



City Council Worksession
Meeting Minutes – City Hall Planning Conference Room,
1st Floor

March 17, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

5:00PM

Mayor, Billy Keyserling - All members of Council in attendance (Mike McFee, Nan Sutton, Phil Cromer, Stephen Murray and Mayor Keyserling).

II. EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

At the start of the Worksession, Bill Prokop, City Manager, came forward and asked City Council to amend the agenda to start with an Emergency Meeting to discuss an Emergency Ordinance regarding SC 5.7.2.50.

Motion made by McFee and seconded by Cromer.

Motion and approval were unanimous to proceed with the Emergency Meeting.

Mr. Prokop expressed he wanted to address the emergency issues at hand with COVID-19 and had several points to discuss.

The first issue at hand, Mr. Prokop began with expressing that the Mayor had issued a Medical Emergency Order March 16, 2020 at 10am. The issue was that our current ordinance stipulates the medical emergency is only good for two days. Our Emergency Order we just issued stated it is good until the March 30, 2020. Mr. Prokop asked Council to approve the order so that the Medical Emergency Order stays in place until March 30, 2020. This gives the Mayor and Mr. Prokop more authority to make decisions such as curfews.

Motion to made by McFee and seconded by Cromer.

Motion to approve and extend the date was unanimous.

The second issue at hand was to discuss that, as of today, our staff will be going to OPCON1. For us all, this means we have met all the requirements for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). FEMA has issued the orders today as to what we must do. At this time some of our personnel are working from home and we reduced some staffing today. We may change to OPCON2, but this would have to be agreed upon county-wide. We currently have an emergency plan for hurricanes but not pandemics.

The third issue at hand, Mr. Prokop gave information to Council regarding being advised by legal that we can establish an Emergency Order Resolution allowing for future electronic meetings, as this may be the way we have them in the future during this time and we should have one in place to be prepared and that these electronic meetings will meet state requirements.

Motion made by McFee seconded by Murray.

Motion to allow electronic meetings by Council was unanimous.

Council Cromer made a motion to adjourn the Emergency City Council Meeting.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Incentives Ordinances - Proposed Changes.

David Prichard, Director of Community and Economic Development, expressed at the January 21, 2020 Worksession Council reviewed the current ordinances which provides incentives. Mr. Prichard has incorporated the following changes based on that discussion: - Delete Sections 5-2023, 5-2024, 10-2002, 10-3002(b) - Combine Sections 5-2025, 2026, and 2027 and rename as Section 5- 2023.

Council also requested a map showing which properties on Lady's Island would be eligible for reimbursement of City real property taxes. The areas are commercial and residential properties located within or are a part of residential/commercial developments on Lady's Island with frontage on Lady's Island Drive (U.S. Highway 21 Bypass) south of U.S. Highway 21 Business or with frontage on Island Causeway or with frontage on Sea Island Parkway that are now contiguous to the City limits or will become contiguous with related annexations.

B. Fire Development Impact Fee.

Reece Bertholf, Fire Chief, gave a brief overview of the Fire Impact Fee. A discussion concerning Council's decision regarding length of time a project granted affordable housing exemption is to remain affordable housing. Chief Bertholf also discussed the effective date of the Development Impact Fee for the Fire Ordinance.

C. Resolution in Support of Local Optional Sales and Use Tax Referendum.

Kathy Todd, Finance Director, gave an overview of the Local Options Sales and Use Tax Referendum (LOST). Ms. Todd expressed that she did not have the current values for the tax credit, however, she did use the values that were provided to her from the County last year in March of 2019 to be able to show Council an estimated idea on how the tax credit would work.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion of Personnel - Courts and Boards and Commission

B. Contractual Agreements and discussion regarding Purchase and Sale of Property

No actions from Executive Session.

V. ADJOURN

6:01PM

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