



Council

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Mayor Pro Tempore

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Town Manager

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Planning

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

October 9, 2019

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

Staff Present: Town Manager Van Willis, Town Planner Linda Bridges, Fire Chief Reece Bertholf, Police Captain Andre Massey and Municipal Clerk Brooke Plank-Buccola

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Murray called the Council meeting to order at 6:34pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. INVOCATION

Councilmember Owens offered the invocation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. Minutes from the Special Meeting of September 11, 2019**
- B. Minutes from the Public Hearing of September 11, 2019**
- C. Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of September 11, 2019**

Councilmember Owens made a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting of September 11th, 2019, the public hearing of September 11th, 2019 and the regular council Meeting of September 11th, 2019. Councilmember Heyward seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

IV. PROCLAMATION

A. Red Ribbon Week – Parris Island Young Marines

The Parris Island Young Marines were present to receive the proclamation for Red Ribbon Week.

V. COUNCIL BRIEFING

The permit for Porters Chapel has been issued.

The Fort Frederick boat landing will be a two-phase project and will cost approximately \$1.8 million. The land is County owned. Due to the Town being in the middle of its budget cycle, it will be difficult to come up with \$160,000 that the County is asking to be contributed.

Captain Massey informed Council that the Port Royal Police Department did a traffic count along 11th Street on October 3rd – 9th. During that time 4,320 vehicles drove along that street. Only 70 vehicles exceeded the speed limit, which equals only 1.6% of the traffic.

VI. 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

Dr. Burris requested to have his rezoning withdrawn from this evening's agenda. Most of the concern from surrounding neighbors is stormwater, and he would like to see this remedied before he moves further. Councilmember Alice Howard has planned a meeting on October 29th at 6pm to discuss stormwater in that area.

Mr. Wally Cole opposes the request for rezoning of Ordinance 2019-18 due to flooding and traffic.

Ms. Alma Fithian opposes the request for rezoning of Ordinance 2019-18 due to flooding.

Ms. Kathryn Parker opposes the request for rezoning of Ordinance 2019-18 due to traffic and flooding.

Mr. John Kaczowka opposes the request for rezoning of Ordinance 2019-18.

Ms. Donna Garcia opposes the request for rezoning of Ordinance 2019-18 due to area being wetlands.

Mr. Robert Wilkinson opposes the request for rezoning of Ordinance 2019-18.

Ms. Dee Simpson opposes the request for rezoning of Ordinance 2019-18 due to the damaging effects to the ecological system in that area.

Mr. Joe Simpson opposes the request for rezoning of Ordinance 2019-18 due to the water problems in the neighborhood.

Ms. Marina Michalec opposes the request for rezoning of Ordinance 2019-18.

Mr. Leayn Barber opposes the request for rezoning of Ordinance 2019-18 due to water issues and traffic.

VII. SECOND READING:

A. Ordinance 2019-15. 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 10, parcel 163 (Approximately 100ft. on 12th Street) – (Sidewalk Construction)

Ordinance 2019-15 is an ordinance authorizing the Town Manager to convey excess real property to facilitate construction of sidewalks. This will be approximately 100 feet along 12th Street and is within the sidewalk construction policy. Councilmember Owens made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-15. Councilmember Heyward seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

B. Ordinance 2019-16. 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 10, parcel 110A & 110D (Approximately 175 ft. on 14th Street and 108 ft. on Madrid Avenue) – (Sidewalk Construction)

Ordinance 2019-16 is an ordinance authorizing the Town Manager to convey excess real property to facilitate construction of sidewalks. This property is located on 14th Street and is within the Town's sidewalk construction policy. This is a request for 175ft of sidewalk along 14th Street and 108ft along Madrid Avenue. Councilmember Heyward made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-16. Councilmember Owens seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

C. Ordinance 2019-17. An Ordinance adopting a fourth amendment to a development agreement adopted by Ordinance 2001-46 and thereafter amended by Ordinance 2002-6 and Ordinance 2016-24. (Amendment to Trask Development Agreement).

Ordinance 2019-17 is an ordinance amending what the Town Staff calls the "Trask Development Agreement" for the fourth time. The purpose of the amendment is to request a zoning that would include residential on parcel 17 (which is a down zoning). This is 27 acres near the Centex development. Councilmember Ashmore made a motion to table Ordinance 2019-17. Councilmember Heyward seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VIII. FIRST READING:

- A. Ordinance 2019-18. An Ordinance to rezone approximately 15 acres of real estate located in Beaufort County described as Beaufort County tax district 112, Map 33B, Parcel 90A, 137, and 138 in Beaufort County South Carolina to be rezoned from T3 Urban to T3 Neighborhood. (Rezoning request Hamerick and Broad River Drive).**

This is an ordinance to rezone 15 acres of property from T3-Urban to T3-Neighborhood. The Metro Planning Commission did not recommend this rezoning. Dr. Burris spoke earlier this evening and asked to withdraw his rezoning request. Councilmember Heyward made a motion to withdraw Ordinance 2019-18 from the agenda. Councilmember Ashmore seconded the motion. Councilmember Owens stated it is on the agenda, and the council has received a recommendation and that this should be put to a vote. Councilmember Heyward withdrew her motion. Councilmember Ashmore withdrew his second to the motion. Councilmember Owens made a motion to deny Ordinance 2019-18. Councilmember Heyward seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

*As per the Town Attorney: due to the owner/applicant of the rezoning requesting the withdrawal of Ordinance 2019-18 from the agenda, there was nothing to vote on since the item should have been removed from the agenda.

IX. COUNCIL'S ACTION:

A. Appointments

- i. Greater Beaufort Port Royal Convention Visitors Bureau Board – 1 appointment**

Town staff has not received any volunteer applications for this position.

- ii. Parks and Recreation Commission – 1 appointment**

Councilmember Heyward made a motion to appoint Ms. Lynn Day to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Councilmember Owens seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

iii. Regional Housing Trust – 1 appointment

Councilmember Owens made a motion to appoint Ms. Pamela Frese to the Regional Housing Trust. Councilmember Heyward seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

iv. Municipal Election Commission – 1 appointment

Councilmember Owens made a motion to appoint Ms. Kathy Brown to the Municipal Election Commission. Councilmember Heyward seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

B. Contract for the sale of the Shed

No action at this time due to waiting for completion of the appraisals.

C. Approval of Comprehensive Plan Contract

This is a contract to update the Town's comprehensive plan. The cost of the update for the Town will be \$60,000. The comprehensive plan must be updated every ten years and revisited every five years. Councilmember Ashmore made a motion to approve the contract. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

X. IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DATES:

- A. Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 4:30pm Redevelopment Commission, Town Hall, 700 Paris Avenue**
- B. Saturday, October 26, 2019, 11am – 5pm OktoPRfest “Party Port Royal Style”**

October 12th is John Parker Day at the Casablanca Park.

XI. COUNCIL'S COMMENTS:

Councilmember Ashmore collaborated with the rest of Council on a date to have their Volunteer Appreciation Day. It was decided to be held on November 10th at 2pm.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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Mr. Joe DeVito feels that the repaving of Ribaut Road is a good opportunity to work on slowing down traffic.

Mr. Scot Clark is concerned with the parks fee presentation from last week. He feels that a comparison of the City of Beaufort fees needs to be considered. Mr. Clark was pleased that the Police Department had a traffic/speed counter on 11th but was concerned with its placement.

Ms. Sing Pappas has concerns with the short-term rental taskforce and the regulations that are being considered for the Town.

Mr. Charlie Bray commends what the short-term rental taskforce has done for the community.

Ms. Dee Simpson thanked council for denying the rezone request.

Ms. Donna Garcia asked how long it would be before Dr. Burris can resubmit his request? He would need to wait one year.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Owens made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Plank-Buccola
Municipal Clerk

In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, notification of the meeting was posted on the Town bulletin board two weeks prior to the meeting. A copy of the agenda was given to the local news media and posted at the meeting location twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

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