

A regular meeting of the Beaufort City Council was held on June 10, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in County Council Chambers, 100 Ribaut Road. In attendance were Mayor Bill Rauch, Mayor Pro Tem Donnie Ann Beer, Councilmen Frank Glover, Gary B. Fordham, Billy Keyserling, and Acting City Manager Ross Jones. 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.

### **INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. with an invocation by Rev. Ron Atkinson, Pastor of Cornerstone Christian Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Mayor.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Heather Winch**, 309 Federal Street, expressed her concern with the theme vehicle tours being allowed to continue in the Point. She said several years ago when the construction of her building was completed, the Codes Enforcement Department issued her a Certificate of Occupancy in error and she still had to comply with the Code. She compared this experience to Council issuing a business license in error to Mr. Gay to operate his tour business in the Point. To avoid the perception of different standards, she suggested Council change the ordinance or grandfather the existing theme vehicle.

### **BUDGET HEARING - FY2003-2004**

A public hearing was held to receive public comment on the proposed FY2004 City of Beaufort budget. A Notice of Public Hearing was duly published in The Beaufort Gazette on May 24, 2003.

The Assistant City Manager/Finance Director, presented a brief overview of the City's Fiscal Year 2004 budget which includes funding for a Tour Vehicle Coordinator, a 2.0% Cost of Living Adjustment for all employees, an equipment operator for a Stormwater Drainage Department, a new streetsweeper and a front-end loader. He stated the General Fund and the Parks and Tourism Fund are the two main funds in the city budget. The proposed General Fund budget is balanced at \$10,328,808 and the Parks and Tourism Fund is balanced at \$1,536,708.

**Amy Huettle**, Lowcountry Rafting Adventures, spoke on behalf of all the boat tour operators. She questioned the proposed 7.5 % ticket surcharge and what it would be used for other than to fund the TVC position. The boat tour operators already pay 13% tax to the city through Griffin enterprises on 10% of their sales, she said. The boat tour companies get along with no disputes so it doesn't make sense for them to pay for a land coordinator position. Additionally, the Coast Guard or the Department of Natural Resources would be contacted for issues on the water not a TVC. Ms. Huettle said it doesn't make sense to pay for something that does not pertain to them. She pointed out that the Memo of Understanding between the Marina and the City states the Harbor Master is charged with overseeing and managing the boat tours and he serves as their tour coordinator. The boat tour owners are also concerned that with an additional fee a higher priced ticket will deter people from the tours. She said this industry is not represented on the TMAC and they would like to be included in the discussions when the ordinance is being revised. They would like the boat tours separated from the land tours also, she said.

**Heather Winch** said since only the police and the TVC can write tickets and there are violations by the tour companies, she volunteered to serve as the TVC.

**Peter White**, Southurn Rose Buggy Tours, agreed the ordinance needs to be revised to include representatives of all the tour groups on TMAC. He stated the City already has two Tour Vehicle Coordinators, one of which is the Downtown District Officer/Parking Administrator. Three years ago, the TVC made unannounced patrols throughout the route and violations were kept to a minimum. Mr. White stated, too, that the \$10,000 rotation slot fee paid by the carriage companies funds the TVC position and he doesn't see the need for another fee. Because the amount of tours vary daily depending on demand, he feels there are not enough trips to justify two TVCs. Urine, stopping on tour, middle of the road, and too many carriages are the problems relayed to him by TMAC and he explained the reasons for these complaints. He proposed tabling the 7.5% fee and the ordinance changes temporarily until a committee, represented by each tour company, can be formed and the TMAC can be educated on the operations of the carriages.

**Lyn Lyons**, Carolina Buggy Tours, stated his understanding was that the \$10,000 rotation slot fee, which the carriage companies pay, was to fund the coordinator's position; however, because the TVC has been given other duties, the same level of services have not been received in the last two years. Additionally, he said if the 7.5% fee is imposed then the annual slot rotation fee should be reduced. He, too, offered explanations/solutions for the complaints received regarding the carriages. Mr. Lyons suggested Council think about tourism in general. According to his records, the majority of his clients are day trippers and if the carriage tours are not offered there would be a huge reduction of tourist visiting the City.

**Jason Owen**, Ghosts of the South Tours and Palmetto Dive Center, said he is concerned that taxes are already being collected regarding the TVC and services are not being received. He said the coordinator is suppose to be the liaison between the TMAC, City Council, and correspond with the bus companies and tour companies. Since he has had his business license, he has not been contacted once in that year and a half regarding TMAC or any issues or complaints. The issue of the 7.5% fee has been brought up in a rapid manner and not thoroughly reviewed, he said. In his opinion, everyone impacted should be given an opportunity to comment and a closer scrutiny is needed.

There being no other comments, the public hearing on the budget was closed at 6:47 p.m.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A public hearing was held to receive public comment on the rezoning of two parcels of property on Lady's Island totaling 0.12 acres, identified as District 201 (200), Tax Map 15, Parcels 191 and 709 from Village Center District under the County's Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance to the City's General Commercial District. A Notice of Public Hearing was duly published in The Beaufort Gazette on May 26, 2003. The City of Beaufort-Town of Port Royal Joint Municipal Planning Commission and city staff recommended approval.

Libby Anderson, Planning Director, stated this rezoning request is the result of a petition for annexation. The property is located on the corner of Highway 802 and Ferry Road and is undeveloped. Parcel 191 is 3800 sq. ft. in size and Parcel 709 is 1500 sq. ft. in size totaling 5,300

sq. ft. which is less than a quarter of an acre.

There being no other comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:53 p.m.

A public hearing was held to receive public comment on the rezoning of two parcels of property totaling 2.5 acres located on Lady's Island, identified as District 201 (200), Tax Map 15, Parcels 189A and 192A from Village Center District under the County's Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance to the City's General Commercial District. A Notice of Public Hearing was duly published in The Beaufort Gazette on May 26, 2003. The City of Beaufort-Town of Port Royal Joint Municipal Planning Commission and the city staff recommended approval.

Libby Anderson, Planning Director, stated this rezoning request is the result of a petition for annexation. Parcel 189A is approximately 0.94 acres in size and Parcel 192A is about 1.56 acres totaling 2.5 acres.

There being no other comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:55 p.m.

A public hearing was held to receive public comment on the rezoning of 54 acres of property located on Burton Hill Road, identified as District 100, Tax Map 29, Parcel 4 from Commercial Regional District under the County's Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance to the City's Limited Industrial District. A Notice of Public Hearing was duly published in The Beaufort Gazette on May 26, 2003. The City of Beaufort-Town of Port Royal Joint Municipal Planning Commission and the city staff recommended approval.

Libby Anderson, Planning Director, said the property is located on the east side of Burton Hill Road between SC 170 and the railroad track. Approximately 19.21 acres of the property is located in the City and the 34.63 acres is located in the County and is proposed for annexation.

There being no other comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:58 p.m.

#### **MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING - MAY 27, 2003**

The minutes of the May 27, 2003 regular City Council meeting were reviewed by Council and on page 5, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> line, the third word should be belief.

On motion by Councilman Glover, second by Councilwoman Beer, Council voted to adopt the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of May 27, 2003 as amended.

#### **DRAINAGE PROJECTS**

During the budget workshop held on May 27<sup>th</sup>, the storm water projects were addressed and the priorities are to be discussed during this meeting. Lamar Taylor, Public Works Operations Officer, explained the existing drainage infrastructure has under sized drainage pipes and there has been a lack of maintenance of drainage structures and major outfall ditches which causes flooding. He outlined short and long term recommendations, solutions, and costs for Council's consideration. For Phase I, he listed the most critical areas as the Point and the Federal Street bridge outfall structure which affects 10 homes; Battery Shores Subdivision affecting 150 homes; Depot Road, James Street, Waight Street and Meritta Avenue affecting 25 homes; Mossy Oaks area affecting 75

homes; Stone Martin Subdivision affecting 20 homes; Waters Edge Subdivision - 30 homes; and Dr. Sherman's property - 10 to 15 businesses along Ribaut Road. The total cost for storm water improvement for these areas is estimated at \$1,037,860.00, he said. When questioned about the new equipment operator and whether the work could be handled in-house, Mr. Taylor explained the small drainage ditches can be maintained by the Storm Water Drainage Department. The larger projects require a trackhoe and an experienced operator and it may be less expensive to hire a contractor than rent equipment. The Finance Director said currently the Stormwater Utility revenues in the bank total \$378,400. Next year, \$223,000 is anticipated which will be used to set up the department and equipment. If Council agrees to continue the Stormwater Utility agreement after 2004, there should be a 25% increase in revenues for 2005, according to the County's Finance Director. Councilman Fordham stated the money that has been collected should be used to assist the citizens and solve some of these drainage problems. He also suggested borrowing the money from the Beaufort Small Business Assistance Corporation (BSBAC) to complete all of them.

**George Post**, Point resident, stated the problems the residents experience with the Pond when there are high tides or heavy rains. He displayed views of the area when the flooding occurs.

**Beverly Bishop**, Point resident, shared her experiences with the drainage problems in the area.

Councilman Keyserling asked if the money already collected plus the anticipated amount from the Stormwater Utility fund could be used to solve the problems more efficiently than a short term solution. The Finance Director said an option would be a revenue bond but the problem is after next year when the existing agreement expires there won't be any revenue. Referring to borrowing from BSBAC, he stated the City doesn't control that money and the purpose of the fund is to assist small businesses and to restore homes. Mr. Taylor said he would not recommend a short term solution for the Point; however, cleaning the ditches on Meritta Avenue, James Street, in Battery Shores Subdivision, and Stone Martin Subdivision would give immediate drainage relief. Councilman Fordham said he would prefer the long term solutions. Isiah Smalls, Public Works Director, commented numerous phone calls are received after a heavy rain and possibly those smaller problems can be handled next year in-house. If that same amount of money is used towards a major problem, the minor, more numerous problems won't be fixed. Other funding options were discussed with the Finance Director stating that BSBAC money has not been used in many years and if the Corporation was dissolved, those funds would revert to the City's UDAG fund. The mayor suggested preparing an RFP to make all the improvements listed for Phase I. In the meantime, staff can contact several bankers to determine how future revenues can be leveraged so the money can be borrowed to fund the bid when the proposal is received.

Councilman Keyserling moved to have staff prepare and distribute an RFP to appropriate contractors for the flooding and drainage problems listed by Mr. Taylor. Councilman Glover seconded the motion. A status report is to be presented to Council in four to six weeks.

Councilwoman Beer urged staff to explore the possibility of using the BSBAC money for these problems since drainage is an issue for so many people, this would be a good use for those funds. Councilman Glover agreed.

The Public Works Director explained an RFP for the design has to be prepared also. The Finance

Director concurred that two RFP's will be necessary. It was reiterated that BSBAC, the bankers and the County should be contacted. Also, Councilman Keyserling requested that Dr. Sherman's drainage problem remain a top priority and staff should continue working to complete that project.

Council voted unanimously to prepare the RFPs and mail to the appropriate contractors.

### **FY2004 BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Councilman Fordham referring to the 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) in the FY04 budget, stated the Social Security Administration only paid 1.4%. He recommended the COLA be changed to reflect the 1.4%. Additionally, he recommended establishing an amount to be given to the Military Enhancement Committee and suggested the Tour Vehicle Coordinator's position be coordinated through the Police Department.

#### **Cost of Living**

Councilman Fordham moved to reduce the COLA for City employees from 2% to 1.4%. The motion died for lack of a second.

#### **Military Enhancement Committee**

Mr. Fordham moved to approve \$10,000 to support the Military Enhancement Committee during the BRAC 2005. Councilman Glover gave second.

Councilwoman Beer made a motion to amend, making a commitment of \$10,000 to the M.E.C. for next year also, if needed. Councilman Glover gave second. The motion to amend passed unanimously.

The motion committing \$10,000 during the 2003/2004 was approved unanimously.

#### **Tour Vehicle Coordinator**

Councilman Fordham moved to have Police Chief Dowling appoint a police officer to assist the Downtown District Officer instead of hiring a Tour Vehicle Coordinator. Councilman Glover seconded the motion.

Councilman Keyserling said he and Councilwoman Beer have attended the Tourism Management Advisory Committee meetings and about two months ago Council charged the Committee with reviewing the ordinance and making recommendations. He said he is troubled that decisions are being made without the benefit of the TMAC report. Expressing his concerns, he suggested postponing the 7.5% fee until the report is received. The mayor stated there has been an enforcement problem and a TVC is needed. The question is the salary and how to fund it. Mr. Keyserling agreed the rules are not being enforced and a TVC is needed. The question is how to supplement the portion of the salary that the slot rotation fees from the carriage companies do not cover. The TVC, Linda Roper, was asked if TMAC would be submitting a recommendation to Council by the end of June regarding the extra money needed for the position. She replied the recommendation will not be ready by then; however, TMAC realizes the tours are seven days a week and a full time coordinator is needed.

Trying to determine how much money would be needed in addition to the slot rotation fee to fund a

full time TVC, the mayor asked the entry level salary for a police officer who would enforce the regulations and perform other duties during the off season. The Police Chief responded \$28,000 annually plus benefits.

The Assistant City Manager recommended meeting with the Police Chief and the Tour Vehicle Coordinator to explore the options. Ms. Roper explained the TVC is not a seasonal job nor is it part time. It also covers all tours not just carriages. After the large motor coaches unload their passengers, parking areas must be located for the buses until time to pick up their passengers. The TVC works closely with the festivals, the cruise ships, and the walking tours. She added that one person should not be responsible for these regulations and if the police department is willing to assist, she thinks it will work. The police chief pointed out that many times the dispatch center is called after hours on a tourist related issue. Mr. Jones said they could have options for Council's consideration at the special Council meeting on June 17.

### **Hospitality Association Issue**

The mayor reported he and Martin Goodman, Hospitality Association Chairman, have had many discussions regarding the funding for the Waterfront Park repairs. One area discussed for locating funding is the Hospitality's allocation of 9.8% of hospitality tax revenues. The Hospitality Association has been using this money to promote restaurants in the City, purchasing signs, and street furniture. When the Association was approached about their upcoming needs, he learned \$79,000 is needed in the FY03 budget for financial commitments. He proposed appropriating that amount from their fund balance for next year. Additionally, this responsibility of administering the funds would be transferred to Main Street Beaufort, USA which will form a hospitality subcommittee.

Mr. Goodman said the Association agreed on a budget of \$62,000 for FY04 and the money accumulated after the debt service will be transferred to Main Street for the Association. They also agreed for Main Street to administer the funds and the hospitality association members would form a committee to designate the funds specifically for advertising and hospitality and not co-mingled with Main Street's advertising funds.

The ordinance will be amended to reflect this change and a letter will be sent to Main Street outlining the criteria for using the money.

The mayor added that a meeting will be scheduled with the Lowcountry Tourism Commission, the Chamber of Commerce, Main Street and the Hospitality Association later in the year to discuss the advertising program.

### **TDAC FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS - FY2003 GRANT MONIES**

The Tourism Advisory Commission Chairman, John Gettys Smith stated twenty applications were received by the Tourism Development Advisory Commission for the funding period July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003 resulting in a recommendation by the Committee on May 22, 2003 for: (1) Guild of Beaufort Galleries: Spring & Fall Gallery Walks-\$2,500; (2) Historic Beaufort Foundation: Joint Brochure Promotion-\$2,845; (3) Arts on the Island: Piano Concert-\$1,000; (4) USCB: Promotion for Festival Series-\$4,000; (5) USCB: Equip/Performing Arts Center-\$4,000; (6) Exchange Club: Ghost Tours/CAPA donation-\$1,500; (7) Beaufort Art Association: Gallery Season 03-04-\$2,500; (8)

Lowcountry Tourism Comm.: Promotion Beaufort & Low Country-\$7,000; (9) Arts in the Park: Fall & Spring 2004 Series - \$8,000; (10) Arts Council of Beaufort County: Promotional Materials & Film Festival-\$15,000; (11) Main Street Beaufort,USA: Marketing Campaign-\$20,000; (12) Greater Beaufort Chamber of Commerce: Tourism Advertising/Promotion-\$15,000; (13) Greater Beaufort Chamber of Commerce: Visitors Center Operations-\$10,000; (14) Penn Center: Marketing/Video & Brochures-\$4,000; (15) Gullah Festival: Festival-\$2,300; and (16) Water Festival: Festival-\$1,200. These recommendations were presented to Council for approval and funding.

Councilman Keyserling questioned the \$4,000 recommended for the USCB for equipment for the Performing Arts Center. Mr. Smith replied their request was actually for \$40,000. The mayor explained that when the Center was designed in 1987, the rigging, the lights, and the sound were specked by a theatrical designer; however, there was not enough money to fund these items at the time. The performances have been limited because of the technical short comings. Councilman Keyserling said a commitment from the University that they will be staying in Beaufort could be another source of funding. His concern is that \$4,000 is a small amount compared to the total cost of this project. The mayor mentioned since Penn Center is out of the City, he is not sure if a marketing brochure would benefit the City. Instead, he suggested taking the \$4,000 to be given to Penn Center and allocate \$8,000 to USCB. He further recommended obligating \$8,000 from the Accommodations Tax monies for the next four years. Using this amount as seed money, the public could be approached for donations for the equipment.

Passing the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Beer, the mayor moved to approve the recommendations as presented but increase the \$4,000 to \$8,000 for USCB using the money recommended for Penn Center's brochures since the Center is located out of the City. Councilman Glover seconded the motion.

Councilman Keyserling said \$40,000 would go a long way in helping smaller organizations and it is irresponsible for the City to make a commitment for something that has not been presented to Council. Mr. Keyserling pointed out that different performances need different lights. The mayor said if the decision is to upgrade the facility, Council will pledge the \$40,000 and pay the internal loan back through the Tourism Development Advisory Committee at \$8,000 per year. Councilman Keyserling recommended postponing this decision until he can contact a professional to critique the business plan and determine if it is a good investment.

The Mayor Pro Tem called for the question. Council unanimously approved the TDAC's recommendations totaling \$101,191.59 taking the \$4,000 from Penn Center and increasing the USCB funding for lights, sound, and rigging to \$8,000.

#### **MOTION TO SUSPEND REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

On motion by Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Glover, Council suspended the regular order of business.

#### **TDAC - RESOLUTION**

During further discussions regarding the funding for the USCB Performing Arts Center, the mayor asked if Council was willing to adopt a resolution to upgrade the facility. Council will authorize \$40,000 and then a fund raising effort can begin using that pledge as the lead. The Finance Director

cautioned Council on the wording since approval has to be granted by the state Oversight Committee.

The proposed resolution outlining the amount of \$32,000 to be taken from the Accommodations Tax monies to upgrade the Performing Arts Center for the purpose of bringing visitors to Beaufort was read by the mayor.

Councilwoman Beer made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Glover gave second.

Councilman Keyserling said tonight is actually the first time Council has heard about the Mayor's Committee and the recommendations for the Performing Arts Center. The mayor commented that a presentation about the lights, sound system, rigging, etc. can be made in a month. Mr. Keyserling suggested issuing a revenue bond for \$1,000,000 for a Performing Arts Center based on a business plan instead of redoing an auditorium.

Council members Rauch, Beer, Glover, and Fordham voted to adopt the resolution. Councilman Keyserling voted nay. The motion passed 4 to 1. (Copy of resolution at end of these minutes.) The Finance Director will hold the \$8,000 granted by TDAC in escrow and contact the state for permission for the funding plan.

### **PARADE REQUEST**

A request was received from the Greater Beaufort Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of numerous organizations to host a welcome home parade for the Marines and Sailors from the three military installations on August 1, 2003 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Beaufort High School. Also, they asked the City to co-sponsor the event and for permission to sell beer in the Waterfront Park during the event.

Councilwoman Beer stated another route has been discussed. Police Chief Dowling said closing a major thoroughfare on a Friday evening was discussed with the President of the Chamber of Commerce and an alternative route was agreed upon. Staging will be on Bladen Street with the parade traveling east on Bay Street to New Castle Street.

On motion by Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Glover, Council agreed to co-sponsor the parade.

### **REZONING STUDY FOR OLD COMMON NEIGHBORHOOD & BOUNDARY STREET**

A request for permission to proceed with a rezoning study of the Old Commons Neighborhood and Boundary Street between Carteret Street and Ribaut Road was presented to Council.

Councilwoman Beer moved to direct staff to address these areas first. Councilman Glover gave second.

The Director of Planning, Libby Anderson, stated staff has been working on updates to the zoning map since the adoption of the Unified Development Ordinance in January. Mr. John Gettys Smith, President of the Old Common Neighborhood Association, submitted a letter, on behalf of the Association, requesting the rezoning study of the Old Common Neighborhood be accelerated to better reflect existing uses and to support appropriate new development. Ms. Anderson pointed out

that the Boundary Street area also needs immediate attention. She said currently Boundary Street contains a mix of zoning and the plan is to create a urban mixed-use neighborhood and General Commercial is the appropriate zoning to help achieve this vision.

Letters from Mr. Gettys Smith and Jeff Mansell of the Historic Beaufort Foundation were distributed to Council.

The request was unanimously approved.

### **SALE OF SURPLUS POLICE VEHICLES**

A memo from the Police Chief regarding the trade of eight surplus police vehicles valued at \$25,500 with Parks Automotive for two newer, lower mileage vehicles

On motion by Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Keyserling, Council approved the trade in of eight police vehicles with Parks Automotive for two newer vehicles.

### **RESOLUTION REDUCING SPEED LIMIT ON RIBAUT ROAD**

A Resolution was presented to Council for adoption after requests were received regarding the reduction of the speed limit on Ribaut Road from Boundary Street to Allison Road.

Councilman Keyserling moved to adopt the Resolution. Councilwoman Beer gave second.

During the discussion of revisions to the resolution, Marvin Dukes, representing the Ribaut Road Neighborhood Association, suggested changing the four lanes to three and redirecting the truck route in addition to lowering the speed limit. This would allow bike lanes on both sides and would be a tremendous asset to the City. He said there are a lot of rear end collisions with the road in its current configuration. He asked Council to present these requests to SCDOT to conduct a study to eliminate the volume and speed of traffic which is a threat to the residents in that area.

Police Chief Jeff Dowling reminded Council the police are conducting a study with the County's traffic management program. A similar study has just been completed on Bay Street, he said. The new equipment provides an average speed, time frame, and percentage of speeders. A report is anticipated within two weeks and he would like to review those results before making a decision. Councilman Glover stated there are some improvements that could be made to Ribaut Road to eliminate the congestion with left turn movements but, in his opinion, changing from four to two lanes and cutting the capacity in half is not one of them. He reminded Council of his comments several meetings ago when he suggested a study needed to be conducted to determine a way to protect the capacity that is being gained on Highways 170 and 280. Since Highway 280 has recently been completed, that will become the route of choice for truck traffic. Reducing the speed limit to 25 mph on Ribaut Road will only produce more violators. He prefers to increase enforcement. Councilman Fordham agreed stating the speed limit should remain at 35 mph for cars and trucks. He also said he has problems with reducing the lanes to two. Council members Beer and Keyserling recommended compromising the speed limit to 30 mph for all traffic.

Edward Dukes agreed 30 mph is a fair compromise for the traffic. He added, the residents would like the trucks rerouted and asked that request be included when the Department of Transportation is

being asked to study restriping Ribaut Road.

Tommy Logan, 871 Ribaut Road, agreed it would be best to conduct a study for the realignment but please state in the resolution that Ribaut Road will no longer be a truck route and designate Highway 280 as the Highway 21 alternate route. Additionally, he asked that the same restrictions be placed on Ribaut Road as Council did several years ago on the Woods Memorial Bridge and Carteret Street.

On motion by Councilman Glover, second by Councilman Fordham Council voted to amend the resolution by rerouting truck traffic to Highway 280 and designating it as the truck route.

Councilwoman Beer moved to amend the speed limit on Ribaut Road to 30 mph. Councilman Keyserling gave second. Council members Beer, Keyserling, Rauch, and Fordham voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Glover voted nay. The motion passed 4 to 1.

Councilman Keyserling moved to amend the resolution by requesting a study be conducted for 3 laning Ribaut Road from Boundary Street to Allison Road. Councilwoman Beer gave second. Council members Keyserling, Rauch, and Beer voted in favor. Councilmen Glover and Fordham voted nay. The motion passed 3 to 2.

Councilman Keyserling moved to request feasibility, safety, and cost studies to place a tunnel under the road for the safe crossing of college students, hospital patrons and doctors in the three blocks around those institutions. The mayor gave second. Councilmen Keyserling and Rauch voted in favor of the study. Council members Beer, Glover, and Fordham voted nay. The motion failed 2 to 3.

Council unanimously adopted the resolution as amended. (Copy of resolution at end of these minutes.)

### **CITY CO-SPONSORED EVENTS**

The discussion regarding the activities in which the City provides reduced fees or low cost fee services to various organizations/events was deferred to the next council meeting.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion by Councilman Glover, second by Councilwoman Beer, the following six items were approved on first reading.

#### **ORDINANCE ANNEXING TWO PARCELS ON LADY'S ISLAND**

An ordinance annexing two parcels of property totaling 0.12 acres located on Lady's Island into the City identified as District 200 (201), Tax Map 15, Parcels 191 and 709, at the intersection of SC Highway 802 and Ferry Road (Copy of ordinance at end of these minutes.)

#### **ORDINANCE ZONING TWO PARCELS ON LADY'S ISLAND**

An ordinance zoning two parcels of property totaling 0.12 acres identified as District 200 (201), Tax Map 15, Parcels 191 and 709, located at the intersection of SC Highway 802 and

Ferry Road on Lady's Island, from Village Center District to General Commercial District (Copy of Ordinance at end of these minutes)

**ORDINANCE ANNEXING TWO PARCELS ON LADY'S ISLAND**

An ordinance annexing two parcels of property totaling 2.5 acres identified as District 200 (201), Tax Map 15, Parcels 189A and 192A located off SC Highway 802 at St. Peter's Catholic Church on Lady's Island into the City. (Copy of ordinance at end of these minutes.)

**ORDINANCE ZONING TWO PARCELS ON LADY'S ISLAND**

An ordinance zoning two parcels of property totaling 2.5 acres identified as District 200 (201), Tax Map 15, Parcels 189A and 192A located off SC Highway 802 at St. Peter's Catholic Church on Lady's Island, from Village Center District to General Commercial District. (Copy of ordinance at end of these minutes)

**ORDINANCE ANNEXING LAND ON BURTON HILL ROAD**

An ordinance annexing 35 acres of property on the east side of Burton Hill Road identified as District 100 and 120 (122), Tax Map 29, Parcel 4 (portion) from Regional Commercial District and General Commercial District to Limited Industrial District. (Copy of ordinance at end of these minutes.)

**ORDINANCE ZONING LAND ON BURTON HILL ROAD**

An ordinance zoning 54 acres of property on the east side of Burton Hill Road identified as District 100 and 120 (122), Tax Map 29, Parcel 4 (portion) from Regional Commercial District and General Commercial District to Limited Industrial District. (Copy of ordinance at end of these minutes)

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Assistant City Manager reported bids have been received for the archeological survey for the Joyner Street property and for Battery Saxton. The low for both properties is \$2,794 by Cypress. The Planning Department recommends contracting with them for both surveys. On another matter, he relayed information he received this afternoon from Standard & Poors that they are raising the City's credit rating from A- to A. This is helpful when obtaining General Obligation Bonds.

**REPORTS BY COUNCIL**

**FORDHAM:** Councilman Fordham asked the Assistant City Manager to find out when the last two telephone poles will be removed from Ribaut Road.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion by Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Glover, Council voted to move into executive session to discuss a contractual matter and a land acquisition matter

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon returning to open session and there being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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BEVERLY W. GAY, CITY CLERK