



City Council Regular Meeting  
Meeting Minutes – City Hall Council Chambers - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

October 12, 2021

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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**7:05PM**

Mayor Stephen D. Murray III

Council members in attendance - Neil Lipsitz, Mike McFee, Mitch Mitchell, and Mayor Murray.

Absent - Phil Cromer

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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Mayor Pro Tem, McFee

**III. PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

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- A. Resolution recognizing Aimee Whitesell as the 2021-2022 Beaufort County School District Teacher of the Year.

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

Approval was unanimous.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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No public comment.

**V. MINUTES**

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- B. Worksession and Regular Meeting - September 28, 2021.

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

Minutes approved as presented.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

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- A. ATAX Grant Recommendations.

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

Approval was unanimous.

- B. Authorize City Manager to enter into a contract with Financial Advisor.

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

Kathy Todd, Finance Director, stated that a Request for Proposal RFP2022-102 was issued on August 19, 2021, for a Financial Advisor. Three proposals were received. The committee is recommending First Tryon Advisors as the most responsible bidder.

Approval was unanimous.

C. Approval for the City Manager to negotiate and enter into Intergovernmental Service Agreements (IGSA) between Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort (MCAS Beaufort) as they arise.

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

Bill Prokop, City Manager, stated that this type of agreement is common to utilize shared resources and services. Each agreement would be tailored to a specific need.

Approval was unanimous.

## **VII. REPORTS**

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### **City Manager's Report**

Thanked all the partners who helped put on another successful Shrimp Festival.

Thanked Beaufort Memorial Hospital Staff for all their efforts that were put forth in the care of one of our Police Officers who was in the hospital with COVID. After a month, he was able to be discharged.

Reported that September was the largest month in the last 5 years for the collection of permit fees.

Stated that if all stays as it is now, come Monday, October 18, 2021, the mask requirements in all city facilities will be lifted. We will still continue to follow DHEC and CDC guidelines.

Public Education materials have been released regarding the upcoming referendum for the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST), that will be on the ballot in November on the city's website. You can use the calculator to give you an idea of the tax credits that you will potentially receive.

The City of Beaufort and Town of Port Royal Fire Department have a new fire truck that has been delivered and will be placed into service shortly. It will be housed at Station 4 on Robert Smalls Parkway.

Thanked all that gave input on the Comprehensive Plan. The plan is on schedule and will be available for the public to review within the next couple of weeks.

Stated that the next stormwater engineering projects are about to begin. They will be working in The Point, Mossy Oaks, and in the area of Johnny Morrall Circle.

Thanked all the people who made it a point to tell him how much they care about our city.

### **Mayor's Report**

Congratulated the Lowcountry Jaycees on a successful Food Truck Festival.

Reported that early voting is open and encouraged all citizens to get out and vote.

Stated that the MASC Legislative Policy Committee, which he is a member, approved the Legislative Priorities for this year which mirrored last years.

### **Councilman Mitchell**

Stated that there is life being breathed into the Charles Lind Brown Center. Love House Ministries had an event there recently. He reported that the Committee will be presenting the survey results to the County Council on October 18, 2021.

**Mayor Pro Tem, McFee**

Invited all to attend the Carteret Street United Methodist Church Bizarre that will be taking place this Saturday, October 16, 2021.

**Councilman Lipsitz**

Nothing to report.

**VIII. ADJOURN**

**7:37PM**

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

All in favor.

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