

A regular meeting of the Beaufort City Council was held on January 13, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Administration Building, Ribaut Road with a work session held at 4:00 p.m. in the County's upstairs board room. 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 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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Keyserling at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Minister Alexander McBride of the First African Baptist Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Mayor.

MOTION TO ADD ITEM

On motion by Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Sutton, Council moved to add an Executive Session to discuss a contract and a legal matter.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular City Council meeting of December 9, 2008 were presented to Council for review. On motion by Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Fordham, Council approved the minutes as presented.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FEES

The Child Abuse Prevention Association (CAPA) is planning a community awareness event, an Angel Walk, on April 25, 2009 to educate the public and to raise money. They asked to have the fees waived for the use of the Waterfront Park on that date.

Councilwoman Beer moved to approve the request. Councilman Fordham seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

ORDINANCE REGARDING CONSTITUTIONAL CONCERNS

An ordinance amending Section 2-1003 of the City's Code of Ordinances to address constitutional concerns regarding interference with a police officer was presented for first reading.

Councilwoman Beer moved to approve the ordinance on first reading. Councilman Fordham gave second.

The vote was unanimous. (Copy of Ordinance at end of these minutes)

ORDINANCE ADOPTING A FIRE FACILITIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The ordinance adopting a fire facilities capital improvement plan was presented for first reading.

Councilwoman Beer moved to approve the ordinance on first reading. Councilman Fordham seconded the motion.

Libby Anderson, City Planner, stated the Plan, prepared by the Joint Planning Commission, sets forth the level of service standard for fire facilities, contains an inventory of existing fire facilities, a description of land use assumptions, and an assessment of the current and future demand for fire facilities in the City and all the other Capital Improvement Plan components as required by the South Carolina Development Impact Fee Act. First reading of the Fire Facilities Impact Fee ordinance was approved at the December 9, 2008 Council meeting. In order to proceed with that ordinance, this Fire Facilities Capital Improvement Plan must be adopted.

The ordinance was approved on first reading. (Copy of ordinance at end of these minutes)

ORDINANCE AMENDING TOURISM MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

An ordinance amending Sections 7-11003(a) and (b) of the City's Code of Ordinances regarding the Tourism Management Advisory Commission was presented for first reading.

Councilwoman Beer made a motion, seconded by Councilman McFee, to approve the ordinance on first reading.

The City Manager pointed out the Commission will now be an ad hoc committee and will meet on call. Councilwoman Beer stated because the Commission had worked so diligently in the past, it is no longer necessary to hold monthly meetings. The Mayor added that having a sworn officer as the Vehicle Coordinator has also eliminated problems.

Council approved the ordinance on first reading. (Copy of ordinance at end of these minutes)

REQUEST FROM HISTORIC BEAUFORT FOUNDATION FOR FUNDS TO REPAIR ARSENAL

During the January 6, 2009 work session, City Council agreed the rehabilitation project for the Arsenal was needed to ensure the safety of the building's occupants. Additional funds in the amount of \$55,000 were requested by the Historic Beaufort Foundation to complete the work.

The City Manager noted that a motion was needed to approve the funding.

Councilwoman Beer moved to approve the amount of \$55,000 allocated from the Contingency Fund to complete the work at the Arsenal. Councilman Fordham seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor noted several citizens have asked for Council to address the loud motorcycle mufflers and to consider enforcing the noise ordinance. He also inquired about SCE&G's tree trimming schedule. The City Manager said the contractor will be starting the Broad River Bridge. He added that in the past they have distributed notices to the residents once they get within a ten day time frame.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Fordham, Council moved into executive session to discuss a contract and a legal matter.

OPEN SESSION

Upon returning to open session, Council issued a press release regarding the proposed Wal-Mart site on Lady's Island. (copy attached)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

BILLY KEYSERLING, MAYOR

COUNCILWOMAN DONNIE ANN BEER

COUNCILMAN GARY B. FORDHAM

COUNCILMAN MIKE SUTTON

COUNCILMAN MIKE McFEE

ATTEST:

BEVERLY W. GAY, CITY CLERK