I. **CALL TO ORDER**

*Philip Cromer, Mayor*


II. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Mayor Pro Tem, Michael McFee.*

III. **PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

A. **Proclamation proclaiming April 2024 as Fair Housing Month.**

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

*All were in favor, motion carried.*

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*No public comment.*

V. **MINUTES**

A. **Worksession and Regular meeting - March 12, 2024.**

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

*Minutes approved as presented.*

VI. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Ordinance to amend Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Revenues and Expenditures of General Fund, ARPA Fund, State Accommodation Tax Fund, Parks and Tourism Fund, TIF II Fund, Capital Projects Fund - second reading.**

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

*First reading was held on March 12, 2024. There have been no changes made since first reading.*
Dean Moss addressed Council in regard to the $30,000.00 for the Spanish Moss Trail Sidewalk Extension Project at North Street.

All were in favor, motion carried.

B. An ordinance to annex property on Harding Street, Parcel R100 029 00B 0057 0000 into the City of Beaufort pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. 5-3-150(3) - second reading.

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

First reading was held on March 12, 2024. There have been no changes made since first reading.

The following addressed Council:

Dave Robles, 79 Adams Circle.
John Torrens, 62 Harding Street.
Angela Lopatka, 18 Harding Street.
Brenda Stauffer, 94 Harding Street.
Grant McClure, Coastal Conservation League.
Steven Baker, Developer at K. Hovnanian Homes.

A motion to table the vote was made by Councilman Scallate and seconded by Councilman Lipsitz.

All were in favor, motion carried.

C. 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 - second reading.

Motion to table the discussion was made by Councilman Scallate and seconded by Councilman Lipsitz.

All were in favor, motion carried.

VII.  NEW BUSINESS

A. Request for street closures from Memorial Day Committee to host the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27, 2024, from 9:00 am - 11:30 am.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

B. Request for streets and bridge closure from Lowcountry Habitat for Humanity to host 2024 Turkey Trot on Thursday, November 28, 2024, from 7:45 am - 9:30 am.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

C. Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of an easement for the placement of utility infrastructure for real property known as Calhoun Street by the City of Beaufort to Dominion Energy of South Carolina, Inc. - first reading.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Lipsitz and seconded by Councilman Scallate.
JJ Sauve, Assistant City Manager, started by saying that in doing the research, and title searches for this project, it was realized that when this roadway was taken over by the City on November 22, 1955, this was never recorded with the Register of Deeds. After speaking with the City Attorney, he drafted an easement agreement that addressed the undergrounding rights of Dominion Energy to bury their wires and utilities.

Kay Merrill, 813 Augusta Place, addressed Council.

All were in favor, motion carried.

D. Authorization to allow the City Manager to amend the Capital Waste Contract.

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

Linda Roper, Downtown Operations and Community Services Director, stated that the Beaufort County Multijurisdictional Recycling Facility increased their tipping fees 38% back in August 2023. The fees went up to $221.87 per ton from $160.52 per ton. The City shall pay them $61,158.54 as reimbursement for their increased operating costs during the period of August 1, 2023, and ending on March 31, 2024. Then effective April 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024, the monthly charge per household will increase by $1.49 to $20.93 per month. After July 1, 2024, the rate may be adjusted pursuant to Article 4.5 of the contract.

All were in favor, motion carried.

E. Authorization for the City Manager to enter into a contract for Allison Road Pedestrian Connector Project.

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

Alan Eisenman, Finance Director, stated that the City solicited bids for this project on December 14, 2023. Two bids were received. The budget for the project is $4,305,051.00 with the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) Local Public Agency (LPA) TAP Grant providing funding in the amount of $3,444,040.00. The City will contribute $861,011.00. Gulfstream Construction Company, Inc. was the selected agency with a bid of $2,645,099.61.

All were in favor, motion carried.

VIII. REPORTS

City Manager’s Report

Congratulations to Firefighter/Paramedic, Tawana Kozlowksi, who was recognized by the SC Firefighter’s Association during Women’s History Month.

Reported that the repair has been completed to the mound at the children’s playground at the Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park.

First Friday is downtown on April 5, 2024. There will be street closures.

Attended the Freedman Arts District Chalk It Up event.

Attended the Beaufort Digital Corridor Tech Stars Start Up Weekend.

Attended the Southern Lowcountry Regional Board (SOLOCO) meeting with the Mayor and Councilman Scallate.
Reported that the Police Department SRO’s have been busy working on their Summer Explorer Program. The goal is to empower and guide students while emphasizing positive relationships between law enforcement and the youth.

**Mayor’s Report**

Attended the 40th anniversary of Dataw Island.

Attended the South Coast Cyber Security Summit.

Participated in a Historical Marker unveiling at the Carteret Street United Methodist Church.

Spoke to students at Mossy Oaks Elementary School.

Attended the Beaufort Digital Corridor Tech Stars Start Up.

Attended the Chalk It Up event.

Updated Council on the various meetings he had attended.

**Councilman Scallate**

Attended the Beaufort Digital Corridor Tech Stars Start Up Weekend.

Thanked citizens for attending tonight’s meetings.

Is excited about the Police Department Summer Explorer Program.

**Councilman Mitchell**

Reported that the Charles Lind Brown Center Open House went very well, and thanked all that took part in the event.

Congratulated the Freedman Arts District on a very successful Chalk It Up event.

Attended the Northern Regional Plan Implementation Committee (NRPIC) meeting.

**Mayor Pro Tem, McFee**

Thanked Amy Blinson, the Grants Writer for the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), for her work with the Allison Road Project.

Congratulations to the Child Abuse Prevention Association (CAPA) on a successful Dancing with our Stars fundraiser.

Attended the Northern Regional Plan Implementation Committee (NRPIC) meeting.

Had fun at the Freedman Arts District Chalk It Up event.

Wished all a Happy Easter.

**Councilman Lipsitz**

Gave a listing of the events that he had attended which included the Open House for the Charles Lind Brown Center, The Southcoast Cyber Security Summit, and the Beaufort History Museum Auction.

Congratulated Traci Guldner, City Clerk, on her completion of the Municipal Association Clerks and Treasurers Institute.
Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Lipsitz and seconded by Councilman Mitchell.

All were in favor, motion carried.

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