

A regular meeting of the Beaufort City Council was held on October 14, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Administration Building, Ribaut Road. In attendance were Mayor 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 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Rev. Steve Keeler, Pastor of Sea Island Presbyterian Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Mayor.

PROCLAMATION

On motion by Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Fordham, Council voted to adopt the proclamation designating October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Evan Thompson, Historic Beaufort Foundation Executive Director, invited everyone to attend the Candidates Forum that they are hosting tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center at USCB on Carteret Street where the candidates will have an opportunity to address some historic preservation issues in the City. He also mentioned they are selling tickets for the Fall Tour of Homes that is scheduled for October 24 – 26th. Also, giving an update on the Beaufort Arsenal repairs, he said there is more extensive damage to the brick where the additions over years are joined. He stated during the coming months, a time will be scheduled for Council members to visit with the architect and the contractor on site for a walk-through.

Councilman Fordham asked if an elevator is being installed. Mr. Thompson explained no interior work is being done; however, they have talked about the need for an elevator in that building but there is no funding for work on the inside.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular City Council meeting of September 23, 2008 were presented to Council for review. On motion by Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Sutton, Council approved the minutes as amended.

ORDINANCE AMENDING UDO TO PERMIT BANQUET HALLS IN OC

The ordinance amending Sections 5.1, 5.3.D, and 11.2 of the UDO to permit banquet halls as a conditional use in the Office Commercial District was presented for second reading and adoption.

Councilman Fordham moved to adopt the ordinance on second reading. Councilman Sutton gave second. The ordinance was adopted unanimously. (Copy of Ordinance at end of the September 23, 2008 minutes)

ORDINANCE REZONING 1103 BAY STREET FROM OC TO NC

The ordinance rezoning 1103 Bay Street, a/k/a The Anchorage and identified as District 120, Tax Map 4, Parcel 845 from Office Commercial to Neighborhood Commercial was presented for second reading and adoption.

On motion by Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Fordham, Council adopted the ordinance on second reading. (Copy of ordinance at end of the September 23, 2008 minutes)

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF OPEN CONTAINER ORDINANCE

A request by the Guild of Beaufort Galleries for a waiver of the Open Container Ordinance on October 25th during the Fall ArtWalk from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. and for trash receptacles to be provided along Bay Street.

Councilwoman Beer made a motion, seconded by Councilman Sutton, to approve the request. The vote was unanimous.

REQUEST TO CLOSE A PORTION OF STREET FOR KIRKING OF THE TARTANS

A request was submitted on behalf of the First Presbyterian Church to close a portion of Church Street between Craven to North Streets on Saturday, October 25, 2008 from noon until 5:00 Sunday, October 26 to allow time to erect a tent, for a luncheon after the Kirking of the Tartans Service and to conduct a Parade of the Tartans and Bag Pipes after the service on Sunday, beginning at 12:15 proceeding east on Craven Street to Charles Street and back.

On motion by Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Sutton, Council approved the requests.

RESOLUTION - PRESERVATION PLAN UPDATE

A resolution adopting the 2008 Historic Preservation Plan Update was presented for Council's consideration.

Councilwoman Beer moved to adopt the resolution. Councilman Fordham seconded the motion.

The City Manager stated each item of the Plan needs to be reviewed individually and considered within the 2008 Comprehensive Planning Process.

Councilman Sutton said he would like to have a staff report on the seven recommendations and their priorities to be sure they are included in the Comp Plan.

The resolution was unanimously adopted. (Copy of resolution at end of these minutes)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager reported that there are two conflicting issues in November regarding meetings of Council. The first is that the work session falls on Election Day (November 4th) and the first scheduled Council meeting for November (November 11) is Veteran's Day which is a City holiday. He asked Council for a recommendation.

MOTION Councilwoman Beer moved to postpone the November 4th work session

Councilman Fordham seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

On motion by Councilman Fordham, second by Councilwoman Beer, Council canceled the November 11th regular Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Sutton, 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 Historic District Review Board.

OPEN SESSION

Historic District Review Board

Upon returning to Open Session, Councilman Sutton moved to appoint Joel C. Newman to fill the unexpired term of Maurice Ungaro on the HDRB. That term will expire March 2010. Councilwoman Beer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

GEORGE H. O'KELLEY, JR, MAYOR

COUNCILWOMAN DONNIE ANN BEER

COUNCILMAN GARY B. FORDHAM

COUNCILMAN MIKE SUTTON

ATTEST:

BEVERLY W. GAY, CITY CLERK