

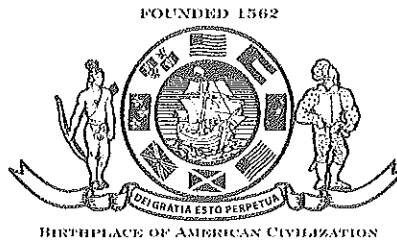
Town of Port Royal, South Carolina

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Public Hearing

Yvonne C. Butler Council Chambers, 700 Paris Avenue

January 8, 2014

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

Staff Present: Town Manager Van Willis, Planning Administrator Linda Bridges, Deputy Chief Rom Wekenmann and Municipal Clerk Tanya Payne

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

II. PURPOSE:

- A. Ordinance 2013-18. An ordinance establishing a regulation prohibiting the use of a handheld electronic communication device for the reviewing, drafting, or sending of electronic communications while operating a motor vehicle in the Town of Port Royal; and providing for severability and an effective date**

Town Manager Willis read Ordinance 2013-18 by title and explained it would ban texting in the Town limits while operating a motor vehicle. He said the ordinance was a combination of the county ordinance and the Town of Hilton Head ordinance.

B. Ordinance 2013-19. An ordinance amending Chapter 15, Section 15-10 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Port Royal titled Weapons; fireworks and other explosives – discharging prohibited; exceptions.

Town Manager Willis read Ordinance 2013-19 by title and read a list of exceptions allowed by the ordinance. He explained the ordinance would allow hunting on certain properties within the Town.

III. COMMENTS

Samuel Smalls asked Town Manager Willis to reread the first exception and asked if this was a “stand your ground clause”. Mr. Willis said basically this was so.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further comment, the hearing adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Tanya L. Payne
Municipal Clerk

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I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Murray called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. INVOCATION:

Councilmember DeLoach offered the invocation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. Minutes from the Public Hearing of December 11, 2013
- B. Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of December 11, 2013

Councilmember Heyward moved to accept the minutes from the Public Hearing of December 11, 2013 and the Regular Council Meeting of December 11, 2013. Councilmember Lee seconded the motion.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

IV. COUNCIL BRIEFING:

Town Manager Willis told Council there were few shrimp available this year so business at the dock was slow. He explained there might be a possibility of moving other product across the docks. Mr. Willis discussed stormwater projects which were underway and said he had attended today's stormwater committee meeting where they had reviewed sixteen projects for the up-coming year. Mr. Willis explained the branding contract with Rawle Murdy had been signed and said they would be scheduling three charrettes to allow public input on the branding process. He asked Council for a list of stakeholders they would like to invite. Mr. Willis said progress at the port was slow but explained there was still some interest in the property. He told Council there would be a workshop held in February to review the newly completed Form Based Code.

Planning Administrator Bridges told Council the Metro Planning Commission had unanimously recommended the code and the maps.

Town Manager Willis discussed the proposed local option sales tax and said the county had asked the town to meet with them on January 29th to discuss this issue. He said the Town's Capital Improvements Project List had been given to the county about eight months ago for their consideration. Mr. Willis told Council crews were in Town trimming trees for SCE&G. He said this was necessary to avoid power outages and that an arborist was involved to insure the trimming was done in a way to keep the trees healthy. Mr. Willis said he and Mayor Murray would be attending a meeting with the Military Enhancement Committee and that he would update Council on the proceedings as soon as they were available. He said the telephone lines had been located at the Police Station and that renovations would begin soon. Mr. Willis explained there had been a change in the International Building Code concerning fire walls and that they were looking at ways to economically deal with the change. He said the Ribaut Road Sewer Project was moving along well, explained a certain amount of funds received from traffic tickets goes to the indigent defense fund and said he was working with the Public Defender's office to make sure Port Royal receives support from that office.

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

There were no comments concerning agenda items.

VI. PRESENTATION:

Audit Report – Lisa Wechsler and Doug Crowley

Lisa Wechsler presented the audit report reviewing the highlights and answering questions posed by Council.

VII. SECOND READINGS:

- A. Ordinance 2013-18. An ordinance establishing a regulation prohibiting the use of a handheld electronic communication device for the reviewing, drafting, or sending of electronic communications while operating a motor vehicle in the Town of Port Royal; and providing for severability and an effective date**

Town Manager Willis read Ordinance 2013-18 by title and explained this is the same ordinance as discussed in the preceding public hearing.

Councilmember Klein moved to adopt Ordinance 2013-18 and Councilmember Heyward seconded the motion.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- B. Ordinance 2013-19. An ordinance amending Chapter 15, Section 15-10 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Port Royal titled Weapons; fireworks and other explosives – discharging prohibited; exceptions.**

Town Manager Willis read Ordinance 2013-19 by title.

Councilmember Lee moved to adopt Ordinance 2013-19 and Councilmember Heyward seconded the motion.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VIII. FIRST READING:

- A. Ordinance 2014-1. An ordinance establishing provisions for wrecker service operation and storage fees associated with towing within the town limits of the Town of Port Royal, South Carolina**

Town Manager Willis read Ordinance 2014-1 by title and explained this ordinance had been requested by Chief Beach in order to standardize towing and storage fees in the Town to avoid outrageous charges.

Councilmember Heyward moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance 2014-1 and Councilmember Lee seconded the motion.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

IX. COUNCIL'S ACTION:

A. Appointments:

1. Design Review Board (appoint one to fill unexpired term)

Council discussed the possibility of holding interviews at workshops for those interested in being appointed to boards. No action was taken on this appointment.

2. Historic Preservation Commission (3)

Councilmember Lee moved to reappoint Patty Crower and Beekman Webb to the Historic Preservation Commission and Councilmember Heyward seconded the motion.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

X. IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DATES:

- A. Monday, January 13, 2014, 5:30 pm – Metro Planning Commission, Beaufort City Hall, 1911 Boundary Street**
- B. Tuesday, January 14, 2014, 6:00 pm – Historic Port Royal Foundation Annual Meeting with guest speaker Town Manager Van Willis The public is invited to attend.**
- C. Thursday, February 6, 2014, 5:30 pm – Design Review Board Meeting, Town Hall, 700 Paris Avenue**
- D. Thursday, February 6, 2014, 6:30 – Public Hearing, Yvonne C. Butler Council Chambers, 700 Paris Avenue**
- E. Thursday, February 6, 2014, immediately following the scheduled Public Hearing – Council Workshop Yvonne C. Butler Council Chambers, 700 Paris Avenue**
- F. Wednesday, February 12, 2014, 6:30 pm – Council Meeting, Yvonne C. Butler Council Chambers**
- G. Monday, February 17, 2014, 5:30 pm – Metro Planning Commission, Beaufort City Hall, 1911 Boundary Street**

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

XI. COUNCIL'S COMMENTS

Councilmember Klein asked that all town business owners be invited to the upcoming "branding" charettes which would be scheduled soon.

Councilmember Lee said the new Paris Avenue street signs look good.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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J. Chandler Phillips and Dearyn Powers asked Council to allow bikes on the skate park. He said the bikes that do not have pegs will not harm the surface of the ramps and that metal pedals can be replaced with plastic ones. He explained other parks allow both bikes and skates.

Councilmember DeLoach expressed concerns about skaters being in danger from the bikes.

Council discussed ways to make it safe for both skaters and bikers. They discussed possible scheduling of when the bikes would be allowed.

Mayor Murray asked Town Manager Willis to check into the matter to see what could be done to make it safe for bikers to use the park.

Jim Crower, President of the Historic Port Royal Foundation invited everyone to attend a meeting on Tuesday, January 14th, at which Town Manager Willis would be speaking about Port Royal's past at 6:00pm at the Union Church.

Samuel Smalls who lives on Robinson Street asked who was responsible for maintaining the pit being built at the John Parker Park. He also said funds were allocated for sidewalk along Waddell Road to Tailbird Road several years ago when he was on council. Mr. Smalls explained children were still walking this road and needed sidewalks for their safety. He asked Town Manager Willis to revisit this situation.

Town Manager Willis explained the existing section of sidewalk was paid for through T-21 grant funds and said these funds were no longer available. He said he had received an email today concerning funds which are available for sidewalks. Mr. Willis said with Council's consensus, he would prepare an application for this grant. Mr. Willis said the application would most likely be better received if the Town worked with the City of Beaufort on this issue.

Mr. Smalls told Council he was still working to get dirt for the cemetery on Hillside Court. He said he has made some progress and felt that he could get this project done in time.

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He also asked who owned the John Parker Park saying loiterers were frequently at the park.

Councilmember Heyward suggested reactivating the Parks and Recreation Committee.

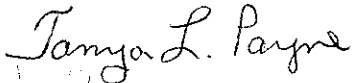
Town Manager Willis said he would have the Police Department put the park on special patrol.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Murray moved to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember Lee seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Tanya L. Payne
Municipal Clerk

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