



Council

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Mayor Pro Tempore

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

March 8, 2023

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

Staff Present: Town Manager Van Willis, Police Captain Andre Massey, Planning Administrator Noah Krepps and Director of Administrative Services Brooke Plank-Buccola

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor DeVito called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Phillips led the pledge of allegiance.

III. INVOCATION

Council Member Ashmore led the invocation.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from the Council Workshop of February 1, 2023**
- B. Minutes from the Public Hearing of February 8, 2023**
- C. Minutes from the Council Meeting of February 8, 2023**

Council Member Owens made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Workshop of February 1st, the Public Hearing of February 8th and the Council Meeting of

February 8th. Council Member Ashmore second the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

V. COUNCIL BRIEFING

Sidewalk work along Ribaut Road by Lenora Park and the Coca Cola Plant will be occurring at night.

The Town did not receive funding for Casablanca Drainage Improvement Project.

Town is still looking for volunteers for the A-tax Committee.

VI. PROCLAMATION

A. Frankie Middleton with Beaufort County Disabilities and Special Needs - Disabilities Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor DeVito read the proclamation in to record and presented it to Ms. Frankie Middleton.

VII. PRESENTATIONS:

A. Safe Harbor

Mr. Ron Gift provided council with port updates:

- 1.) Remodeling has begun on building C. It should be complete in May and a local canvas shop will be occupying that building.
- 2.) Permit has been submitted to make minor modifications to add commercial space to the drystack (to in close the overhang and make multiple workspaces).
- 3.) Outdoor boat racks are in the final stage of architectural design.
- 4.) Demo permits have been submitted for building A and the rectangular building across from it.
- 5.) Park swap is almost complete.
- 6.) Carla and Noah are working on road closure fencing.

B. Beaufort Jasper Housing Trust – Dixie Lanie

See attached presentation.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Mr. Grant McClure is from the Coastal Conservation League, and he appreciates the towns consideration of the new tree ordinance.

Mr. Wayne Hill had a few questions regarding the new tree ordinance and the redevelopment overlay district ordinance.

IX. SECOND READING

A. Ordinance 2022-20. An ordinance to repeal and replace in its entirety Chapter 20, "Trees" of the Code of Ordinance of the Town of Port Royal South Carolina.

Council Member Owens made a motion to postpone the final reading of ordinance 2022-20 until April. Council Member Heyward seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

B. Ordinance 2023-1: 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 0115; 1603 Madrid Ave (Approximately 150 Feet on Madrid Ave and Approximately 100.2 Feet on 16th St)

Council Member Owens made a motion to approve ordinance 2023-1. Council Member Ashmore seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

C. Ordinance 2023-2: An ordinance annexing to the Town of Port Royal approximately 12.15 acres of real estate located in Beaufort County described as Beaufort County Tax District 100, Map 31, Parcel 36 (Located at 450 Parris Island Gateway)

Council Member Owens made a motion to approve ordinance 2023-2 and 2023-3. Council Member Heyward seconded the motion. The motion carried with four votes in favor and one opposed (Council Member Phillips).

D. Ordinance 2023-3: An ordinance to zone approximately 12.15 acres of real estate located in Beaufort County described as Beaufort County Tax District 100, Map 31, Parcel 36 in Beaufort County South Carolina to be zoned as T4 Urban Center.

Ordinance 2023-3 was approved in line item "c" ordinance 2023-2.

IX. FIRST READING

A. Ordinance 2023-4: 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 0325 (917 12th Street)

Council Member Ashmore made a motion to approve the first reading of ordinance 2023-4. Council Member Heyward seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

B. Ordinance 2023-5: Redevelopment Overlay District (Title Only)

Council Member Heyward made a motion to approve the first reading of ordinance 2023-5 in title only. Council Member Owens seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

X. COUNCIL ACTION

A. Police Department Memorandum of Understandings

- i. Bomb Squad**
- ii. Canine Unit**
- iii. Marine Patrol**
- iv. Special Weapons and Tactics Team**
- v. Violent Crimes Task Force**

Council Member Owens made a motion to approve the Police Department Memorandum of Understandings. Council Member Ashmore seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

XI. IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DATES

- A. Tuesday, March 14, 2023 – Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting at Port Royal Town Hall at 6:30PM**
- B. Monday, March 20, 2023 – Metropolitan Planning Commission Meeting at City of Beaufort 1911 Boundary Street at 5:00PM**
- C. Tuesday, March 21, 2023 – Redevelopment Commission Meeting at Port Royal Town Hall at 4:30PM**

Historic Port Royal Foundation has a new exhibit opening tomorrow night at 5:30PM.

Tomorrow is the 149 birthday of the Town.

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.

County Council Member Howard informed Council that on February 23rd, the county council approved the money to come out for the Port Royal library. The library director is estimating it will take six months to receive the furniture. The opening looks like August.

Ms. Kat Bray provided the council with an update on the "Village People" Saturday clean up committee. She feels that the illegal dumping is getting worse.

Mr. Wayne Hill was interested in the port development and had a few questions.

XIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

The council had no comments at this time.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Owens made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Brooke Plank-Buccola
Director of Administrative Services

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