



Council

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**Minutes  
Council Workshop  
Yvonne C. Butler Council Chambers, 700 Paris Avenue  
July 7, 2021**

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

**Members Absent:** Council Member Ashmore

**Staff Present:** Town Manager Van Willis, Police Chief Alan Beach, Planning Administrator Noah Krepps, Town Attorney Lawrence Flynn and Municipal Clerk Brooke Plank-Buccola

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor DeVito called the workshop to order at 6:55PM.

**II. INTERVIEW FOR BOARD POSITIONS**

Ms. Barbara Berry interviewed for the open seat on the Historic Preservation Commission.

**III. PRESENTATION**

**A. Food Truck Festival by the Jaycee's**

Mr. Nick Maynard and Ms. Ashley Dousite are representatives of the Lowcountry Jaycee's. Money the organization raises goes back into the community and to a

program called Camp Hope. They would like permission to hold their food truck festival on Paris Avenue on October 9<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 9pm. They plan to have 15-20 food trucks, crafters and a beer/wine tent. This event will be free to the public.

## **B. Short Term Rental Software**

Mr. Dustin Reilich provided a presentation on a short-term rental software by Deckard Technologies.

## **IV. COUNCIL BRIEFING**

Mr. Willis has provided Council with a scope of work for the 11<sup>th</sup> Street project. Staff has asked Mr. Klink to review the project and see if there were any revisions that he would recommend. Mr. Klink also provided numerous updates on current projects within the Town. The Royal Palms sewer project will have its survey verified and preliminary gravity sewer alignment reviewed by July 13<sup>th</sup>. The Paris Avenue Streetscape project is on schedule. JK Tiller is working on an irrigation proposal for the streetscape project, and a meeting has been scheduled with Dominion Energy to review street lighting.

The Town has received the speed humps for Paris Avenue and will install them soon.

The ownership of the Sands Beach landing is still being reviewed. The County is supposed to supply the Town with documentation of ownership.

SCDOT has denied the permit for the Waddell Road pedestrian crosswalk. Mayor DeVito plans on taking this project and the Spanish Moss Trail crossing to the head of SCDOT.

Council has passed a resolution for the Spanish Moss Trail to cross at the former rail bed.

The ice machine (at the shrimp docks) is in the process of being relocated. The Town has been allocated \$900,000 to go towards the dock construction and repairs.

No activity on the Baynard Cove site.

The Town will be receiving \$240,000 from the County for the relocation and renovation of Porter's Chapel. Council will decide on a date and begin planning a guest list for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

An educational campaign is being created for Local Option Sales Tax.

The quit claim deed for Smilax and Rahn Road is being reviewed.

Concert Series will begin the end of the month.

The County has received \$18 million from the American Recovery Act. The State has not requested the money for the non-entitlement communities (which is what the Town is considered).

Nothing new to report on impact fees.

The skateboard park will be renovated by the help of Praise Assembly this coming weekend and will be closed from 4PM Friday until noon on Sunday.

## **V. REVIEW AGENDA FOR THE JULY 14, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING**

A proclamation will be given for the Gullah Geechee week.

A presentation will be given on the cybersecurity in the lowcountry.

Second readings on the amendment for the Port PUD and DA.

First reading will consist of a rezone of a property to T4 Neighborhood Center Open on Waddell Road. This has received a positive recommendation from the Metropolitan Planning Commission.

Resolutions 6-2021 is a declaration of intended funding if the local option sales tax passes. Resolution 7-2021 is a commitment to the Municipal Association of South Carolina, providing a program fee if accepted into retail recruitment training program.

Council action will consist of an appointment to the historic preservation committee and approval of the Town landscaping.

## **VI. IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION:**

- A. Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 6:30PM Parks and Recreation Meeting**
- B. Wednesday, July 14, 2021, 6:30PM Public Hearing**
- C. Wednesday, July 14, 2021, Immediately following the Public Hearing, Regular Council Meeting**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The council workshop adjourned at 7:57PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Plank-Buccola  
Municipal Clerk

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