

CITY OF BEAUFORT



1911 Boundary Street
BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA 29902

Special Council Meeting

March 31, 2020

Please note, this meeting will be conducted electronically via Zoom and broadcasted via livestream on Facebook. You can view the meeting live via Facebook at the City's page City Beaufort SC.

Electronic Meeting

5:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Billy Keyserling, Mayor

II. INOVOCATION

A. Mike McFee, Mayor Pro Tem

III. COUNCIL ORGANIZATION

A. Re-Appointment of Municipal Judges – Ned Tupper and Mary Sharp

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval to allow donation of City used vehicles to Hampton County

B. Ordinance amending Part 5, Article C (Beaufort Redevelopment Incentive Program) and Part 10, Chapter 3 (Incentive reimbursements grant program for certain annexations) – 1st Reading

C. Approval of Resolution regarding COVID-19 and proposed actions

VI. REPORTS

- City Manager's Report
- Mayor Report
- Reports by Council Members

VII. ADJOURN

STATEMENT OF MEDIA NOTIFICATION

"In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, all local media was duly notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting."



Beaufort Police Department

MATTHEW J. CLANCY
Chief of Police

*Moving forward into the future...
While preserving our heritage with...
Community Policing*

TO: Mr. W. Prokop, City Manager
Ms. K. Todd, Finance Director

FROM: Chief M. Clancy

DATE: March 19, 2020

SUBJ: Donation of Used Vehicles to Hampton County Sheriff's Office

REF: Letter of Request from Sheriff T.C. Smalls

Through department interaction it has been discovered that the patrol fleet of Hampton County Sheriff's Office consists of older, very high mileage vehicles. Due to severe budget restraints they are not able to purchase new vehicles. The city currently has three patrol cars that are due to be replaced through regular attrition and one that is dead lined with a ruined engine. Sheriff Smalls has expressed an interest in purchasing these cars from the city and continue to keep them on the road. They would also incur the cost associated with restriping them. We have found that the resale value on these cars is very low and in the interest of supporting area law enforcement and citizens I am requesting that the city donate these vehicles to Hampton county in the same spirit that we earlier donated cars to TCL. I understand that this is a council decision and would be happy to provide any additional information that may be required.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew J. Clancy".

Matthew J. Clancy
Chief of Police



Hampton County Sheriff's Office

P.O. Box 633, Hampton, SC 29924
411 Cemetery Rd., Varnville, SC 29944

Telephone (803) 914-2200

Fax (803) 914-2213



March 8 2020

Chief Matthew Clancy
Beaufort Police Department
1901 Boundary St., Ste. 102
Beaufort, SC 29902

Ref: Vehicle Purchase

Dear Chief Clancy,

The Hampton County Sheriff's Office is interested in purchasing vehicles from your department.

We would like to discuss your fleet inventory and complete the transaction as soon as possible.

Please contact me at the above telephone number. I look forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely,

Sheriff T.C. Smalls
Hampton County Sheriff's Office

TCS/lsm

CITY OF BEAUFORT
DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

** (Deadline for Submission - Wednesday Noon
Prior to Tuesday's Meeting) **

TO: City Council

DATE: March 27, 2020

FROM: David Prichard, Community and Economic Development Director

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Ordinance amending Part 5 Article C (Beaufort Redevelopment Incentive Program) and Part 10 Chapter 3 (Incentive Reimbursements Grant Program for Certain Annexations)

MEETING DATE: March 31, 2020

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At work sessions on January 21, 2020 and March 10, 2020 the city council reviewed incentive ordinances for redevelopment and or annexation and concluded that the following amendments be proposed for consideration and decision by city council:

Delete the following incentives for:

- Occupancy of empty/vacant commercial buildings – reimbursement of city real property taxes up to 5 years – Sec. 5-2023
- New construction in downtown and redevelopment corridors^[i] - reimbursement of city real property taxes up to 3 years – Sec. 5-2024
- Annexation (commercial) – building permit fees reduced 50% within 12 months of annexation – Sec.10-2002
- Annexation (segments on Lady's Island) - reimbursement of city real property taxes up to 3 years less that portion remitted to Lady's Island Fire District; 90% in years four and five; 50% in year six; and 30% in year seven – Sec. 10-3002 and 10-3003 (a)
- Annexation (Lady's Island commercial recreation) - - reimbursement of city real property taxes up to 3 years less that portion remitted to Lady's Island Fire District; 90% in years four, five and six; 60% in year seven; 50% in years eight and nine; and 40% in year ten – Sec. 10-3002 and 10-3003 (b)

And combine into one section the following incentives:

- Development of student housing - reimbursement of city real property taxes up to 3 years – Sec. 5-2025
- Development of accessory dwelling units^[ii] - reimbursement of city real property taxes attributed to the accessory dwelling unit up to 3 years – Sec. 5-2026

- Rehabilitation of vacant or abandoned structures in the Beaufort Historic District - reimbursement of city real property taxes attributed to the building rehabilitation up to 3 years – Sec. 5-2027

With the following caveat re accessory dwelling units: that they cannot be used as a short-term rental for ten years.

PLACED ON AGENDA FOR: 1st Reading

Council action:

O R D I N A N C E

AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA – PART 5 ARTICLE C (BEAUFORT REDEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM) AND PART 10 CHAPTER 3 (INCENTIVE REIMBURSEMENTS GRANT PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN ANNEXATIONS)

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina has conferred to the City of Beaufort the power to enact ordinances “in relation to roads, streets, markets, law enforcement, health, and order in the municipality or respecting any subject which appears to it necessary and proper for the security, general welfare, and convenience of the municipality or for preserving health, peace, order, and good government in it, including the authority to levy and collect taxes on real and personal property . . .” as set forth in *Code of Laws of South Carolina*, Section 5-7-30; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort City Council has publicly discussed in work session the need and desire to consolidate existing ordinances that provide incentives for annexation and development, some of which are no longer necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments are compatible and in accordance with the vision and goals of the City of Beaufort; and

WHEREAS, this vision and these goals were established through public discussion, input and participation in open work sessions of Council; and

WHEREAS, these goals were recorded in the form of a strategic plan and a comprehensive plan for all to see and reference; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds that the proposed amendment is in the best interest of the City of Beaufort, and its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina, in Council duly assembled and by authority of same, that the Code of Ordinances Beaufort, South Carolina be amended as follows:

Delete Sections 5-2023, 5-2024, 10-2002, 10-3002, and 10-3003 in their entirety; and,

Delete Sections 5-2025, 5-2026, and 5-2027 in their entirety and replace with the following:

Sec. 5-2025. - Development.

A property owner responsible for:

- (a) development of student housing (as defined in section 5-2021(e) of this article) and who has provided the City with a current affidavit that the units are being used for student housing; or,
- (b) development of a carriage house as defined in section 4.5.3 of the Beaufort Development Code of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina, and who has provided the City with a current affidavit that the carriage house is occupied: (Note: carriage houses receiving this incentive may not be used as short-term rental for a period of ten years); or,

