

A special meeting of the Beaufort City Council was held on March 1, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 302 Carteret Street. In attendance were Mayor Bill Rauch, Mayor Pro Tem Donnie Ann Beer, Councilmen Frank Glover, Gary B. Fordham, Billy Keyserling, City Manager John F. McDonough. 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 5:30 p.m. by the Mayor for the purpose of selecting and appointing a representative for the City to serve on the County's One Cent Capital Project Sales Tax Commission.

CAPITAL SALES TAX COMMISSION

The City Manager stated he received a letter from the County's staff attorney regarding the City's recent appointment to the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission. At the first organizational meeting, it was determined that Mr. Harvey holds an office on another board which would be considered dual office holding. Therefore, it was ruled he is ineligible to serve on this Commission. The County has asked for a replacement for Mr. Harvey by March 3, 2004.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Glover, Council voted to move into executive session to discuss an appointment to the County's One Cent Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission.

OPEN SESSION

Upon returning to Open Session, Councilman Keyserling moved to appoint Dot Gnann to serve as the City's representative on the County's One Cent Capital Project Sales Tax Commission. Councilwoman Beer gave second. Council members Keyserling, Fordham, Beer, and Rauch voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Glover voted nay. The motion passed 4 to 1.

The question arose that Ms. Gnann was recently appointed to the Southside Park Committee and that could be considered dual office holding. However, the mayor noted that she orally tendered her resignation to that Committee this morning.

MOTION TO ADD ITEM

On motion by Councilman Keyserling, second by Councilman Glover, Council added an item to the agenda.

RESOLUTION - ENDORSING PASSAGE OF S.500

Councilman Keyserling stated the U.S. Senate obtained funding from the Department of Interior for a planning study to research the history and to locate possible reconstruction sites. Page Miller, spearheading the group working on the Reconstruction History Partnership, spoke to Representative Ceips to ask for help since there is a problem with it in the House. Representative Ceips suggested having the local governments pass a resolution encouraging Congress to support this proposal. The

legislative delegation would then present it to Congressman Joe Wilson to get their support.

On motion by Councilman Keyserling, second by Councilman Glover, Council adopted the resolution urging Congressman Wilson to seek a hearing on S.500 before the House committee on Resources' subcommittee of National Parks and Public Lands. (Copy of resolution at end of these minutes.

REPORTS

The mayor reported that he attended the 99th birthday celebration for Hattie Holmes Saturday at the Lady's Island Baptist Church.

The City Manager reminded Council of the Waterfront Park Forums to be held Tuesday, March 2nd and Wednesday, March 3rd beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Beaufort High School Cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

BILL RAUCH, MAYOR

COUNCILWOMAN DONNIE ANN BEER

COUNCILMAN FRANK GLOVER

COUNCILMAN GARY B. FORDHAM

COUNCILMAN BILLY KEYSERLING

ATTEST:

BEVERLY W. GAY, CITY CLERK