



Council

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*Mayor Pro Tempore*

Jerry Ashmore  
Robert Landrum  
Darryl Owens

Van Willis  
*Town Manager*

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*Chief of Police*

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*Operations*

Linda Bridges  
*Planning*

**Minutes  
Council Meeting  
Yvonne C. Butler Council Chambers, 700 Paris Avenue**

**July 10, 2019**

**Members Present:** Mayor Samuel Murray, Councilmembers Jerry Ashmore, Mary Beth Heyward, Robert Landrum, and Darryl Owens

**Staff Present:** Town Manager Van Willis, Police Major Ron Wekenmann, Fire Chief Reece Bertholf, Town Planner Linda Bridges and Municipal Clerk Brooke Plank-Buccola

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Murray called the Council meeting to order at 6:37pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. INVOCATION**

Councilmember Owens offered the invocation.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- A. Minutes from the Budget Workshop of June 5, 2019**
- B. Minutes from the Council Workshop of June 5, 2019**
- C. Minutes from the Public Hearing of June 12, 2019**
- D. Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of June 12, 2019**

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to adopt the minutes from the Budget Workshop of June 5, 2019, the Council Workshop of June 5, 2019, the Public Hearing

of June 12, 2019 and the Council Meeting of June 12, 2019. Councilmember Heyward seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **IV. COUNCIL BRIEFING**

Toole Design just presented the Council with some suggestions for traffic calming. They are gathering additional concerns from Council and residents to finalize their study.

Plans for Porter's Chapel are still being finalized between the architect and commercial inspectors.

No update on the Cypress Wetlands. Mr. Willis briefed Council last week on the revised scope.

Congressman Cunningham will potentially visit July 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Reconstruction event.

The garbage RFP has received two responses. Mr. Maglione is reviewing them and will have a recommendation for Council in August.

Staff has recently conducted an in-depth review of the new website (looking at page by page). A launch date is tentatively scheduled middle to late August.

#### **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**At this time, the Mayor will recognize members of the audience who have submitted speaker forms to address the Council on agenda items. Each speaker will be limited to two minutes**

No public comments were made at this time.

#### **VI. SECOND READING:**

- A. Ordinance 2019-10. An Ordinance to authorize the Town Manager to convey excess real property to facilitate construction of sidewalks within the Town described as Beaufort County tax district 100, map 11, parcel 61 (approximately 50 ft. on 8<sup>th</sup> Street) – (Sidewalk Construction)**

Ordinance 2019-10 is an ordinance authorizing the Town Manager to convey excess real property to facilitate construction of sidewalks. This will continue existing sidewalk along 8<sup>th</sup> Street and would add an additional 50 feet of sidewalk. This is within the sidewalk construction policy for the Town. Councilmember Owens made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-10. Councilmember Heyward seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**B. Ordinance 2019-11. An Ordinance to authorize the Town Manager to convey excess real property to facilitate construction of sidewalks with in the Town described as Beaufort County tax district 110, map 10, parcel 61 (approximately 75ft on 16<sup>th</sup> Street and 108ft on Edinburgh Avenue) – (Sidewalk Construction)**

Ordinance 2019-11 is an ordinance authorizing the Town Manager to convey excess real property to facilitate construction of sidewalks. This will consist of 75 feet along 16<sup>th</sup> Street and 108 feet on Edinburgh Avenue. This is also within the Town's sidewalk construction policy. Councilmember Owens made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-11. Councilmember Heyward seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**C. Ordinance 2019-12. An Ordinance to rezone approximately 2.45 acres of real estate located in Beaufort County described as Beaufort County tax district 110, map 8, parcel 665, 666, 667 and 365B in Beaufort County, South Carolina to be rezoned from T3 Urban to T4NC-O – (Rezoning)**

Ordinance 2019-12 is an ordinance to rezone 2.45 acres within Port Royal. The request is asking to go from T3 Urban to T4 Neighborhood Center-Open. This has gone before the metro planning commission and has received a conditional recommendation: a 20-year restricted conveyance of two-story townhomes, no commercial activity allowed, must be a townhouse development, and will combine 4 lots into 1. Councilmember Ashmore made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-12. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion. The motion carried by four votes in favor (Mayor Murray, Councilmember Ashmore, Councilmember Heyward and Councilmember Landrum) and one abstain by Councilmember Owens.

**VII. FIRST READING:**

**A. Ordinance 2018-15. An Ordinance annexing to the Town of Port Royal approximately 2 acres of real estate located in Beaufort County described as Beaufort County tax district 112, map 34, parcel 253 & 137 (Located at 53 & 49 Belleview Bluff) - (Annexation)**

Ordinance 2018-15 is a request for annexation of 2 acres along Belleview Bluff. The applicant requested this in 2018, but had a few outstanding issues that have since been addressed. The metro planning commission has recommended the annexation of these properties. This property is adjacent to existing Town zoned property. Councilmember Ashmore asked if the Town is sending services to this area already. Wright's Point is being serviced by the Town but not Belleview Business Park, which is commercial.

Bellevue Bluff is an undeveloped property at this time. The applicant was not in attendance, but has been requested at next month's meetings. Councilmember Ashmore made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2018-15. Councilmember Heyward seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**B. Ordinance 2018-16. An Ordinance to zone approximately 1.5 acres of real estate located in Beaufort County described as Beaufort County tax district 112, map 34, parcel 253 & 137 in Beaufort County South Carolina to be zoned as T3 edge. (Rezoning)**

Ordinance 2018-16 is the zoning of the property requesting annexation in the previous ordinance. The requested zoning is in compliance. Once again Council would like to see the applicant in attendance next month. Councilmember Ashmore made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2018-16. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**VIII. RESOLUTION:**

**A. Resolution 6-2019. A resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Port Royal, South Carolina, encouraging the South Carolina general assembly to adopt H. 3063, "Hate Crime Bill."**

Mayor Murray read Resolution 6-2019 out to the audience. Councilmember Owens made a motion to approve Resolution 6-2019. Councilmember Heyward seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Mr. Carlton Dallas and Ms. Barbara Meyer accepted the resolution and thanked the Town of Port Royal for its support.

**IX. COUNCIL'S ACTION:**

**A. Appointments**

**i. Parks and Recreation Commission – 2 appointments**

Mr. Willis said Council should have two appointments for the August meeting.

**ii. Municipal Election Commission – 1 reappointment**

Councilmember Owens made a motion to reappoint Mr. Anthony Cuevas to the Municipal Election Commission. Councilmember Ashmore seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**X. IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DATES:**

**A. Thursday, July 11, 2019, 5:30pm Design Review Board, Town Hall, 700 Paris Avenue**

**B. Tuesday, July 16, 2019, 4:30pm Redevelopment Commission, Town Hall,  
700 Paris Avenue**

Councilmember Ashmore asked when the next Short-Term Rental Taskforce meeting will be held. The next meeting will be Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm at the Town Hall.

**XI. COUNCIL'S COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Owens thanked Ms. Brooke Plank-Buccola for her work on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. He also mentioned that he recently attended a meeting with County Councilmember Howard in affordable housing. During the meeting they discussed changing the name from "affordable housing" to "attainable housing".

**XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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Ms. Alice Burke is a native of South Carolina and owns a home on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. She has been running a VRBO out of her home for four years. Ms. Burke explained that she has to keep her house tidy inside and out to keep tenants returning. This is not only income for her, but income for local businesses. She feels like this will take away her rights.

Ms. Anna Ellerbe has been a resident of the old village since 2004. She is in favor of a cap on rental properties.

Ms. Kat Bray likes short term rentals and has had family stay in them, but feels there needs to be some control over them i.e. a cap.

Mr. Carl Joye feels that the short-term rental taskforce is concentrating on the old village area of Port Royal. He would like to see five members of the board who do not live in the old village area removed. Mr. Joye stated that he would have been a positive contributor to the taskforce had if he been appointed.

Mr. Samuel Smalls is speaking on behalf of the Casablanca community. He is concerned about the trash service contract for Port Royal residents. The trash is being missed too frequently. The new RFP concentrates on customer service for residents.

**XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**A. To discuss economic development matters related to the former SC  
Ports Authority Property**

Councilmember Ashmore moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss economic development matters related to the former SC Ports Authority Property, and Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion.

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:12 pm.

Council returned from Executive Session at 9:15 pm.

#### **XIV. Possible action on items discussed in Executive Session**

No action was made at this time.

#### **XV. ADJOURNMENT**

The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Brooke Plank-Buccola  
Municipal Clerk

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