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Beaufort voters re-elect McFee, add Sutton to City Council

Longtime downtown business owner Nan Sutton will join returning incumbent Mike McFee on Beaufort City Council as winners in the three-way council race Nov. 8.

Sutton will succeed retiring council member George O'Kelley, and McFee returns for his third term on City Council.

Sutton won the race with 2,781 votes, about 39 percent. McFee picked up 2,430 votes, or 34 percent of those cast. Former Beaufort Mayor David Taub tallied 1,834 votes, about 26 percent, to place third and miss a return to City Council after more than 15 years.

McFee and Sutton will be sworn in and take office on the Beaufort City Council Dec. 13.

Sutton is a Beaufort native who worked for 16 years in New York City before returning to the Lowcountry. She opened her Lulu Burgess store in downtown Beaufort in 2000 and has been closely involved in city issues, including parking and economic growth.

McFee, also from Beaufort, has sold real estate for more than 25 years and is with HomeTown Realty. He previously served on the city's Tourism Management Advisory Commission and is a past chairman of the Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce.