I. CALL TO ORDER 7:05 PM

Philip Cromer, Mayor


II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem, Michael McFee.

III. PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

A. Proclamation proclaiming March 2024 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

B. Proclamation proclaiming March 2024 as National American Red Cross Month.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

V. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING

A. An ordinance to annex property on Harding Street, Parcel R100 029 008 0057 0000 into the City of Beaufort pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. 5-3-150(3) - first reading.

B. An ordinance amending the City of Beaufort Zoning District Map to include Parcel R100 029 00B 0057 0000, to be zoned T4-N, as noted herein - first reading.

Curt Freese, Community and Economic Development Director stated that this request is being made by the owner of the property. This is a 2.6 acre lot that is presently undeveloped. The
parcel is located by two parcels that are in the city limits. Currently this parcel is zoned C3NMU - Neighborhood Mixed Use with Beaufort County. They are requesting a zoning of T4-N which is the zoning for the two other pieces of property in the city. He stated that if the annexation and zoning is approved, they then can have their Sketch Plan heard by the Planning Commission at their April meeting. In staff opinion, this is keeping with the Comprehensive Plan.

The Planning Commission recommended the annexation and zoning at their meeting on February 26, 2024.

Mayor Cromer opened the Public Hearing.

The following addressed Council.

Dave Robles, 79 Adams Circle.
Angela Lopatka, 18 Harding Street.

Mayor Cromer closed the Public Hearing.

Motion to approve the annexation ordinance was made by Councilman Scallate and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee.

Josh Tiller with JK Tiller Associates spoke on behalf of the property owner, Lanier Land Holdings LLC.

The motion passed by a vote of 4-1. Mayor Cromer was not in favor.

Motion to approve the rezoning ordinance was made by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee and seconded by Councilman Scallate.

The motion passed by a vote of 4-1. Mayor Cromer was not in favor.

VI. MINUTES

A. Worksession - February 20, 2024.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Lipsitz and seconded by Councilman Scallate.

Minutes approved as presented.

B. Worksession and Regular Meeting - February 27, 2024.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Councilman Scallate.

Minutes approved as presented.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Freeman wedding reception requests a noise ordinance waiver for a wedding reception on Saturday, November 9, 2024, from 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm in the Whitehall Park.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

B. Request from USCB to close Newcastle Street from Boundary to Calhoun Street and request waiver of the noise ordinance to host a Welcome Back to Campus Block Party on Tuesday, August 24, 2024, from 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm.
Motion to approve was made by Councilman Lipsitz and seconded by Councilman Scallate.
All were in favor, motion carried.

C. Request co-sponsorship and permission for Meadowbrook Church of Beaufort to host a Sunrise Service at Whitehall Park on Sunday, March 31, 2024, from 6:00 am - 8:30 am.

   Motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee and seconded by Councilman Scallate.
   All were in favor, motion carried.

D. Request from Historic Beaufort Foundation to host the annual Lafayette Soiree 2024 on Saturday, May 11, 2024, 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm, with allowance to transport participants from remote parking to 1305 Bay Street, signage and waiver of the loud and unseemly noise ordinance.

   Motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee and seconded by Councilman Mitchell.
   All were in favor, motion carried.


   Motion to approve was made by Councilman Lipsitz and seconded by Councilman Mitchell.

   Alan Eisenman, Finance Director, went over the proposed amendments.

   • Duke Street Streetscape and Drainage Project- $400,000.00 for engineering services from ARPA fund.
   • Battery Shores Drainage Project- $30,000.00 for engineering services from ARPA fund.
   • Pigeon Point Playground Equipment- $300,000.00 from Parks and Tourism fund and $100,000.00 from ARPA fund and $100,000.00 will be reallocated from approved FY24 Capital Budget related to Marina Fuel Tanks project.
   • 1st South Carolina Volunteers Park- $100,000.00 for park improvements from TIF II fund.
   • Arsenal Walls Rehabilitation- $30,000.00 for consulting services from State Accommodations Tax fund.
   • Spanish Moss Trail Sidewalk North Street Extension- $30,000.00 for sidewalk extension project from State Accommodations Tax Fund.
   • 500 Carteret Street window replacement and stucco repairs- $100,000.00 from General Fund Assigned Fund Balance for Capital Projects.

Paul Trask, 610 Bladen Street, addressed Council.

Councilman Scallate made a motion to amend by deleting the 10th Whereas clause - Spanish Moss Trail Sidewalk North Street Extension - $30,000.00 for a sidewalk extension project from State Accommodations Tax Fund.

Councilman Scallate withdrew his motion.
All were in favor, motion carried.

F. Consideration of City Manager Contract.

   Motion to approve was made by Councilman Lipsitz and seconded by Councilman Scallate.

   Mayor Cromer reported that Council has had a chance to evaluate Scott Marshall, City Manager. He received a positive evaluation. His salary will increase from $150,000.00 to $175,000.00. His
car allowance will also increase. All other terms of his contract will remain the same. Mayor Cromer stated that this is a fair market rate for our area.

The following addressed Council:

Paul Trask, 610 Bladen Street.
Graham Trask, 1211 Bay Street.

All were in favor, motion carried.

VIII. REPORTS

City Manager’s Report

Thanked Council and staff for their support and vote of confidence.

Reported that the Pigeon Point Boat Landing Survey is active. A link can be found on the City’s website home page. The survey closes on March 29, 2024.

The Charles Lind Brown Center will be having an Open House on Saturday, March 16, 2024, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Stated that we are in the process of accepting applications for upcoming Boards and Commissions seats.

Construction at Southside Park is underway.

Mayor’s Report

Participated in a quarterly zoom call with Congresswoman Nancy Mace’s office.

Attended a committee meeting regarding the 1st South Carolina Volunteers Park.

Met with residents regarding the King Street Storm Water Project.

Will be attending a panel discussion on the 40th anniversary of the Dataw Island development.

Will be attending the Cyber Security Summit on March 18 - 19, 2024.

Will be attending the marker dedication for the Carteret Street United Methodist Church on March 18, 2024.

Will be attending the Northern Regional Implementation Planning Committee (NRPIC) meeting.

Will be meeting with other Mayors in the County, along with County Council Chairman, Joe Passiment, concerning the upcoming Transportation Referendum.

Councilman Mitchell

Spoke about the Charles Lind Brown Center’s Open House that will take place on Saturday, March 16, 2024, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. He did interviews with 94.5 Praise Radio, and WKWQ 100.7, regarding this event. He thanked all that helped with the making and distribution of the event fliers.

Stated that they are reaching out to other organizations regarding the 1st South Carolina Volunteers Park, to determine what is the best way to get their story told. There have been 3 meetings to date.

Mayor Pro Tem, McFee

Attended the Arts Association Spring Show.
Attended Preserving the Legacy and Keeping the Promise event at the Technical College of the Lowcountry (TCL).

Attended the Residential Empowerment Coalition meeting.

Participated in the Conroy Literary Center Writers Residency and March Forth programs.

Will be attending the marker dedication at the Carteret Street United Methodist Church on March 18, 2024.

**Councilman Scallate**

He and City Manager, Scott Marshall, met with Ben Boswell, Administrative Manager, with Beaufort County Human Services, regarding the homelessness issue in our area.

Will be attending the 2024 Southcoast Cyber Summit on March 18 - 19, 2024. This is being held at 913 Port Republic Street.

**Councilman Lipsitz**

Attended the Ribbon Cutting for the Technical College of the Lowcountry (TCL) Student Hub.

Along with the Mayor, he attended the SouthernCarolina Regional Development Alliance Annual Regional Celebration in Allendale.

Attended the unveiling of a mural at the University of South Carolina Beaufort (USCB) Marine Biology Building.

IX.  **ADJOURN**  8:28 PM  

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Lipsitz and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee.

All were in favor, motion carried.

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