

A work session of the Beaufort City Council was held on November 25, 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 McFee, Mike Sutton, George O’Kelley, Councilmen Elect Phil Cromer and Stephen Murray, 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.

**Bill Prokop** introduced **David Bowman**, the city’s new senior project manager, who will begin January 5. The mayor explained that Mr. Bowman’s role would be to be “the face and the mind on the Boundary Street project” and other projects. He will be “the guy on the street getting things done,” Mayor Keyserling said.

### **DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (DRB) INTERVIEWS**

**Libby Anderson** said the Design Review Board is a citizen committee appointment by council, and it reviews projects outside the Historic District. Ms. Anderson said one vacancy is for a design professional, ideally an architect: **Jane Frederick** and **Travis Harrison** are candidates for that position, and the other is for a citizen, preferably a business owner, outside the Historic District.

**Chuck Rushing** and **Brian Franklin** were present to seek reinstatement on the board. Mr. Rushing said his position terminated last June. Both men explained their professional backgrounds.

Ms. Anderson said **Alice Howard** would have to retire from the Metropolitan Planning Commission because she had been elected to county council, so that position would need to be filled, too.

**Russell Diller**, **Andrew Corriveau**, **Robert Albright**, **Vimal Desai**, **Robert Marek**, **Richard Klawe**, and **Raymond Stocks** all described their professional backgrounds and fielded discussion with council.

Mayor Keyserling said the appeals board for Boundary Street is the Design Review Board.

### **UPDATE ON MOORING FIELDS**

**Rick Griffin** said the OCRM permit has been received and went on to update council on other developments at the marina, particularly as related to the moorings.

**Isaiah Smalls** said they are saving “\$1500 - \$2000 per piling versus waiting on Steadfast.”

Mr. Griffin said the extra costs involved in driving in the piles meant that they had to eliminate

additional anchors for later use. They will have the ability to put in 11 more and will have 41 sites. The funds were expended on the first 30. In long-term fees, he's collected around \$24,000 and in short-term \$6100, making \$30,327 collected in total, and many boats are still at the dock through arrangements he has made, so he feels good about the moorings and feels the additional 11 will be needed at some point. 16 are restricted to transients. Mr. Griffin said that's all the contractor could get in "because of problems at the bottom," and the Tier 1 grant is now "a done deal." The new moors will be designated as transient for bigger boats; there are "5 or 6 that can't be put out there" now because of their size.

Councilman Sutton said he's frustrated by the buoys' patterns and the effect it is having. He asked Mr. Griffin and Mr. Smalls to consider how to fix the problem in order to "get the mix of boats in there" that they want. Mr. Griffin is going to deal with that when it's operational, Councilman Sutton said.

Mr. Griffin detailed daily policing efforts in the field, and Councilman Sutton asked how it was going. Mr. Griffin said when the boats come take on fuel before mooring, they pump out then, or marina staff will go out to them, if that's what the boaters want. Councilman Sutton asked if that means that Mr. Griffin's boat is operational, and Mr. Griffin said it is, but it is old.

Councilman Sutton said the moorings are already paying off, and Mr. Griffin agreed. Councilman Sutton said the boats are larger, their owners more affluent, and they're coming into town to eat and shop as well.

Councilman O'Kelley said Mr. Griffin had raised a point about boats moving. He asked if the derelicts had gone away. Mr. Griffin said that they had; they have one whose owner they know, and it's "drifting around." The owner moved it when called and Mr. Griffin is hopeful that he will, at some point, leave the area. They will be able to make them stay outside the boundaries of the field eventually.

Mr. Griffin said he has a waiting list. Councilman McFee asked about the permit expiration for the 11 that aren't going in yet, and Mr. Griffin said it's 5 years. The new anchors will be in the neighborhood of \$17,000, Mr. Griffin said. Councilman-Elect Murray asked if there was a timeline for the other 11, and Mr. Griffin said he's paying for all of it, and the city is helping him out, but there is no plan or timeline for the others yet. Mayor Keyserling explained that they thought they had the money for the buoys, but the need for the pilings meant that the price went up \$1500 per. Mr. Griffin explained that there's no sediment on top of the rock, and when these first kind "were screwed in, the shale breaks up," so they weren't sufficiently secure. Steadfast gave Mr. Griffin a worst-case scenario bid, and it will cost less to drive in the pilings if the job ends up being easier. He said they have contracted for the first cleaning and are staying up to date on maintenance.

#### **CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON PARKING MANAGEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT SERVICES RFP**

**Kathy Todd** said council had 3 specific questions: 2 for her and 1 for **Bill Harvey**. She had also asked SP+ representatives to help her to give council answers.

**Steve Fernandez**, SP+, introduced **Bob Camper**, also an SP+ representative, and answered the question of how their proposal would change if the fee structure were to change in the future. Mayor Keyserling explained the background and complexities of the parking issue in downtown Beaufort. Council feels a discussion with the public who have been “on the ground” and can speak to the matter would be a good conversation to have. He explained the possibility that the first two hours could be free and/or the fines might be \$5, not \$10, and council felt that SP+ needed to know that.

Mr. Fernandez said they feel their proposal was fair, and they want to establish a parking program that meets the needs of the city. If they have to provide an initial discount on the first citation, they can make those adjustments. The management fee can also be structured various ways. In their bid, they said they would provide \$35,000 in new parking meters to the city, and the fee needs to allow them to recover that cost. They can look at eliminating percentages of revenues, but they can also accept a flat fee that is annualized over a 5-year contract.

Ms. Todd said there are multiple options to address the parking fees, and a variety of them restructure the revenues, but do not change the amount. In Savannah, they waive the first parking violation, but the second time it’s a second tier rate and so forth, to deter parking violations from occurring. Ms. Todd said that after the fee structure review, any options would involve an ordinance change based on council’s direction. Councilman O’Kelley asked, if council were to change the fine from \$10 to \$5, if they could work with that. Mr. Fernandez said they would adjust their fee structure to accommodate that. Councilman O’Kelley said he doesn’t want to be locked into a contract and then not be able to change anything.

Councilman McFee asked if they have periods of free parking in other cities, and Mr. Fernandez said that’s the case in several of their facilities, and there are “a variety of avenues” they can take. He made a sample list of clients, and there are 9 or so locations that are similar to Beaufort in terms of spaces and revenues. They can go through the system and do an operational audit to meet the city’s and the community’s needs. They have done this around the country, Mr. Fernandez explained. It’s not just about revenues, he said; it’s about having the right parking policy for the community.

Mr. Fernandez said that in one town, they had a parking hotline number on every meter. Calls went to someone in the field, and they could then go help people having trouble with the meters or explain when they needed to pay. Councilman McFee asked if they had “inherited” Carolina Beach from another service, and Mr. Fernandez said they had.

Councilman O’Kelley asked why new meters are needed. Mr. Fernandez said in the core area, the single space meters take credit cards, and out further (Craven Street and Carteret, for example), there are outdated meters that do not. They will replace them with IPS meters, so people can pay for parking with a credit or debit card. Ms. Todd said 50 of the meters in the outer areas are old and don’t take cards. Mr. Fernandez said they would ideally replace the 50 with the same kind of meters that are on Bay Street.

Councilman McFee asked if there were a way to devise a system to allow them to give a discount to locals. Mr. Fernandez said they could do a “smart card” program: a certain amount can be uploaded onto a card at a discount rate. Councilman McFee asked if their system allows for an account to be established for frequent parkers, for example. Mr. Fernandez said that program is very similar to what he had offered as an example for locals’ discounts.

Mayor Keyserling asked about the matter of contributing 1% revenues to a charity of the city’s choosing, saying that that part of the bid had been miscommunicated. Mr. Fernandez said card use percentage fees on some transactions are often burdensome, especially for parking, because they are so small. The payment system SP+ uses, Heartland, eliminates some fees; the interchange fees are bypassed, and the consumer can then choose where 1% goes. Merchants can participate in this as well, so the same payment platform could be used throughout the city.

Mr. Fernandez said that, as part of their overall proposal, they “engage stakeholders positively and collaboratively,” then they implement a comprehensive marketing strategy, including an informative Park Beaufort website. Citation payments and appeals can be done on there, too. Mayor Keyserling said he would be concerned if a parking company were out competing with the small local businesses that sell merchant services. Councilman Sutton asked, in regard to merchant fees, what the monthly fee for credit card processing is; Mr. Fernandez said there’s a monthly connectivity fee and processing fees for each transaction. The digital surface multiple meters (kiosks) have these, too. SP+ has built these fees into their proposal. Because of the volume of business they do, they receive “extremely competitive pricing” for these fees.

Mayor Keyserling said events were included in the proposal, and he asked if they were aware of the “pretty healthy number of events” Beaufort has. Mr. Fernandez said Park Mobile could facilitate advance-parking purchase with specific routing instructions for that zone. As an area fills up, it would indicate where the available spaces are, and give the directions to those areas to help smooth out ingress and egress.

Councilman McFee asked how much staff they would expect to have. Mr. Fernandez said approximately 5 total. Councilman McFee asked about their collections history. Mr. Fernandez said they had an 87-91% collection rate. The software (T2 Systems) they use “can interface directly ... with DMVs around the country.” He went on to explain how the collection process works. Councilman O’Kelley asked about the applicability of the program council had heard about for collections (set-off debt program). Mayor Keyserling explained to Mr. Fernandez what Councilman O’Kelley meant. Mr. Fernandez said they are “not a collection agency.” They send a letter, and people can then go online, make the payment, or appeal if they still have the right (aren’t past a deadline), or they can pay it in the office. Ms. Todd said the set-off debt program is for *any* debt owed to the city, so if it were a parking ticket, growing larger over a number of years, the city could use that means to pursue payment if they chose to.

Councilman McFee asked if SP+ is in any other South Carolina cities. Mr. Fernandez said Beaufort is the first, but he has some experience in Columbia at a garage (an “off-street

property”) and in Myrtle Beach at an on-street property. Councilman Sutton said the city “had this same thing happen 5 years ago,” and it ran into problems because the city “bought the line about what a management company could do for us.” He said that Beaufort would be the most difficult parking management SP+ has ever done. He said merchants want free parking, but also to have it managed; they want to be able to park in front of their business for any amount of time; some want just the bars’ customers to pay for parking, etc. SP+ will not be able to satisfy the people in the city unless they do “a very comprehensive review” about “what the city is really about.”

Councilman Sutton asked if the meters will still take coins as well as cards, and Mr. Fernandez said yes. Councilman Sutton said the way parking is done wouldn’t change until council gets involved. He said he likes the progressive fines, and such a plan might have offset the current complaints about fines being too high. Councilman Sutton said he believes that customers do worry about their meters running out, and therefore they “scurry out” of stores and restaurants and “don’t have the full experience” downtown. There are merchant tokens now, but they’re not being used.

Mr. Fernandez said he believes the management fee is \$22,000. Councilman Sutton said the annual cost jumps by almost \$10,000. Mr. Fernandez said the RFP had said that they will have to repaint stall lines, and that’s where the jump comes from – to pay for that. Councilman Sutton said council doesn’t ever want to hear that SP+ needs to buy new equipment that council didn’t expect.

Ms. Todd said all of the proposals received were below current rates for annual costs, and SP+ was the lowest of all of them. Councilman Sutton said they would be asked why they are trying to make money through parking. Some in the public believe it’s a revenue-raiser. He said it is spent downtown, the revenues that are raised, and it is about a management plan. Lanier has done a great job of being a face on parking. Mayor Keyserling asked what people would see on the street. Mr. Fernandez said SP+ in their municipal services section are 3 people with 75 years of experience in parking management. The management “will be engaged with the public in a customer-centric kind of way.”

Councilman Sutton said they want there to be an incentive to play by the rules but not to create a disincentive to shop downtown. Mr. Harvey said the city couldn’t legally extend Lanier’s contract and the RFP process.

Ms. Todd said they would like direction from council. Mayor Keyserling asked if there were still questions among the council members “who would be in charge” when SP+ became the parking management company. Councilman-Elect Murray said he could take a road trip to do some more research at Carolina Beach. Mayor Keyserling said it would be good for Ms. Todd to summarize what council heard, so any lingering questions aren’t dismissed. Council needs to move forward but needs to do so “with our eyes wide open.” If everyone’s questions are answered, council could see a proposal.

Mayor Keyserling said the first year of the last five “was a mess,” but it was going from a casual police officer stroll, 50 cents an hour for parking, and \$3 per parking violation. Also the Redevelopment Commission and Main Street Beaufort were to be the city’s marketing partners, so council backed off, but that was “a terrible mistake.” The “jumble” had nothing to do with Lanier, but they were the first to look at the meters every hour or two, so they took a lot of heat.

Councilman McFee said the kiosks were a big issue as well. They made adjustments to accommodate, but it was new to everyone, including the city, which also began outsourcing other services at the same time. Council had looked at the numbers were the city to do the parking management themselves, and the amount of savings “didn't make sense.”

Councilman Sutton said the parking plan that the city has now would be exactly the same until it’s brought forward to council for changes. He feels they need to “sign the damn contract and move on.”

The work session was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Beaufort City Council was held on November 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Beaufort Municipal Complex, 1901 Boundary Street. In attendance were Mayor Billy Keyserling, council members Donnie Ann Beer, Mike McFee, Mike Sutton, and George O’Kelley, and City Manager Scott Dadson.

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Keyserling called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Councilwoman Beer led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PROCLAMATION OF DECEMBER 5, 2014 AS ARBOR DAY**

**Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman McFee, to approve the proclamation. The motion passed unanimously.** Ms. Anderson received the proclamation.

### **MINUTES**

**Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman O’Kelley, to approve the minutes of council’s work session and regular meeting November 18, 2014.** Councilman O’Kelley said Mayor Keyserling didn’t second an amendment, and Councilwoman Beer said it was she. **The motion to accept the minutes as amended was approved unanimously.**

### **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE BURTON PROPERTIES/FIRST CAROLINA CORPORATION DEVELOPMENT**

**Councilman McFee recused himself for all of these interrelated votes. Councilwoman Beer made a motion to approve the ordinance on second reading; Councilman O’Kelley seconded.**

The mayor wondered about the order of approval of the development agreement, annexation and rezoning. Ms. Anderson said the order of the votes is “a chicken and egg situation”: a development agreement freezes the zoning, so that’s why staff chose this order for the votes. Mayor Keyserling said for the purposes of voting, they “might want to package them together.” **David Tedder** suggested that a councilperson should make a motion to change the order of the agenda to place Item A. after the zoning votes because it could have an impact, as Mayor Keyserling thought. Councilman O’Kelley asked if they ever go right to zoning before annexation. Mr. Tedder said they should annex *before* they zone. **Councilman O’Kelley made a motion to change the order of the agenda items (D becomes A). Councilwoman Beer seconded. The motion passed 4-0.**

### **ORDINANCE ANNEXING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 23 HORTON DRIVE**

**Councilman O’Kelley made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilwoman Beer seconded.**

**Geraldine Dowd** said the Highway Commercial zoning had been changed to General Commercial. In regard to the annexation, that is fine with her. **The motion passed 4-0.**

**ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 203, 209, AND 211 ROBERT SMALLS PARKWAY, FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT**

**Councilman Sutton made a motion to approve the ordinance on second reading, seconded by Councilwoman Beer.** Ms. Anderson said the ordinance requires a screening device, and vegetation is an option for that, but they don't encourage the board to make it one because it can be hard to maintain: a privacy fence buffered by landscaping is more desirable. **The motion passed 4-0.**

**ORDINANCE REZONING PORTIONS OF THREE PARCELS OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON ROBERT SMALLS PARKWAY, FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT**

**Councilman Sutton made a motion to approve the ordinance on second reading, seconded by Councilwoman Beer. The motion passed 4-0.**

**ORDINANCE ZONING A PARCEL OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 23 HORTON DRIVE ON PORT ROYAL ISLAND, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT**

**Councilwoman Beer made a motion to approve the ordinance on second reading, seconded by Councilman O'Kelley. The motion passed 4-0.**

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE BURTON PROPERTIES/FIRST CAROLINA CORPORATION DEVELOPMENT**

**On Councilwoman Beer's earlier motion to approve the ordinance on second reading, the motion passed 4-0.**

**FY 2015 BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman Sutton, to approve the ordinance on second reading.** Ms. Todd said council approved the Main Street Beaufort budget allocation on first reading since the parking contract has lapsed, so the parking management fee portion they receive needs to be made up for; therefore, Main Street Beaufort is a line item in the budget. Councilman O'Kelley said he was concerned the week before that if something is done to the parking that "affects income ... we might have money problems." It's about \$12,000, Ms. Todd said, and Main Street Beaufort will get another appropriation this week. So if parking fee structures were changed, the likelihood of this affecting Main Street Beaufort's allocation before the end of the fiscal year is small. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 9-1010 TO RENDER UNLAWFUL THE DISCHARGE OF CROSSBOWS AND BOW AND ARROWS WITHIN THE CITY**

**Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman McFee, to approve the ordinance on second reading.** Councilman Sutton said "the comments in the research ... about how the ordinance could be tweaked ... within the parameters of the city would be much better than this." He thinks future work on this could be done, and that would improve the ordinance. He

feels “the strokes are too broad.” Councilwoman Beer said bows and arrows are dangerous and only appropriate on properties of sufficient size. She feels the clarification is good and that council “should help the police out” by supporting this.

Mr. Tedder said he has large landowner clients, and he thought that they might be affected. When he heard they wouldn't be, he teased the mayor and then researched the advent of this trend: it was Katniss Everdeen in *The Hunger Games* who made archery popular. There is a lot of research, he said, and he understands why they made these changes.

Councilman O’Kelley said it was a good point that Clarendon is in the city but large enough for this practice to be fine. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 8-1008 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO USE OF HANDHELD ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE**

**Councilman O’Kelley made a motion, second by Councilwoman Beer, to approve the ordinance on second reading.** There was a discussion of the removal of “the youthful offender item.” Councilman Sutton said this would repeal the entire ordinance, which Councilman O’Kelley echoed. Councilman Sutton said Councilman-Elect Cromer and Councilman-Elect Murray are new, and it would benefit them to learn more, “plus there’s no urgency.” Council could have a work session and get clarification of their questions. **Councilman O’Kelley made a motion, second by Councilwoman Beer, to table the matter. The motion passed unanimously.**

**ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE ELECTRIC AND GAS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BEAUFORT AND SCE&G FOR A PERIOD OF 30 YEARS COMMENCING 2014**

**Councilman McFee made a motion, second by Councilwoman Beer, to approve the ordinance on second reading.** Councilman-Elect Cromer asked if a new fee was negotiated, and Councilman Sutton explained that they could not do so. Councilman McFee said this has technically been approved, but SCE&G wanted a verbiage change. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**NOISE ORDINANCE WAIVER REQUEST FOR PRIVATE EVENT AT THE ARSENAL**

**Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman McFee, to approve the ordinance waiver** for the March 21, 2015 event. **Ivette Burgess** said staff had checked with the Visitors’ Center, which rents out the event space; the renters want to have a live band for an event. The stop time is normally 10 p.m., and they are asking for 10:30. Councilman Sutton said this is no different than going on someone’s lot and asking for a waiver of noise ordinance. He’s OK with 10:30, but wouldn't be if it were 2 a.m. It still has to measure at 85 decibels; he feels it’s not being monitored, and when it is, the way it is measured needs to be consistent. The venue determines the noise level. 85 decibels is hard to measure, but with a noise ordinance, neighbors can call the police, he said, and “most folks would comply” if there were an issue. Councilman Sutton said the Beaufort Inn knows the rules when they have events but doesn’t follow them, so inn management, not the citizens who complain, should be responsible for the “burden” of those complaints. Councilman-Elect Murray said he thinks there needs to be

balance and good communication, not just regulations. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MR. WILLIAM PROKOP TO COORDINATE COMPLIANCE WITH THE NONDISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT'S (HUD)**

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

**REQUEST OF WAIVER OF BUSINESS LICENSE PENALTIES**

Ms. Todd said a section of the code grants someone who is “aggrieved of a final assessment” the right to appeal a decision in writing. **Darryl Gardener**, who owns a business in the city, has had a license since 2008, and he would like the penalty assessed for late payment to be waived. Business license personnel had drafted his history of payments, Ms. Todd said, and 6 out of the last 7 payments were late. He has paid the fees resulting from them being late. The business license inspector does not agree with giving Mr. Gardener a waiver. Ms. Todd said he was many months late. The penalty was \$385.50. Councilman O’Kelley said it “would set a bad precedent” since one has four months to determine the amount owed. Mayor Keyserling said he’s also a habitual offender. Councilman Sutton said, having paid a penalty in the past, “I know that it’s not that great.” **Councilman O’Kelley made a motion, second by Councilman Sutton, to deny the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.**

**AMENDMENT REVISING MARSH GARDENS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT**

**Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman Sutton, to approve the amendment on first reading.** Ms. Anderson explained that a meeting center would be deleted from the PUD – the developer feels it is no longer necessary – and 303 Associates would like to add 60 additional multi-family units to the PUD. They would like to revise the master plan and to clarify that mixed-use means ground floor commercial and upper-story residential. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1-4004 (10) LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE**

**Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman McFee, to approve the amendment on first reading.** Ms. Todd said staff had made a presentation on the procurement process in which there were “several items to enhance the policy,” including “raising the threshold for the local vendor preference ... to give a local advantage.” They would like to increase the percentage to 10% or \$10,000, whichever is less, to increase the competitive advantage for local vendors.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Keyserling thanked everyone involved for “a bang-up event last night.” The boat owners for whom the event was held “will definitely be back to Beaufort,” he feels. The marinas and downtowns are pretty sparse along the ICW. He said he would guarantee that the boaters will be back, and “the guy ... blogging for *Sail* magazine would say incredibly good things.”

On the matter of whether council would meet December 22, the mayor's feeling is that they should. Councilman Sutton and Councilwoman Beer – who will no longer be on council by that date – agreed that council should meet then.

### **REPORTS BY COUNCIL**

Councilwoman Beer said this is her last council meeting because she will only be on the dais for 15 minutes when the new council people are sworn in.

Councilman McFee said that Night on the Town events will take place the following week, and all seven councilpeople will be on a float, which is a “monumental event.”

There being no further business to come before council, **Councilwoman Beer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously,** and the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.