it's a business doing a special promotion on city property, then a business owner should be a different rate than a contractor. There was more discussion of the Cadillacs and the filming of a commercial. Mr. Dadson said they need to ensure that the basic things that Park Beaufort does, they can do, and there needs to be a payment structure for it.

A permit costs \$10, but it would be \$8 if one could feed the meter all day, but Councilman McFee said, "you're paying for access on Bay Street." Councilman McFee said for a building improvement, \$20 or \$30 is too much. Mr. Dadson said if it's safety, service and delivery, it would be \$8 for half a day and \$15 for all day for 3 days. Ms. Fabian asked about special events where the street is closed, but they have space for parking spaces for certain cars. Mr. Dadson said special events should be brought to **Ivette Burgess**, the special events coordinator. Councilman Sutton said it should be more for special events, he feels.

Mr. Dadson said service and delivery could be a 3-day maximum, and then you have to renew. Councilman Sutton said he'd leave it at \$10. Mayor Keyserling agreed. Mr. Dadson said you can get 6 spaces for 30 days, and no construction is happening there. 3 days gives parking management more direction. If you need it for more, you will have come in for a building permit, and that will be taken care of at City Hall when they get the permit. Councilman Sutton said "that would force (him) to be as lean as possible and know the dynamics of the job," and he'd know the rules of engagement with Park Beaufort. He used the example of a garbage dumpster. If the rules were clear, and he was seeing Park Beaufort more often, he would know to get rid of a dumpster that otherwise he might let sit there. **Maxine Lutz** clarified that the contractor would go to Park Beaufort. Mr. Dadson said yes, except when there are special events or special exceptions.

Councilman McFee and Councilman Sutton agreed that they would be OK with special events paying more. Ms. Lutz asked about when luxury cars representing their sponsors park outside the Verdier House. It was agreed that they are not coming until late in the afternoon and aren't even close to the 3-hour time limit. Councilman Sutton proposed \$15 for special events. Mayor Keyserling agreed. Councilman McFee said he thinks "that's too generous." Ms. Fabian said it could be higher, but there should be a not-for-profit price. Ms. Fabian said the difference for her organization is because they promote downtown, and people like the Cadillac people are there to make money for themselves.

Councilman McFee said the city should be able to say if there is a benefit to the city and determine the rate that way. Councilman Sutton said they would have to have parameters for that, then. Councilman McFee said he thinks \$15 is too cheap for special events. If they can't

justify that it's providing a service, then it should be \$25. Mayor Keyserling said it's not the money so much; you make more than \$10 a day with a special event.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The following positions need to be filled: Three on TDAC (one at large, one hospitality, and one lodging) and there's a candidate, but it's unclear if he lives here full time; two on the Tree Board, and there are currently no applicants; one current vacancy and three upcoming on the Historic District Review Board. **Libby Anderson** said that the current vacancy needs to be a design professional. Mayor Keyserling said that the Chamber of Commerce has asked for a designated seat on the Historic District Review Board, and they have asked if the ordinance could be changed to allow it. Mayor Keyserling said he's "not sure how serious they were." Councilman Sutton said he'd like to have a citywide at-large person on the Historic District Review Board, not just Historic District residents or business owners.

There is one vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals, two on TMAC, one on the Election Committee, and one on Beaufort Housing Authority. Mayor Keyserling said he recommends going through with this as soon as possible to have people attend who are going to replace those whose terms will be up in June.

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 McFee, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of a legal briefing regarding pending litigation. The motion passed unanimously.**

A regular meeting of the Beaufort City Council was held on April 8, 2014 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.

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

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.

PROCLAMATION OF APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman McFee, to approve the proclamation. The motion passed unanimously. Councilwoman Beer read the proclamation. **Shawn Chin Capps**, Hope Haven of the Lowcountry, thanked the City of Beaufort and council as well as the community for their support.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Councilman Sutton made a motion, second by Councilwoman Beer, to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Howell Beech said at the March 25, 2014 council meeting, three items were approved, which he cited. He said he understood the approval of the Yoyo's project but the Plum's approval concerned him because even though the land was leased by the city to Plum's, if it's made into a patio where the mulch is now, it "basically belongs to Plum's." He's concerned more businesses will want more land in Waterfront Park.

Alan Dechovitz, Redevelopment Commission, said that today it was announced that Beaufort would be a stop on the Intracoastal Waterway Snowbird Rally, which will bring 30-50 cruising boats to stop for a few days in November, thanks to some good work by the Chamber of Commerce. He explained how arrangements would work for the visitors. The permanent moorings have been leased, he said, and the transient moorings are going in as well as other improvements to the marina.

Ms. Fabian said last week a rehabilitation award for the Lipsitz building was received, and the Plate Crawl won the outstanding promotion for 2013.

Eddie Rodgers, Spanish Point, said she had objected to the placement of cement tables and benches in Secession Park two weeks ago, and she asked if there was a plan in place to remove them yet. Mayor Keyserling said there is one, but it's not been voted on or discussed yet. Ms. Rodgers said they are inappropriate, according to the Milner Report. She said Secession Park is a pocket park; other parks in the Historic District have iron and/or wood benches with nice back support, even outside the Historic District at Logan and Wilson Parks.

Bill Rauch said the little lot near Basil Green Field 3 has very little parking there. Those are "city kids" playing at Basil Green, Mr. Rauch said, and people are being ticketed, which he thinks is "bad stewardship." Also, in regard to political signs, he said in the Republican primary, "no one touched anyone's signs." In the run-off, "the traditional process was also adhered to." In the general election, when council was running, "the Codes guy threw signs out on the Saturday before the election on Tuesday." It has never happened that they go into the trash compactor instead of letting them be picked up after the election, according to Mr. Rauch. He suggested they have a policy and adhere to it because "people will remember and might seek retribution."

PUBLIC HEARING: REZONING TWO PARCELS OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE WATERFRONT PARK MARINA PARKING LOT FROM CONSERVATION PRESERVATION DISTRICT TO CORE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT. THE PROPERTIES ARE IDENTIFIED AS DISTRICT 120, TAX MAP 4, PARCELS 972 AND 973 (PORTION). THE PROPERTIES ARE LOCATED IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE WATERFRONT PARK MARINA PARKING LOT AT/NEAR INTERSECTION OF NEWCASTLE AND BAY STREETS.

Mayor Keyserling opened this public hearing. Ms. Anderson said the rezoning is coming from the City of Beaufort, in the Waterfront Park Marina parking lot. There are two parcels involved. They are currently zoned Conservation Preservation; they are used as parking lots. Limited uses in that zoning are for parks, cemeteries and community service uses. Parking lots are not permitted as primary uses in the Conservation Preservation zone. She showed the parameters of the zoning designations, which she said, "are quite a mix."

Core Commercial is the proposed zoning, which permits a wide variety of uses, Ms. Anderson said. This rezoning is consistent with the 2009 Comprehensive Plan. The Civic Master Plan shows the parking lot in a redevelopment scenario: green space surrounded by different kinds of buildings. The Civic Master Plan also proposed the rezoning of this property.

In regard to the current zoning and its suitability of current uses, parking is not permitted in a Comprehensive Plan zone, so it's non-conforming. This would make it conforming. Pub notice was made, and neighborhood property owners were notified. Staff recommends the rezoning. The Metropolitan Planning Commission recommended denial of the proposed change until the plan and the covenants are put in place for the public land.

Mayor Keyserling said this is a public hearing so the public is to be heard; this is not time for debate. He gave some ground rules for the hearing.

Ms. Lutz said that Historic Beaufort Foundation opposes the rezoning at this time until questions are answered: Should this public property be converted to private use? “Never during the Civic Master Plan process was the public asked if they wanted the Marina parking lot turned over to a private company,” Ms. Lutz said. Should there be a referendum? Should it be decided to convert it to private use, what would the use be? The platting and form from the Master Plan have not been presented. Historic Beaufort Foundation asked council to slow down in March, and asked that they answer questions in regard to the required process to be followed. The public wasn’t brought into the process early enough, Ms. Lutz said. The Seth Harry study is 3 years old and a more current one might have different conclusions. What is the appraised value of the land? Citizens should be told. Because these questions are not known, Historic Beaufort Foundation opposes the rezoning.

Mayor Keyserling said there is no proposal on the table. What *is* on the table is the rezoning, which the Redevelopment Commission and the council feel is in agreement with the Master Plan. One consideration is land use: Can it work? 2) Design: Can it fit? 3) Dollars: sale, use, economic viability 4) Parking. None of these are on the table at this time, in regard to a development. They are only considering conforming the zoning to the Civic Master Plan.

Dean Moss read a presentation from the Open Land Trust. He said the rezoning would allow for “massive development,” and “the city will transfer the land to private developers,” so the Open Land Trust presented a resolution in opposition to the rezoning of the downtown Marina parking lot to core commercial; the city should retain ownership, Mr. Moss said, and future use “should enhance the experience of everyone in Beaufort.”

Ms. Fabian said that Main Street Beaufort is in support of the rezoning because her organization and board support the redevelopment of downtown, and they support the Civic Master Plan. Whatever proposal comes “should fit into Beaufort,” and they will make those decisions as proposals come in.

Blakely Williams said the Chamber of Commerce encourages the city to move forward, and this rezoning “will strengthen and invigorate the city.” The Chamber of Commerce took a formal position to encourage a parking structure downtown.

Conway Ivy, 501 King Street and chair of the Historic Beaufort Foundation, quoted Mayor Keyserling in his April 4 newsletter as saying that the determination was so that the zoning will conform to the Civic Master Plan, “not to entertain specifics.” Mr. Ivy said the reason for the proposed zoning change would be to conform to the Civic Master Plan. He then read the definition of “conform” from Webster’s Dictionary. He said “this makes the Civic Master Plan a regulating plan,” not a conceptual plan. The Metropolitan Planning Commission, the Redevelopment Commission, and the city architect said the purpose of the Civic Master Plan “was a concept of what might be done but wouldn’t be binding.” He reiterated that Historic Beaufort Foundation didn’t support the Civic Master Plan and why (because the 7 Integrities and Design Principles they wanted weren’t included). He quoted Mayor Keyserling’s February 3, 2014 newsletter about contentious issues surrounding the Civic Master Plan as “a vision

statement.” He said they are now in a regulating process that is contrary to the Civic Master Plan and the ordinance that established it. He said voting on the rezoning now is “putting the cart before the horse.”

David Taub cited the Sermon on the Mount. He said the process is backward and the area shouldn’t be rezoned “until we know what it is being rezoned for.” The Metropolitan Planning Commission recommended not rezoning until there is a final plan to approve. The rezoning is inappropriate. He said he had looked at the Core Commercial zoning and said it’s the “most permissive zoning” possible. Mr. Taub said they need to fit the rezoning to the project, “not lay out Core Commercial,” which he feels is bad policy. In regard to commitment, Mr. Taub said that doing this for Marina Partners to feel more confident is not a compelling argument and is “a foolish notion.” The council and Redevelopment Commission’s contract with the developers says that the city’s commitment is to assist in the due diligence and to agree to provide reports and relevant documents; also, “the city agrees to rezone the property” and to transfer the property upon presentation of an acceptable plan. He went on to cite The Byrd’s song, “Turn, Turn, Turn.”

Sherrod Morehead, 303 Federal Street, said he has a petition that sampled people in restaurants and people in the stores they own and manage on Bay Street in regard to the garden concept that Mr. Beech had proposed. He said many of the people he chatted with “are completely uninformed about the issues” and that there is a lack of a proposal. He said communication is important, and if it’s impaired, there will be less chance of a desired outcome. He understands that there is no proposal. Dr. Morehead said, “the residents need to communicate more with the city.” Those whom he spoke with and gave a little bit of information to came to the same conclusion, which was that they needed to know more about it and would love to have an opportunity to communicate their thoughts to the city. They wanted to know to whom they should speak. Dr. Morehead said they can’t make a mistake about this “because it will affect people’s livelihood.” He concluded that council should slow down and do the zoning later.

Irene Goodnight has had businesses in the city and said she prays that the parking lot will be kept as green space, “not sold to the highest bidder.” She thinks there’s “a conflict of interest.” This is Conservation Preservation, and to zone it to commercial is wrong because “it’s being used now for people.” “People love the way it is,” she said. She wants the development to be slow. Waterfront Park is special to her, Ms. Goodnight said. She proposed getting rid of the parking meters in downtown and said she has done so for 20 years. She said there *is* commerce downtown. She thinks the Marina parking lot should be “grandfathered in.”

Dick Stewart, Spring Island, said **Jim Chaffin** developed the River House there. He said Mr. Ivy had spoken about the difference between the regulating and visionary plans. Mr. Stewart said they own Jean Ribaut Square where there’s a gazebo in the parking lot. When the plan was passed, they wanted to build a park there, but they were unable to because of “a picture” which, Mr. Stewart said, “says otherwise.” They wanted a park, not a gazebo. “The pictures become regulating whether that’s intentional or not,” he said. Second, Mr. Stewart was asked

why the city favored redevelopment, and he said he feels the city is working on a plan. He went on to ask questions about some historic redevelopments, including restoring the Saltus building, and issues that they had with the Historic District Review Board. He said if they want to do redevelopment, they should talk to the businesses about places where it would be good to do. He said the Old City Hall redevelopment came as a part of an RFP process, and there were issues around that. "There were no proposals for redevelopment because people were uncertain about costs and timing," Mr. Stewart said. He went on to describe other waterfront developments he had looked into. He thinks they should "look at more successful developers before choosing to go down this path" and suggested that there are local developers who should be looked into as well.

Bill Salmons, 100 Pines, said redesignating the Marina parking lot to a green area would bring in tourists "eventually," and would be "a better asset than boutique hotels."

John Trask, St. Helena island, said he thinks "the highest and best use is permanent open space," and he wanted council to commit to that and forget the Civic Master Plan and "this, that and the other," which is says is the "will of the people." Furthermore, he said council should not "prolong the agony" of the public. He said, "the public would win and council would lose," if they do not make it a permanent green space.

Charles Kresch said parking is important and "what gets on a map stays on a map." The Marina parking lot is "the lifeblood of parking downtown." If it's green space, the parking will be lost. To rezone before they know what goes there is "shooting ourselves in the foot," he feels. Dr. Kresch said the maps Ms. Anderson showed show his property "disappearing." Council won't be here, eventually, he said, and if it's changed to Core Commercial, "people will believe they can build right up to the water" because it's Core Commercial.

Frank Cerulli, Shell Point, said it had been mentioned that the reason to do this is because the maintenance and debt service of the greater downtown area to Craven Street runs about \$600,000 more than the property taxes and business licenses, according to Mayor Keyserling. Mr. Cerulli said if they "charged each person \$20 more a year, you could cover that." He said business owners have offered to do maintenance of the park. He asked "the parameters for wanting to privatize."

Lee Shaffer, 108 Caper Street, said "all I've heard about is money," and she thinks about the young people in cities "who've never seen the sky." She can't believe there aren't other ways to explore making money if it's needed. She thinks the Waterfront Park will enhance people's lives, and she asked that they "please don't take places like that away from our children."

Bill Nettles, Spanish Point Drive, likes Waterfront Park, and he asked council "not to mess with the park and leave it alone" and council "can put it on the ballot." He said they know they "don't have the support of the community" in this matter. He also advocated free parking. He said they park in the Marina parking lot to visit Waterfront Park. Mr. Nettles thinks "people will be driven away by development" there.

John Gray, 201 Laurens Street, said he's sorry to hear the Marina parking lot is non-conforming because it was built as a parking lot in the 1950s. Dr. Gray said Beaufort is on a lot of lists of great little towns. He thinks council needs "to be careful with their changes," and they should use the waterfront, which isn't getting the use it could.

Joan Sedlacek said a flyer someone had passed out in chambers "sums up what people feel tonight." She feels that they want the zoning changed "to raise the taxes on the population and get higher income people to the park." She hasn't heard about a parking lot to substitute for the Marina parking lot. She doesn't think they need "condos in the park."

Lila Meek, 911 New Street, said on behalf of all the people not paying attention in 2009, she's sorry she didn't say then what she wants to say now. She wants to see the current Marina parking lot "kept green all the way from the bathrooms."

Don Starkey said there is a lot of disagreement, but they agree that Beaufort must change. He isn't sure this is the right change for Beaufort and if it should happen now. He doesn't understand why it is Core Commercial and not some other zoning designation. Mr. Starkey wants to see a total plan for a parking garage, what will be done in the park, etc., not have it done "piecemeal." He said the Civic Master Plan says that there should be development in some places, but not what kind of development.

Randall Bagley, 2901 Riverside Drive, moved here from Charleston, and he thinks this is an effort to make Beaufort "too citified." He thinks they should "leave it be."

Beekman Webb, Coosaw Island, said the parking lot was put there "because it was dredge-spoiled," and it "has always been a recreational place." He hopes they will reconsider the rezoning, which he thinks is "criminal."

Mr. Beech, 310 Federal Street, said "the land belongs to the people of Beaufort" and "not one square foot should be sold." He compared Beaufort to Charleston and Joe Riley's refusal to sell waterfront property in downtown Charleston. He said in Beaufort they don't want a Harbor Town like on Hilton Head Island, and the land should not be sold or leased.

DeWitt Helm, 406 New Street, said the group apologized for not having enough buttons and more could be gotten at Blackstone's on Friday for \$1.

Linda Britton, 3030 Federal Street, said she knows a lot about marinas because she was inspired by what Mr. Beech said about Harbor Town. "The people and boats that stop here are very knowledgeable," she feels. She cited the case of the couple who were kidnapped on Hilton Head Island and disappeared at Harbor Town; she said this has happened in other places, too, and it usually happens in places "where there's partying." Ms. Britton thinks there's room for more park space.

Duncan Fordham grew up in downtown Beaufort, and he loves the Waterfront Park and the Marina parking lot. He thinks it should be beautified. He can't imagine seeing that property developed with more hotels and more retail, he said. He thinks it would be an abomination. If the zoning is passed, Mr. Fordham thinks they "must support the majority of the public." He thinks "more competition is great," but "it needs to be put somewhere else." If they take away parking, they need to replace it, he concluded.

Matt MacAlhaney said many of the folks on Craven Street he knows who access the Waterfront Park along the way are not represented. There is no representation from the Northwest Quadrant residents, either. "They will be disenfranchised," he said, "if there is a high-end development."

Kathy Lindsey, Hermitage Road, said there's real work to be done on rezoning. There may always be differences of agreement on what to do with the property. She said there's no reason to rezone right now. "The Master Plan really has nothing to do with doing this right now," she feels. She asked that they "rezone in a way that brings the community together."

Peter White, 61 Bostick Circle, Suthern Rose Buggy Tours, said Mayor Keyserling had been on the radio and said that there were a lot of open views of the water, where they can see garbage, carriages, and buses. He said there were a lot of people who go on to Bay Street after carriage and bus rides. Mr. White and his wife and their employees are "ambassadors in Beaufort," and they tell people where to go to eat, etc. Many tourists start there, and it's an important meeting place. On the Intracoastal Waterway, he has seen a lot of condos and hotels, and he thinks the Waterfront Park will look like that and "blend in with everything else." Beaufort tourists are looking for history and the water view.

John Trask, 1602 Duke Street, said density and development don't always equate to profitability. He disagrees with the rezoning because it would "block access." He said, "people here should go to Mossy Oaks and to their African American friends to inform them of what the constriction of Core Commercial would do." He thinks Mr. Beech was right and "open space can create vitality much, much more than development can, and this is a prime example." **Mayor Keyserling closed this public hearing.**

MINUTES

Councilman McFee made a motion, second by Councilwoman Beer, to approve the minutes of the work session March 18, 2014 as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman McFee, to approve the minutes of the work session and regular meeting March 25, 2014 as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1011 AND 1015 BAY STREET FROM OFFICE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO CORE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, AND REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 310 AND 314 CHARLES STREET FROM OFFICE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO

NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman McFee to approve the ordinance on second reading. The motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF THE NOISE ORDINANCE FOR A PRIVATE EVENT AT THE ARSENAL

Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman McFee, to approve the request. Parker Chapman said they are having a rehearsal dinner at the Arsenal. He's from Greenville, but they are getting married down here. He understands the rules and regulations, but he wanted to explain that it's "a family gathering, not a dance floor with a deejay."

Mayor Keyserling said the synagogue is finished by 8:30 at the latest. Councilman McFee said the other problem was the decibel levels per the ordinance. Mayor Keyserling said with these resolved, the issue is waiving the noise ordinance. Councilman Sutton said council wanted clarification on other issues; they didn't expect Mr. Chapman and his fiancée to come in for the meeting. Council is familiarizing themselves with the noise ordinance and the levels of sound aren't thrown out, just because of a waiver. **The motion passed unanimously.**

REQUEST FOR STREET CLOSURE FROM TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH TO HOST ANNUAL RUN/WALK FOR CHRIST

Councilwoman Beer made a motion, 2nd by Councilman McFee, to approve the request for the May 24, 2014 event. The motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST FROM PETE PALMER FOR EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE DOWNTOWN MARINA RAMP AND WAIVER OF PARKING FEES IN THE MARINA LOT FOR THE ANNUAL BEAUFORT SWIM

Councilwoman Beer made a motion, 2nd by Councilman Sutton, to approve the request for the May 31, 2014 event. Pete Palmer, 1301 North Street, introduced Rick Symonds of the YMCA. Councilman Sutton said they have never had an event that had a short arrival with parking for free. Mr. Palmer said participants register and are bussed to Port Royal; their cars are downtown, and then they get tickets while they're swimming. Councilman Sutton suggested an event placard for each competitor's car. Mr. Symonds said it could be in their event packet. Ms. Burgess asked when the registration packets will go out, and it was determined that this would work. The motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – STORMWATER UTILITY BOARD, CITY OF BEAUFORT REPRESENTATIVE

Councilman Sutton made a motion to reappoint Andy Kinghorn to serve on the stormwater utility board. Councilwoman Beer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Keyserling said he's done a great job.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Keyserling said he would be away for 12 days starting Thursday, April 10.

REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Sutton said the mooring field is happening, and he showed a photo of the screw anchors.

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 9:31 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
IVETTE BURGESS, CITY CLERK