

The Beaufort City Council held a workshop on November 5, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall, 302 Carteret Street. In attendance were Mayor Bill Rauch, Mayor Pro Tem Donnie Ann Beer, Councilmen Gary B. Fordham, Billy Keyserling, and City Manager John F. McDonough. Councilman Frank Glover was absent. 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 Rauch at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Waterfront Park Master Plan.

### **WATERFRONT PARK MASTER PLAN**

The City Manager reviewed the changes to the east end of the Park as discussed at the workshop held October 23, 2001 and asked for a consensus before addressing the plans for the west end. Councilman Fordham again stated he is not in favor of moving the playground and eliminating parking spaces. Council briefly discussed the idea of designating a reserved parking area instead of assigned reserved spaces and decided to address that issue later.

Of the five schemes presented by Sasaki Associates, Inc. for the Main Entry/West Parking Study of the Waterfront Park, Council determined Scheme 5 as the preferred plan (see attached.) Some of the key points for this design are that it keeps Dr. Kresch's dentist office in the same location, adds a pavilion at the west end, provides a green area for large events, and provides a drop-off/pick-up area for the horse carriages on Bay Street. The changes suggested by Council include placing the staging area for the horse carriages near the boat ramp and making the entrance to the Park on the east side of Dr. Kresch's building for pedestrians only.

The Mayor pointed out this plan is a long term goal and won't be done if a parking garage is not built. Councilman Fordham suggested Council determine if the boat ramp can be closed even though they are not in favor of closing it at this time and find out how much property Dr. Kresch owns around his office to see how this plan would affect him. Council stated the plan may have to be adjusted based on the footprint of Dr. Kresch's property.

Referring back to the east end of the Park, Council decided to change the area directly behind the restaurants that was originally planned as a stage, making it a larger grassy area. Also, the consensus of Council was to relocate the playground further to the east.

### **Woods Bridge Walkway**

The Mayor mentioned that County Councilman Mark Generales would prefer the walkway across the Woods Memorial Bridge to be placed on the Lady's Island side of the bridge instead of the Waterfront Park side because of plans for the waterfront property known as Bad Bob's.

This plan would cause a safety problem because people who run across the bridge use Meridian Road and they would have to cross Highway 21, according to Council. The City Manager added that there is no approach to the bridge on the east side and it would be necessary to encroach on the traffic right-of-way.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.**

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**BILL RAUCH, MAYOR**

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**COUNCILWOMAN DONNIE ANN BEER    COUNCILMAN FRANK GLOVER**

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**COUNCILMAN GARY B. FORDHAM    COUNCILMAN BILLY KEYSERLING**

**ATTEST:**

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**BEVERLY W. GAY, CITY CLERK**