

A special meeting of the Beaufort City Council was held on July 26, 2007 at 7:25 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 302 Carteret Street. In attendance were Mayor Bill Rauch, Mayor Pro Tem George H. O'Kelley, Council members Donnie Ann Beer, Gary B. Fordham, Mike Sutton, and City Manager Scott Dadson. 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 7:25 p.m.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE REGULAR ORDER OF THE AGENDA

On motion by Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman O'Kelley, Council suspended the regular order of the agenda.

ORDINANCE ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION AT WHICH THE QUESTION OF THE SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$15,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF BEAUFORT, SC SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BEAUFORT

The ordinance ordering a special election at which the question of the sale of not exceeding \$15,000 General Obligation bonds shall be submitted to the qualified registered electors of the City was presented for first reading.

Councilwoman Beer moved to approve the ordinance on first reading. Councilman Fordham gave second.

In reply to the Mayor's question regarding meeting all deadlines for the October ballot, the City Manager responded that he spoke to the State Election Board, the City Attorney, and the Bond Attorney. As long as second reading is held in time to have the first publication of notice published in the newspaper by August 24, there are no other impediments. There will have to be a special meeting for the second reading.

Councilman O'Kelley moved to amend Section 2 on the second page of the ordinance to state "on or before Friday, August 24 and on or before Friday, September 7, 2007" to ensure it is published in time. Councilman Fordham seconded the motion. The amendment passed unanimously.

Council unanimously approved the amended ordinance. (Copy of Ordinance at end of these minutes)

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LAND SWAP BETWEEN THE CITY AND 303 ASSOCIATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING A PARKING GARAGE AT THE CORNER OF PORT REPUBLIC AND SCOTT STREET

The ordinance authorizing a land swap between the City and 303 Associates to build a parking garage was presented for first reading.

Councilwoman Beer made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading. Councilman Fordham seconded the motion. Councilman Sutton recused himself. (Copy of form at end of these minutes)

The City Attorney explained this ordinance authorizes the agreement. The specifics are not in this agreement. It preserves all the parking spaces and builds the garage. The City will be transferring the metered spaces in the Beaufort Inn parking lot which is now being leased to them. Thirty-two parking spaces will then be transferred to the City in the lot that is currently vacant where the Western Auto Store once stood.

Council unanimously approved the ordinance. (Copy of ordinance at end of these minutes)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Councilman O’Kelley, second by Councilwoman Beer, Council voted to move into executive session pursuant to Title 30, Chapter 4, Section 70(a)(2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws to discuss negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and the appointment/reappointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

OPEN SESSION

Zoning Board of Adjustments

Upon returning to Open Session, Councilwoman Beer moved to appoint John Hawkins to fill the unexpired term of Jay Weidner on the ZBOA. Councilman Sutton gave second. That term will expire June, 2009. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

BILL RAUCH, MAYOR

COUNCILWOMAN DONNIE ANN BEER

COUNCILMAN GARY B. FORDHAM

COUNCILMAN GEORGE H. O’KELLEY, JR.

COUNCILMAN MIKE SUTTON

ATTEST:

BEVERLY W. GAY, CITY CLERK