



Council

Joe DeVito
Mayor

Darryl Owens
Mayor Pro Tempore

Jerry Ashmore
Mary Beth Heyward
Kevin Phillips

Van Willis
Town Manager

T. Alan Beach
Chief of Police

Jeffrey S. Coppinger
Operations

Noah Krepps
Planning

**Minutes
Council Meeting
Port Royal Town Hall, Yvonne C. Butler Council Chambers, 700 Paris Ave
January 11, 2023**

Members Present: Mayor Joe DeVito, Council Member Darryl Owens, Council Member Mary Beth Heyward, Council Member Jerry Ashmore (via Zoom), Council Member Kevin Phillips

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Town Manager Van Willis, Planning Director Noah Krepps, Fire Chief Tim Ogden, Director of Administrative Services Brooke Plank-Buccola, Town Clerk Natalia Laney

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor DeVito called the Council Meeting to order at 6:30 pm

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor DeVito led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. INVOCATION

Council Member Owens led the Invocation.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Heyward made a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of December 14, 2022; minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of December 14, 2022; and the minutes from the Special Council Meeting of December 21, 2022. Council Member Ashmore seconded the motion. There were no corrections, additions, or deletions. The motion carried a unanimous vote.

V. PRESENTATION

Lisa Weschler of Crowley Weschler and Associates presented the results of the annual financial report for year ended June 30, 2022.

VI. COUNCIL BRIEFING

There were no new items from Town Manager Willis to update council on. Mayor DeVito asked if there was any update regarding Safe Harbor. Town Manager Willis commented there were none. Mayor DeVito commented that he would like to see an updated master plan from Safe Harbor published soon.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public regarding agenda items.

Town Manager Willis commented that work is continuing by staff on the new tree ordinance. It is anticipated that it will be ready for second reading at next council meeting.

VIII. SECOND READING

- A. Ordinance 2022-23. An ordinance to authorize the park swap as contemplated by a development agreement for the Port of Port Royal property originally dated February 14, 2013, as amended on August 9, 2017 and July 14, 2021, and to further authorize the acceptance by deed of the park swap property from SHM Port Royal, LLC; and other matters related thereto.

Town Manager Willis presented Ordinance 2022-23. David Tedder, attorney for Safe Harbor was present and acknowledged. Council Member Heyward made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-23. Council Member Ashmore seconded the motion. The motion carried a unanimous vote.

IX. RESOLUTION

- A. Resolution 1-2023: A resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Port Royal, South Carolina, encouraging the South Carolina Assembly to adopt H.3620, "Clementa C. Pinckney Hate Crime Act"

Council Member Owens presented the resolution. Council Member Heyward made a motion to approve Resolution 1-2023. Council Member Ashmore seconded the motion. The motion carried a unanimous vote.

X. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Approval of Gym Equipment for Naval Heritage Park

John Hazel, Chairman for Parks and Recreation Commission, presented information regarding gym equipment for Naval Heritage Park. Council Member Ashmore made a motion to approve the gym

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equipment for Naval Heritage Park in the amount of \$62,540. Council Member Owens seconded the motion. The motion carried a unanimous vote.

John Hazel thanked council for the recent ordinance regarding digging holes at the Sands Beach. Council Member Owens asked about signage. Town Manager Willis responded that the signs are currently in production and will be posted soon.

Town Manager Willis mentioned that a scope of work has been issued for Casablanca Park repairs and improvements and D's Improvements will be making those repairs.

B. Change of Council Meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 to Thursday, February 9, 2023

Council Member Owens made a motion to change the council meeting from Wednesday February 8th, 2023 at 6:30PM to Thursday February 9, 2023 at 6:30PM. Council Member Heyward seconded the motion. The motion carried a unanimous vote.

XI. IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DATES

Town Manager Willis reviewed the following important dates and information:

Monday, January 16, 2023: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Town Offices Closed

Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 4:30 PM, Redevelopment Commission at Town Hall.

Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 6:00PM, City of Beaufort/Town of Port Royal Joint Council Meeting at City of Beaufort City Hall

XII. COUNCIL'S COMMENTS

Mayor DeVito made comments regarding the increase of vehicular speeding and being cautious on the road.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Samuell Smalls, resident, made comments regarding the following:

The need for repainting of road markings on Paris Ave; John Parker Park in need of repairs and improvements; The stormwater retention pond for the currently under construction of Help of Beaufort property on Ribaut Road in relation to the adjacent residential property on Casablanca Circle.

Shirley Heyward, resident, made comments regarding speeding on Waddell Road.

Pamela Courtney, Historic Port Royal Foundation, commented they will be unveiling of a new exhibit on March 9, 2023 at 5:30PM.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Legal Advice on Contractual Matters – Port Development

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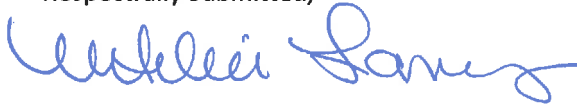
Council Member Owens made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss legal advice on contractual matters regarding the port development. Council Member Heyward seconded the motion. The motion carried a unanimous vote. Council entered executive session at 7:15 PM. Town Attorney Lawrence Flynn was present at executive session via Zoom.

Council Member Heyward made a motion to exit executive session. Council Member Owens seconded the motion. The motion carried a unanimous vote. Council exited the executive session at 7:59 PM.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor DeVito adjourned the meeting at 7:59PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Natalia Laney
Town Clerk

In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80 (a)(d)(e), as amended, notification of regular meetings was given at the beginning of the calendar year. A copy of the agenda was posted on the Town Hall's bulletin board and website www.portroyal.org twenty-four hours prior to the meeting. A copy of the agenda was given to the local news media and requested public on file.

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