I. **CALL TO ORDER**

5:00 PM

Philip Cromer, Mayor


II. **PRESENTATIONS**

A. Police Cadet/Explorer Program.

Councilman Scallate introduced Austin Hartman, who was a former coordinator of the Denver Colorado Police Department’s Explorer/Public Safety Cadet Program. Mr. Hartman gave background information on his education and career path. All the information that he covered related to how things are governed in the Denver Police Public Safety Programs.

The Explorer Program is for young adults ages 15 to 20. The Cadet Program is for those that are aged 18 to 25. He then went over the qualifications for each.

The programs provide career orientation experiences, networking, leadership development opportunities, and community service activities. These are standalone programs like ROTC and have a paramilitary structure. All applicants must display high degrees of Honesty, Integrity, Discipline, Morals and Ethics.

Councilman Lipsitz inquired if there was some type of program in place that helped with membership dues if a family could not afford to pay the fees.

Mayor Cromer asked about what type of liability/accident insurance needs to be in place, if any.

Mayor Pro Tem, McFee, inquired how many graduates of the Explorer Program stayed on as employees with the City of Denver.

III. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Boundary Street Road Diet.

Scott Marshall, City Manager, started off by saying that he was asked by Beaufort County Staff to gauge the interest of Council regarding a Road Diet Plan on Boundary Street from Ribaut Road down to Charles Street. This would be a test program involving restriping the road in which four lanes would be reduced to one lane in each direction. He stated that this would provide an opportunity to create safer walkable and multimodal lanes for USCB students that are traveling to and from their housing facilities to the main campus. Also, this is being proposed to validate Ribaut Road assumptions and determine impacts to the design of
Reimagine Ribaut Road. No construction is involved, and it can be returned to its previous configuration if no benefits are seen after 6 months.

Each travel lane would be 12 foot with a center turn lane of 15 foot. There would also be an extra 2.5 foot buffer on each side that extended to another 4 foot buffer and 4 foot sidewalk.

Brittanee Bishop, Beaufort County Engineering Program and Finance Manager, spoke to Council and addressed some of their concerns. She stated this is a Pilot Project. They would continue to monitor traffic going in all directions to see if this Road Diet is working. She stated that it is identified in the City’s Development Code for this section of Boundary Street to become a three lane road eventually. She stated they need to analyze the traffic to also see if this restriping would affect Ribaut Road. The total cost of the project is being paid by Beaufort County. South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) has final authority.

The following addressed Council:

Dan Blackmon, 1010 Duke Street
Paul Trask, 610 Bladen Street
Joe Mac, 1809 Boundary Street
Kay Merrill, Pigeon Point Neighborhood
Tim Ogden, Beaufort Fire Chief
Graham Trask, 1211 Bay Street

Mr. Marshall stated it was his understanding that if the City does not wish to move forward, it will not take place. Ms. Bishop stated that was correct. The money can be utilized somewhere else.

More data/information is warranted before a decision is made to proceed. This will take two to three months to collect. Once this has been accomplished, another worksession discussion may possibly take place.

IV. ADJOURN 6:09 PM

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