

The Beaufort City Council held a workshop on June 28, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 302 Carteret Street. In attendance were Mayor Bill Rauch, Council members Donnie Ann Beer, Gary B. Fordham, Mike Sutton, and City Manager Scott Dadson. Mayor Pro Tem George H. O'Kelley 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 Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF SCE&G POLE COMMITTEE REPORT**

On June 19, 2007, the City Council and the SCE&G ad hoc Pole Committee held a joint meeting to discuss the report prepared by the committee regarding the possible replacement of the 115 kilovolt capacity electric transmission lines in the northern part of the City by SCE&G. The City Manager stated this meeting is to consider formally accepting that report and if Council does accept the report, he and the City Attorney should be charged with preparing a legal document for Council's final approval and then for presentation to SCE&G.

The Mayor reminded Council of a couple of outstanding issues from the last meeting which were unresolved: the cost of undergrounding the Historic District and more information on the poles. The City Manager said he understood the Committee is to develop visual representations of the poles and where they would be located. That information will be displayed at a public meeting. Councilman Sutton added that the exact location of the existing 75 foot pole was to be determined and as a comparison the poles used by Hilton Head.

Deborah Johnson, Duke Street resident, asked if any consideration had been given to House Bill H.3517 that was presented on June 14, 2007 regarding "...electric power lines, constructed, installed, or modified must be buried underground at the request of the governing body..." She said the beauty of the City is something to continue to work toward. Mr. Temple said the legislation has not been passed as of today and there still needs to be compensation for the biggest cost. Ms. Johnson stated it is assumed people are not willing to pay for things but they are in order to make their lives better. Brad Samuels, SCANA representative, said it is a great idea and he suggested when there is money available call David Temple.

Councilwoman Beer moved to accept the report. Councilman Fordham seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Beer agreed that there should be a power point presentation at the next Pole Committee meeting showing how the different poles would look in different settings.

Council voted to accept the report presented by the SCE&G Pole Committee.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion by Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Fordham, 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.

**OPEN SESSION**

**Municipal Complex**

Upon returning to Open Session, Councilman Fordham moved to pass the municipal complex negotiations onto the City's Redevelopment Commission. Councilwoman Beer gave second. The Mayor noted that this will save the City money. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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BILL RAUCH, MAYOR

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNIE ANN BEER

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COUNCILMAN GARY B. FORDHAM

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COUNCILMAN GEORGE H. O'KELLEY, JR.

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COUNCILMAN MIKE SUTTON

ATTEST:

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BEVERLY W. GAY, CITY CLERK