



City Council Regular Meeting Meeting Minutes – Electronic Meeting

January 26, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

7:06PM

Mayor, Stephen D, Murray III

All of Council members in attendance - Phil Cromer, Neil Lipsitz, Mitch Mitchell, and Mayor Murray.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Interim Mayor Pro Tem, Phil Cromer

III. PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

A. Character Education Proclamation - Noah Garcia-Salas, Coosa Elementary School

Motion to approve was made by Interim Mayor Pro Tem, Cromer and seconded by Councilman Lipsitz.

Approval was unanimous.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

COVID-19 Vaccine - Dr. Luke Baxley, Beaufort Memorial Hospital Physician

Mayor Murray stated that a letter from the lowcountry Mayors will be sent to the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), regarding the distribution of vaccines in the state. The letter is going to ask for some type of methodology in which could be set to fairly distribute vaccines across the state.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

VI. MINUTES

A. Worksession and Regular Meeting - July 14, 2020

B. Worksession and Special Meeting - July 21, 2020

C. Worksession and Regular Meeting - December 15, 2020

Motion to approve was made by Interim Mayor Pro Tem, Cromer and seconded by Councilman Lipsitz.

Minutes approved as presented.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance annexing parcels R100 028 00A 0409 0000, 13 Old Jericho Road, R100 028 00A 0410 0000, 17 Old Jericho Road, R100 028 00A 0411 0000, 19 Old Jericho Road, R100 028 00A 0412 0000, Old Jericho Road (Vacant), R100 028 00A 0413 0000, 25 Old Jericho Road - totaling approximately 4.57 Acres - 2nd Reading

Motion to approve was made by Interim Mayor Pro Tem, Cromer and seconded by Councilman Mitchell.

Approval of annexation was unanimous.

- B. Ordinance amending the City of Beaufort's Zoning map to include parcels R100 028 00A 0409 0000, 13 Old Jericho Road, R100 028 00A 0410 0000, 17 Old Jericho Road, R100 028 00A 0411 0000, 19 Old Jericho Road, R100 028 00A 0412 0000, Old Jericho Road (Vacant), R100 028 00A 0413 0000, 25 Old Jericho Road - totaling approximately 4.57 Acres - 2nd Reading

Motion to approve was made by Interim Mayor Pro Tem, Cromer and seconded by Councilman Lipsitz.

Approval of zoning was unanimous.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Request for Co-Sponsorship for use of Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park from First Scots Presbyterian Church to host annual Easter Sunrise event on Sunday, April 4, 2021

Motion to approve was made by Interim Mayor Pro Tem, Cromer and seconded by Councilman Mitchell.

Approval was unanimous.

- B. Request for waiver of Open Container for Alcohol for private wedding reception at Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park on Saturday, April 10, 2021

Motion to approve was made by Interim Mayor Pro Tem, Cromer and seconded by Councilman Lipsitz.

Approval was unanimous.

- C. Request for Street Closure from the Downtown Merchants Association for First Friday events - June 4, September 3, and November 5, 2021

Motion to approve was made by Interim Mayor Pro Tem, Cromer and seconded by Councilman Lipsitz.

Approval was unanimous.

- D. Request from Downtown Operations and Community Services to host Beaufort Holiday Weekend, December 3-5, 2021 to include Street Closures

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Interim Mayor Pro Tem, Cromer.

Approval was unanimous.

E. Resolution of the City of Beaufort establishing a Task Force for continued planning park development activities in Southside Park

Motion to approve was made by Interim Mayor Pro Tem, Cromer and seconded by Councilman Mitchell.

Approval was unanimous.

IX. REPORTS

City Manager's Report

Assistant City Manager, Reece Bertholf, thanked City staff for all the hard work this fiscal year and dealing with COVID. City staff has kept us on track financially. Mr. Bertholf then shared polling precincts for the upcoming Special Election and encouraged citizens to go vote Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Murray began by stating that the search continues for an Executive Director for the Beaufort Digital Corridor, applications will continue to be accepted for the next couple of weeks. He also encouraged citizens to go vote in the Special Election and he appreciates all the candidates stepping up and wished them all well.

Interim Mayor Pro Tem, Cromer

Interim Mayor Pro Tem stated that the Housing Task Force has finalized its work as a committee, and he is looking forward to presenting it to City Council at the upcoming Council Retreat.

Councilman Lipsitz

Councilman Lipsitz is looking forward to working with the Southside Park Task Force.

Councilman Mitchell

Nothing to report.

X. ADJOURN

8:15PM

Motion to adjourn was made by Interim Mayor Pro Tem, Phil Cromer and seconded by Councilman Mitchell.

All in favor.

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