



City Council Regular Meeting
Meeting Minutes – City Hall Council Chambers, 2nd Floor

October 24, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

7:16 PM

Michael A. McFee, Acting Mayor

Members of Council in attendance - Neil Lipsitz, Michael McFee, Josh Scallate.

Absent - Mitch Mitchell

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Reverend Bryson Williams with Carteret Street United Methodist Church.

III. PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

A. Character Education Proclamation - Zion Shephard, Joseph Shanklin Elementary School.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

B. Proclamation proclaiming October 23 - 31, 2023, as National Red Ribbon Week.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

V. MINUTES

A. Worksession and Regular Meeting - October 10, 2023.

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

Minutes approved as presented.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. The Gullah Traveling Theater requests co-sponsorship of the Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park to host the Gullah Taste of Christmas on December 2, 2023, from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

- B. Beaufort Unites in Solidarity requests co-sponsorship of the Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park and for police presence to host a Peace and Prayer for Israel on October 29, 2023, at 2:30 pm.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

- C. The Freedman's Arts District requests a waiver of the noise ordinance to host Artist Sunday in the Downtown Beaufort area on November 26, 2023, to include street musicians on Bay Street from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

- D. Request to co-host a Beach Glass Christmas tree art class in the Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park on November 4, 2023, from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm with a waiver of drinking in public.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

- E. Ordinance to amend Fiscal Year 23 Budget for Revenues and Expenditures of General Fund, Parks and Tourism Fund, and Stormwater Fund- 1st reading.

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

Councilman Lipsitz made a motion to amend the 7th Whereas Clause changing \$211,000.00 to \$209,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scallate. All were in Favor.

All were in favor of the main motion, motion carried.

- F. Ordinance to amend Fiscal Year 24 Budget for Revenues and Expenditures of General Fund and TIF II Fund- 1st reading.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

- G. Authorization to allow the City Manager to enter into a contract for GIS Analyst services.

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

Alan Eisenman, Finance Director, stated that the City received 4 bids. The committee chose InterDev as the most responsive bidder. The contract will be for 5 years.

Dianne Farrelly addressed Council.

All were in favor, motion carried.

- H. Authorization to allow the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for the Northern Beaufort County Transit Study.

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

Scott Marshall, City Manager, stated that Stephanie Rossi from the Lowcountry Council of Governments, presented this to Council during the worksession on October 10, 2023. The cost

of the project is \$250,000.00. LCOG would provide funding for 80 percent and the other 20 percent would be split between Beaufort County, City of Beaufort, and Town of Port Royal. The City's share would be \$12,500.00. These funds would come from the Fiscal Year 2025 budget.

All were in favor, motion carried.

VII. REPORTS

City Manager's Report

Thanked Staff, Council and the many volunteers for making the Halloween Celebration a success.

Reported that Police Officers Colt Miller and Morgan Lawson graduated from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy. Officer Miller was recognized with the Class Leader Award and Officer Larson was recognized with the Assistant Class Leader Award.

Happy to report that all of the City's Fire Trucks are back in service.

First Friday will be held on November 3, 2023. There will be street closures.

Friends of the Library will be holding their Fall Book Sale at the Henry C. Chambers Park, November 3 - 5, 2023.

The Veteran's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2023, beginning at 10:00 am.

Stated there will be a modified meeting schedule for the holiday season. There will be no Code Edit Worksession on November 21, 2023. There will be no Worksession and Regular Meeting on November 28, 2023. There will be a Special Meeting held on December 19, 2023, to swear in the newly elected mayor, but no Code Edit Worksession. There will be no meetings held on December 26, 2023.

Acting Mayor's Report

Was honored to have been a part of two events with University of South Carolina Beaufort (USCB) over the past few weeks.

He will be attending upcoming meetings of the Northern Regional Plan Implementation Committee (NRPIC), and Lowcountry Area Transportation Study (LATS).

Councilman Scallate

Thanked the citizens that took the time to attend the Worksession.

The New York Highlanders will be performing at the Beaufort Arsenal on Saturday, November 4, 2023, beginning at 10:00 am.

Councilman Lipsitz

Attended the Cochran Heart ribbon cutting.

He attended the rededication of the Tuskegee Airmen Memorial in Walterboro.

Participated in a seminar through the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) about Bringing Civility back to Verbal Conflict Training.

Attended the Southern Lowcountry (SoLoCo) meeting.

VIII. ADJOURN

8:00 PM

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

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