

A regular meeting of the Beaufort City Council was held on April 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Beaufort Municipal Complex, 1901 Boundary Street. In attendance were Mayor Billy Keyserling, Council members Donnie Ann Beer, Gary B. Fordham, Mike Sutton, Mike McFee, and City Manager Scott Dadson. In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d) as amended, all local media were duly notified of the time, date, place, and agenda of this meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:00 p.m., on motion of Councilwoman Beer, seconded by Councilman Fordham, council voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to Title 30, Chapter 4, Section 70(a) (2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws for receipt of legal advice and discussion regarding contractual matters. The motion was approved unanimously.

Councilman McFee, seconded by Councilwoman Beer, made a motion to come out of executive session and resume the regular council meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Reverend Leon Meadows, Riverview Baptist Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Mayor.

PINNING OF NEWLY APPOINTED FIRE CHIEF, SAMMY NEGRON

Mr. Dadson discussed Chief Negron's leadership and experience and his wife presented the fire chief with his pin. He made a brief statement. Mr. Dadson asked that it be entered into the record that Chief Negron is the fourth career fire chief.

PROCLAMATION OF APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Sutton, made a motion to approve the proclamation. The motion was approved unanimously. Mayor Keyserling read the proclamation. Kim Statler and Silvia Lalinde, representing Hope Haven, thanked council and accepted the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION OF APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman McFee, made a motion to approve the proclamation. The motion was approved unanimously. Mayor Keyserling read the proclamation and presented it to Raquel Lee, a representative from Department of Social Services.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular council meeting on March 23, 2010 were presented to council for review. Councilman Fordham asked for the minutes to reflect that he was absent from the

March 23 meeting because he was in the hospital. Councilman McFee said that on page 3 of the minutes, it should have been Androula (not Angela) Whelan. On motion by Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Sutton, council voted 4-0 to approve the minutes as amended. Councilman Fordham abstained from voting because he was absent from the meeting.

The minutes of the council work session on March 30, 2010 were presented to council for review. Councilwoman Beer asked that on page 2, her statement be clarified to say that “if the problem is not addressed, there will be more complaints when people start living downtown.” Councilman Sutton said to strike the statement beginning “There was some debate” at the bottom of page 1. Councilman Fordham noted that adjournment from the special meeting to the work session had not been noted in the minutes. He also said that the proper notation for Roger Pinckney the Tenth should be Roger Pinckney X. On motion by Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman McFee, council voted unanimously to approve the minutes as amended.

The minutes of the council work session on April 6, 2010 were presented to council for review. On motion by Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Fordham, council voted 4-0 to approve the minutes. Councilman Sutton abstained from voting because he was absent from the meeting.

ORDINANCE REVISING PART 7, CHAPTER 9 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO THE SIDEWALK VENDING

Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Fordham, made a motion to revise the ordinance on second reading. Mr. Dadson said staff recommendation is still to keep it contained and that those two positions are the best for vendors. Councilman Sutton asked if a vendor could be moved if a matter comes up. Mr. Dadson said these positions will keep them out of the way of events like weddings. Councilman Sutton clarified that he meant for festivals, maintenance, etc. Mr. Dadson said the spots are outside of the festival areas. Councilman Sutton said the one on the marina is where vendors set up. Mr. Dadson said he wouldn't move vendors out of these two spots in the event of a festival; they're excluded in the ordinance from being moved. The motion was approved unanimously.

REQUEST FOR STREET CLOSURES FOR THE 4th ANNUAL BEAUFORT MEMORIAL CYCLING EVENT

Councilman McFee, second by Councilwoman Beer, made a motion to approve the request for the event, slated for April 27, 2010. Mayor Keyserling asked Joe DeVito what council could do to help. He said anything, such as inclusion on the city's web site, would help. The motion was approved unanimously.

REQUEST FOR STREET CLOSURE IN THE POINT FOR ANNUAL PICNIC

Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Fordham, made a motion to approve the request for the event, slated for April 18, 2010. The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION TO APPROVE FY 2011 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION

Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Fordham, made a motion to approve the 2011 Stormwater Management Implementation. Mr. Dadson read the section of the language to be changed, which was not in the agenda: "Municipalities should come into compliance with the current Interlocal Agreement and have stormwater requirements at least as stringent as those adopted by the county by July 2010." The language which will replace it was provided in council's packets.

Mr. Dadson said in the Northern Regional Plan, the first best management practice to control stormwater is planning. He said the county's current policy is "too one-size fits all" and the city feels it contradicts the Northern Regional Plan. Mr. Dadson discussed stormwater education efforts. The motion was approved unanimously.

REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilwoman Beer discussed efforts to bring Gary Sinise's band and seriously wounded vets for an event the first weekend of October and asked for help and sponsorships for the event.

Councilman McFee said the Tricentennial Committee has met; the logo deadline is April 15, and they are hoping for cooperation from the Arts Commission to judge in the first part of May. He said he had spoken to Friends of Hunting Island, and the group "has demonstrated a lot of enthusiasm" for the celebration.

Councilman Sutton requested the carriage study result should be put on the agenda for the next work session meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before City Council, Councilman Sutton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Beer. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
SHIRLEY HUGHES, ACTING CITY CLERK