



Council

Joe DeVito
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Jerry Ashmore
Mayor Pro Tempore

Mary Beth Heyward
Darryl Owens
Kevin Phillips

Van Willis
Town Manager

T. Alan Beach
Chief of Police

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Operations

Linda Bridges
Planning

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

August 12, 2020

Members Present: Mayor Joe DeVito, Council Members Jerry Ashmore, Mary Beth Heyward, Darryl Owens and Kevin Phillips

Staff Present: Town Manager Van Willis, Planning Administrator Linda Bridges, Police Chief Alan Beach, Fire Chief Reece Bertholf and Municipal Clerk Brooke Plank-Buccola

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As per Ordinance 2020-15. "Members of the public may submit written public comments to the Town Clerk bplank-buccola@portroyal.org no later than one hour prior to any regular meeting, which shall be distributed to the members of the Governing Body at such meeting."

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor DeVito called the Council Meeting to order at 6:41pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

II. INVOCATION

Council Member Ashmore offered the invocation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes from the Special Meeting/Council Workshop of July 1, 2020

- B. Minutes from the Special Meeting of July 8, 2020**
- C. Minutes from the Public Hearing of July 8, 2020**
- D. Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of July 8, 2020**
- E. Minutes from the Special Meeting of July 29, 2020**

Council Member Ashmore made a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting/council workshop of July 1, 2020, the minutes from the special meeting of July 8, 2020, the minutes from the public hearing of July 8, 2020, the minutes from the regular council meeting of July 8, 2020 and the special meeting of July 29, 2020. Council Member Owens seconded the motion. Mayor DeVito called for a roll call vote. Council Member Owens Aye. Council Member Ashmore Aye. Council Member Phillips Aye. Council Member Heyward Aye. Mayor DeVito Aye. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

IV. COUNCIL BRIEFING

The marine debris removal estimate has been submitted to DNR.

As Council is aware, the duck blind pond's motor is defective and awaiting a replacement.

Mr. Willis, Mr. Maglione, and Chief Beach are in discussions to install a prototype speed table in front of the police department.

Porter's Chapel is nearing completion. National Park Service will begin working on the interior display.

Council Member Owens inquired about the Town's recent vandalism. The police department has not apprehended anyone for the crimes. The remedial cost is roughly \$2500 to \$3000.

The survey crew was at the Shed today. The closing should be soon.

V. SECOND READING:

- A. Ordinance 2020-18. 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 110, Map 11, Parcel 92C (Approximately 108 Ft. of Richmond Avenue and 75 Ft. on 12th Street) 1109 Richmond Avenue sidewalk request**

This is a sidewalk request, and it complies with the sidewalk construction policy. Council Member Ashmore made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-18. Council Member Heyward seconded the motion. Mayor DeVito called for a roll call vote. Council Member Owens Aye. Council Member Ashmore Aye. Council Member

Heyward Aye. Council Member Phillips Aye. Mayor DeVito Aye. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VI. FIRST READINGS:

- A. Ordinance 2020-17. An ordinance to rezone approximately 13.964 acres of real estate located in Beaufort County described as Beaufort County Tax District 112, Map 33B, Parcel 90A, 138 and a portion of 137 in Beaufort County South Carolina to be rezoned from T3 Suburban to T4 Neighborhood Center – Open. (Rezone at 1 Hamrick Drive)**

This is a request to rezone almost 14 acres to T4 Neighborhood Center-Open. Ms. Bridges explained that this has gone before the Metro Planning Commission and has been recommended with the stipulation that council require a deed restriction. Mr. Rentz informed Council that they are working on revising the contract with the current property owner to include a deed restriction. Council Member Ashmore made a motion to approve the first reading of ordinance 2020-17 with the condition that the purchasing contract will include the deed restriction prior to next month's public hearing. Council Member Owens seconded the motion. Mayor DeVito called for a roll call vote. Council Member Owens Aye. Council Member Ashmore Aye. Council Member Heyward Aye. Council Member Phillips Aye. Mayor DeVito Aye. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- B. Ordinance 2020-22. An ordinance to rezone approximately 2.96 acres of real estate located in Beaufort County described as Beaufort County Tax District 112, Map 30, Parcel 4 in Beaufort County South Carolina to be rezoned from T4 Neighborhood Center to T4 Neighborhood Center – Open. (Rezone at 4 Sundown Bend)**

This is a rezoning request of 3 acres from T4 Neighborhood Center to T4 Neighborhood Center – Open on Sundown Bend. Ms. Bridges explained that this has gone before the Metro Planning Commission and has received a unanimous recommendation to move forward. The applicants intended use is as boat storage. Like the previous rezone, the applicant will not be able to build what they want without a rezone. Council Member Owens made a motion to pass the first reading of ordinance 2020-22. Council Member Heyward seconded the motion. Mayor DeVito called for a roll call vote. Council Member Owens Aye. Council Member Ashmore Aye. Council Member Phillips Aye. Council Member Heyward Aye. Mayor DeVito Aye. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- C. Ordinance 2020-23. 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 113, Map 10, Parcel 75 (approximately 2,048.1 feet along the eastern boundary between 12th Street and Ritter Circle)**

This is a sidewalk request within the bluff neighborhood of the port property. The request is within the Town's sidewalk construction policy. Council Member Owens made a motion to approve the first reading of ordinance 2020-23. Council Member Ashmore seconded the motion. Mayor DeVito called for a roll call vote. Council Member Owens Aye. Council Member Ashmore Aye. Council Member Phillips Aye. Council Member Heyward Aye. Mayor DeVito Aye. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

D. Ordinance 2020-24. 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 110, Map 11, Parcel 436 (approximately 53 feet. on 16th Street) 813 16th Street

This is a sidewalk request of 53 feet along 16th street. It is within the Town's sidewalk construction policy since this is a continuation of existing sidewalk. Council Member Owens made a motion to approve the first reading of ordinance 2020-24. Council Member Ashmore seconded the motion. Mayor DeVito called for a roll call vote. Council Member Owens Aye. Council Member Ashmore Aye. Council Member Phillips Aye. Council Member Heyward Aye. Mayor DeVito Aye. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VII. IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DATES:

- A. Monday, August 17, 2020, 5pm Metro Planning Commission**
- B. Tuesday, August 18, 2020, 4:30pm Redevelopment Commission**

No one had any dates to add at this time.

VIII. COUNCIL'S COMMENTS:

Council Member's had no further comments at this time.

Mayor DeVito asked Mr. Willis if he knew the timeline for the Spanish Moss Trail closure. Mr. Willis said he did not have a date, and that it was being planned further out.

Mr. Willis did want to mention that the Cypress Wetlands work was originally scheduled for July, but due to Covid issues with the contractor, it was delayed. The postponement was a good thing because, roughly 25 ibis have recently made nest. The work will be scheduled once nature has run its course.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

There were no public comments.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Owens made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting. The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:13PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Brooke Plank-Buccola
Municipal Clerk

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