

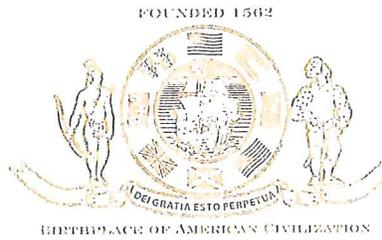
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Minutes Public Hearing Yvonne C. Butler Council Chambers, 700 Paris Avenue

July 6, 2011

Members Present: Mayor Sam Murray and Councilmembers Vernon DeLoach, Mary Beth Heyward, Joe Lee and Henry Robinson

Staff Present: Town manager Van Willis, Police Chief Jim Cadien and Municipal Clerk Tanya Payne

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Murray called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed those present.

II. PURPOSE:

- A. **Ordinance 2011- 10. An ordinance to rezone in the Town of Port Royal, South Carolina, approximately 3.4 acres as shown and described as Beaufort County Tax District 111, Map 10, Parcel 121 from Mobile Home (MH) to General Commercial (GC) (1712 West Paris Avenue**

Town Manager Willis read Ordinance 2011-10 by title and explained the owner had requested Highway Commercial zoning for the property. He said the Metro Planning Commission had recommended General Commercial zoning for the property. Mr. Willis showed the property on the map and pointed surrounding properties that was zoned Highway Commercial.

Kent Bishop said he felt it was in the best interest of the Town to have all zoning the same along that section of Ribaut Road. Mr. suggested that the property might be zoned Highway Commercial along Ribaut Road with another zoning at the back of the property.

III. COMMENTS:

There were no further comments.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Respectfully submitted,



Tanya L. Payne
Municipal Clerk

In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, notification of the Public Hearing was posted in the local newspaper and on the Town bulletin board fifteen days 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 hearing.

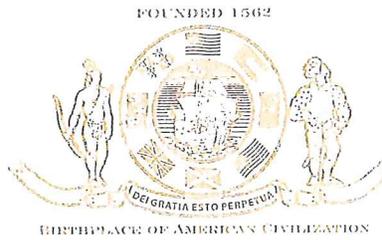
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Staff Present: Town manager Van Willis, Police Chief Jim Cadien, Fire Chief Sammy Negrón and Municipal Clerk Tanya Payne

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Murray called the Workshop to order at 6:35 pm.

Town Manager Willis told Council he had attended the School Board Meeting the previous evening concerning the possible closure of the Port Royal Elementary School. He introduced Phyllis White, Operational Service Officer for the Beaufort County School Board who would brief them on this issue.

Phyllis White spoke to Council concerning the possible closure and explained the circumstances surrounding this issue. She explained a task force had met three times and would meet again to determine ways to cut the school board budget. Ms. White told Council the task force had recommended closing the Shell Point Elementary School and Port Royal Elementary. Ms. White said the Port Royal School was not on the original list of schools to be closed.

Mayor Murray suggested that School Board Chairman Fred Washington be invited to next week's meeting to discuss this issue with Council as a whole.

Council strongly opposed the closing of Port Royal Elementary and said they would fight to keep the school open.

Ms. Shirley, Principal of Port Royal Elementary thanked Council for its support and invited them to attend the school's upcoming one hundred years celebration.

II. PRESENTATION:

A. New Website – Josh Chastain, Cornerstone GIS

Josh Chastain from Cornerstone, GIS unveiled the new website and reviewed its features such as the interactive map, He showed different elements of the sight which included a calendar of events, great photography of the town and citizens, a business directory, history, a relocation page, municipal services and resources, emergency preparedness information, governmental information and things to do within the town. Mr. Chastain explained the site had gone live today and that some areas of the site still needed some adjusting.

III. REVIEW AGENDA FOR THE JULY 13, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING:

Town Manager Willis told Council he had had an attorney review the deed to the school which states should it ever not be used as a school the property would revert to ownership of the Town.

Town Manager Willis briefed Council concerning stormwater drainage projects, access to the Fort Frederick Boat Landing and Fort Frederick saying tours of the fort were offered monthly by the Naval Hospital staff. He told Council it would cost fifty to sixty thousand dollars to replace cross-members on the Sands Boardwalk, the parking at the Sands boat landing had been completed and that more spaces were created. Mr. Willis said plans were complete for the July 4th celebration at the Sands and that no coolers would be allowed. He further discussed TIF spending to include sewer on Ribaut Road and surrounding neighborhoods saying the project must be completed by before 2013. He said extensions for the mast arm signals at Ribaut Road and Lady's Island Drive was on order, a contract for sale of the port property was awaiting action from the State Ports Authority and the development agreement for the property was due to expire soon. Mr. Willis also discussed the Shrimp Docks, said the RFP for the Shed had been issued and work on the Ft. Frederick sewer project was likely to begin in August. Mr. Willis told Council the official Facebook page for the Town is portroyalfc.

Town Manager Willis read Ordinance 2011-10 by title and said it had been discussed at the preceding Public Hearing. There were no further comments.

Town Manager Willis read Resolution 5-2011 by title and explained it would set the date and related dates for the November election in which the seat for mayor and two councilmember seats would be filled. Also, Town Manager Willis explained since the Economic Network was disbanding, Resolution 6-2011 would give Town support to the Economic Alliance. He also told Council appointments were needed for the Historic Preservation Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

Mr. Willis said both submittals for the Cypress Wetlands improvements had been reviewed by ATM.

Tony Maglione, ATM President recommended awarding the contract to JOCO Construction. He said two bids had been received and that JOCO had submitted a very good bid and praised them for previous work done in the town. Mr. Maglione reviewed the vertical features of the project which would be completed with this contract.

IV. IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION:

A. Wednesday, July 13, 2011, 6:30 pm - Council Meeting, Yvonne Butler Council Chambers, 700 Paris Avenue

Town Manager Willis reviewed the list of important dates and information.

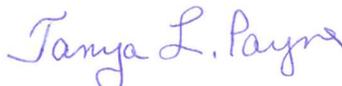
Tom Klein representing the Historic Port Royal Foundation thanked the town for its support of the July 4th Celebration sighting Public Works and the Police Department for their exceptional assistance. He also spoke out against the proposed closing of the Port Royal Elementary School.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Heyward moved to adjourn the workshop and Councilmember Robinson seconded the motion.

The workshop adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Tanya L. Payne
Municipal Clerk

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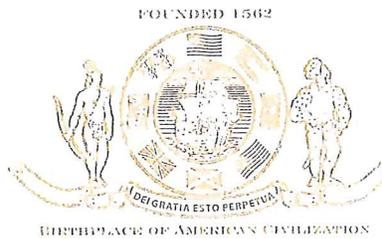
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Minutes Regular Council Meeting Yvonne C. Butler Council Chambers, 700 Paris Avenue

July 13, 2011

Members Present: Mayor Sam Murray and Councilmembers Vernon DeLoach, Mary Beth Heyward, Joe Lee and Henry Robinson

Staff Present: Planning Administrator Linda Bridges, Police Chief Jim Cadien and Municipal Clerk Tanya Payne

Staff Absent: Town Manager Van Willis (vacation)

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Murray called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. INVOCATION:

Councilmember Robinson offered the invocation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. Minutes from the Public Hearing of June 1, 2011
- B. Minutes from the Council Workshop of June 1, 2011
- C. Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of June 8, 2011

Councilmember Heyward moved to adopt the minutes from the Public Hearing of June 1, 2011, the Council Workshop of June 1, 2011 and the Regular Council Meeting of June 8, 2011. Councilmember Robinson seconded the motion.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Councilmember Heyward moved to table second reading of Ordinance 2011-11 until the August meeting to allow time for consideration of split zoning for the property. Councilmember Robinson seconded the motion.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

IX. RESOLUTION:

A. Resolution 5-2011. A resolution setting election and related dates for mayor and two (2) members of town council pursuant to sections 6-6 through 6-11 of the Town of Port Royal Code of Ordinances

Planning Administrator Bridges read Resolution 5- 2011 and explained it would set the date for the upcoming November election and other relative dates.

Thelma Lewis, Municipal Election Commission Chairman, told Council the Commission had begun working on the November 8th election in which seats for mayor and two councilmembers would be filled. She explained the resolution would set dates for the election process.

Councilmember Heyward moved to adopt Resolution 5-2011 and Councilmember Robinson seconded the motion.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

B. Resolution 6-2011. A resolution regarding the Economic Alliance

Planning Administrator Bridges read Resolution 6-2011 by title and explained it showed Council's support of the Economic Alliance. She said this resolution would shift responsibility from the Lowcountry Economic Network to the Economic Alliance.

Councilmember Lee moved to adopt Resolution 6-2011 with addition of the Seafood Cluster to the eight paragraph. Councilmember Heyward seconded the motion.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

X. FOR COUNCIL'S ACTION:

A. Appointments:

- 1. Historic Preservation Commission – appoint one**
- 2. Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals – appoint one**

Councilmember Lee moved to appoint Beekman Webb to fill a vacant seat on the Historic Preservation Commission and Councilmember Heyward seconded the motion.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

B. Contract approval for Cypress Wetlands improvements:

Planning Administrator Bridges told Council staff was recommending that the Cypress Wetlands improvement contract be awarded to JOCO Construction which was the lowest bidder.

Councilmember Lee moved to award the contract for Cypress Wetlands improvements to JOCO and Councilmember Robinson seconded the motion.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

C. Appointment to the Rail/Trail Steering Committee:

There was no appointment at this time.

XI. IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DATES:

- A. **Monday, July 18, 2011, 5:30 pm – Metro Planning Commission, Beaufort City Hall, 1911 Boundary Street, Beaufort**
- B. **Wednesday, August 3, 2011, 6:30 pm – Council Workshop, Yvonne C. Butler Council Chambers, 700 Paris Avenue**
- C. **Thursday, August 4, 2011, 5:30 pm – Design Review Board Meeting, Town Hall, 700 Paris Avenue**
- D. **Wednesday, August 10, 2011, 6:30 pm – Regular Council Meeting, Yvonne C. Butler Council Chambers, 700 Paris Avenue**
- E. **Monday, August 15, 2011, 2011, 5:30 pm – Metro Planning Commission, Beaufort City Hall, 1911 Boundary Street**

Planning Administrator Bridges reviewed the list of important information and dates.

XII. 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.

John Ellerbe expressed concerns over the possible closing of Port Royal Elementary School.

Lisa Kinlaw, Chairman of the Shell Point School Improvement Council urged that the two schools being considered for closing work together to keep both schools open.

Principal of Port Royal Elementary, Jo Shirley, invited everyone to the 100 year celebration of the school on September 24, 2011.

Bob Bender, Estuarium Curator told Council the board was requesting twenty-four thousand dollars from County Council to fund the Estuarium for a year. He asked Council to contact County Council members in support of the Estuarium. Mr. Bender also said the Estuarium had recently received its non-profit status.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Heyward moved to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember Robinson seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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Municipal Clerk

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