

A special meeting of the Beaufort City Council was held on December 28, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room at 302 Carteret Street. In attendance were Mayor Bill Rauch, Mayor Pro Tem Frank Glover, Council members Donnie Ann Beer, Gary B. Fordham, George H. O'Kelley, Jr. and 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.

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Mayor.

CITY MANAGER SEARCH

The City Manager notified Council on December 21 that he accepted the position of city manager for the newly created City of Sandy Springs, Georgia beginning mid-February. This special meeting was called to discuss the search process for a new City Manager.

A job description was circulated to the Council members earlier for review. Councilman O'Kelley recommended a change in wording of the text to be submitted for publication. Council concurred. Several advertising options in which to place the ad along with a cost for each were listed by the City Manager.

A former interim city manager of Beaufort, Miles Hadley, has been asked to provide a list of top South Carolina managers and his partner will also provide a list of the top ten city managers in North Carolina who would fit this criteria. Additionally, a search for city managers in Georgia and Florida will be conducted. Once the resumes are received and reviewed, telephone interviews will be held. Council agreed to set a limit of \$4,000 for advertising for the position. The City Manager suggested Council identify the minimum criteria and the Human Resource Director will sort the resumes so the review process by Council will include only those qualified. A discussion followed to determine the qualifications necessary and resulted in the following criteria: experience in a high growth community; intergovernmental relations; building experience; planning and redevelopment; strong record of fiscal management; ten years as city manager or assistant city manager; and a masters degree in public administration. A response will be sent to the applicants acknowledging receipt of their resumes and advising them that if they are selected for interviews they will be notified.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

BILL RAUCH, MAYOR

COUNCILWOMAN DONNIE ANN BEER

COUNCILMAN FRANK GLOVER

COUNCILMAN GARY B. FORDHAM

COUNCILMAN GEORGE H. O'KELLEY, JR.

ATTEST:

BEVERLY W. GAY, CITY CLERK