

A special regular session of Beaufort City Council was held on March 12, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Beaufort Municipal Complex, 1901 Boundary Street. In attendance were Mayor Billy Keyserling, Councilwoman Nan Sutton, Councilmen Mike McFee, Stephen Murray, and Phil Cromer, and Bill Prokop, city manager.

In accordance with the 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

Mayor Keyserling called the work session to order at 5:00 p.m. [SEP]

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman McFee led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING JUNE STEVENSON'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

Councilman Murray made a motion, second by Councilman Cromer, to approve the proclamation. The motion passed unanimously.

AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR WATERFRONT PARK PILING REPAIRS [SEP]

Councilman McFee made a motion, second by Councilman Cromer, to approve the authorization. Kathy Todd said in FY2018, the project to repair the pilings began. The city received a \$500,000 grant to repair the remaining pilings, and the city has set aside money to match the grant. The contract is with McSweeney Engineering, which will determine the work needed, etc., she said. **The motion passed unanimously.**

APPROVE FY2019 BUDGET AMENDMENT #2

Councilman Murray made a motion, second by Councilman Cromer, to approve the budget amendment on first reading. Ms. Todd said the city received a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the Greenlawn Drive streetscape project. At the time of the award, the cost was estimated to be \$1.7 million, she said, and council authorized \$1.2 million in TIF II funds to complete the project. The two bids received were “considerably higher than that,” Ms. Todd said. Preferred Materials, Inc. is the contractor, with a winning bid of \$2,148,996.00, and the revised budget for the project totals \$2,759,064, she said, so council’s approval is required to release an additional \$1,059,365 in TIF II funds.

Ms. Todd said the revised budget does not include the city’s portion of the cost of the duct bank/undergrounding utilities on Greenlawn Drive. The city is awaiting an estimate from SCE&G on that cost. She said the current balance in TIF II after this expenditure would be about \$3.8 million. Councilman Cromer said the city also has to pay half of the cost of the duct bank. Ms. Todd said yes, and money has been set aside for that. She explained that some funds for the city’s portion of that cost might be taken out of TIF II

with council's approval of a future budget amendment. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT PENDING DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APPROVAL {
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Councilman McFee made a motion, second by Councilman Cromer, to approve the authorization. Ms. Todd said the draft contract was part of the RFP document that the South Carolina Department of Commerce had previously vetted and approved. This request is for the city manager to enter into negotiations with the contractor if Commerce approves the contract, which staff expects it will. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Matt St. Clair explained the division of costs for the duct bank's construction. There have been 4 utility meetings, he said, but the total cost is still unknown.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Prokop said for the first time, the city would get credits from BJWSA for work on Greenlawn Drive.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Keyserling said he had heard that President **Donald Trump** had signed a bill today that establishes the Reconstruction Era National Monument as the Reconstruction Era National Historical Park.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Murray said Beaufort County's retreat is this Thursday and Friday in Bluffton, and he will be attending part of it. The agenda is online, he said.

Councilman Cromer said the Beaufort History Museum had a very successful encampment with Civil War reenactors last weekend; a large number of those who attended were from Canada. Many people who came to see the encampment also went into the museum.

Councilman Murray congratulated CAPA (Child Abuse Prevention Association), which raised \$127,000 the previous weekend with its Dancing With Our Stars event.

There being no further business to come before council, Councilman Cromer made a motion, second by Councilman Murray, to adjourn the special regular council meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.