



Council

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

June 8, 2022

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

Staff Present: Town Manager Van Willis, Police Chief Alan Beach, Director of Administrative Services Brooke Plank-Buccola, and Municipal Clerk Kadeeyshja Butler.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor DeVito called the Council Workshop to order at 6:59PM.

II. PRESENTATION

Angela Childers gave a brief presentation about the Beaufort Housing Authority.

III. COUNCIL BRIEFING

Safe Harbor is in the beginning phase of working on the improvements of the drystack. There was a sense of urgency in aiding with the building permit and engineering issues.

Town Manager met with them last week to discuss the development of the remainder of the property from Ribaut Village to the anticipated Marina. Safe Harbor will be working with a potential partner to help evaluate the plan for Ribaut Village. There was

discussion between them and the Town Manager about the remaining properties located in the marina village that is adjacent to both Fish Camp and Shell Ring; this issue is regarding the potential use of parking space and who would use it. Safe Harbor has also expressed a concern about the design of the dock and suggested on having it rebuilt along with a smaller scale processing facility and allocating the property that is between Fish Camp and Shell Ring.

Safe Harbor has retained additional legal representation to begin working on swapping the property.

Town Manager has provided an updated report on the Ribaut Road corridor study. Which includes specific details. Tripp Muldrow is still working on the final study. Town Manager, Van Willis and Brooke Plank-Buccola attended the International Conference of Shopping Centers part of the MASC retail coaching program. They were able to interface with several restaurants and a hotel group to discuss options in Port Royal. A one-pager has been included in the file for council to review.

The work at the Sands Beach has been completed. Public Works Director, Jeff is working on a heavy sweeping at the Sands along with a regulated sweeping of Sands Beach Road and at the Boat Landing to prevent wear and tear. Beaufort County is working on the repair to the floating structures and Council will be updated once more information is received.

There will be an evaluation of an ordinance to authorize the Town Manager to negotiate on behalf of the Town, with the final approval of Council. The draft IGA has been provided for council to review.

Council has been provided the memo that was sent to Beaufort County by the Town Manager that summarizes the list of projects that the Capital Project Sales Tax Group put together and was chaired by the Town's representative, Dean Moss. The presentation of this project by the County is available for review.

Grant writers have been retained by the Town to seek out funding and grants for the path extension. An email has been accessible for Council to review. Progress on the trail will be updated once received.

The federal Marshalls and the Town's attorney were at the dock last to arrest several of the boats. However, there were a few that anchored off to avoid arrest. Boat owners were given six months to make arrangements in order to avoid their boats from being arrested.

The boats that were arrested were the ones that owed a significant amount of money to the Town. Those who anchored off also owes monies to the Town as well. The Town Manager wanted to make a clear statement that only the boats are being arrested and not the Boat owners.

The “Buccaneer” has been purchased; but had to be arrested first due to the process of the boats already being performed. The Town is working with the buyer for its’ relocation after the removal date.

Progress of securing the easement for construction of the Royal Palms sewer is being made. There was an alternative route discovered by the engineer and lawyer of the Town to stage and start construction of the project. However, a survey still needs to be done which was requested by the owner of the Preserve Apartments. There is a tight window, so the Town hopes that the bid doesn’t expire if the deadline is not met. A breakdown of costs for the project has been provided to Council to with the intent of the cost being in the range of being completed.

The Town is in the process of trying to secure the temporary construction easement and underground easement to move forward with the Royal Palms Sewer Project. The current owners of the Preserve Apartments are asking for legal fee reimbursement and money for both easements and the Town is projected to be over budget for this project. Two bids have been received for the sewer installation and will be presented to Council to review in June with another resolution for the easements. Michael Klink has been updating improvements to the engineering of Paris Avenue.

There is nothing new to report for Paris Avenue improvements.

Public Works are still installing speed bumps in the Town.

Porters Chapel Ribbon Cutting will take place on the 10th of June, at 11 AM.

Progress is still being made for the Naval Hospital Sidewalk.

The Speed Reader located at the beginning of the McTeer Bridge has been approved by SCDOT to become permanent.

The Town is looking for a PT Administrative Assistant to help with front office functions, business license renewals, and permits.

The Town will be hosting its annual 4th of July fireworks at the Sands Beach.

IV. REVIEW AGENDA FOR THE JUNE 8, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING

Council reviewed the proposed council meeting agenda.

V. IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION:

- A. Saturday, June 4, 2022, at 6:30PM, Spring Concert Series on Paris Ave**
- B. Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 6:30PM, Regular Council Meeting at Town Hall.**

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council Member Ashmore made a motion to enter executive session. Council member Heyward seconded the motion.

Council entered executive session at: 7:44 PM

Council exited executive session at: 8:00 PM

No actions were made during the session.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The council workshop adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kadeeyshja Butler
Municipal Clerk

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