



Council

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Operations

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Planning

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

August 3, 2022

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

Members Absent: Council Member Mary Beth Heyward

Staff Present: Town Manager Van Willis, Police Chief Alan Beach, Planning Director Noah Krepps, Director of Administrative Services Brooke Plank-Buccola, and Town Clerk Natalia Laney

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor DeVito called the Council Workshop to order at 6:32 PM.

II. INTERVIEW FOR BOARD POSITIONS

A. Convention & Visitors Bureau – 1 Position

Nancy Plank introduced herself to the council to be considered for the vacant Convention & Visitor's Bureau position.

Natalia Laney, newly appointed Town Clerk introduced herself to Council.

III COUNCIL BRIEFING

Dean Moss, chair of the Friends of the Spanish Moss Trail group, gave Council an update on the efforts to secure the crossing on Ribaut Road for the Spanish Moss Trail. Dean and his group have been working with the impacted business, Pender Brothers, on a solution that satisfies the SCDOT and protects the interests of Pender Brothers.

Two options were being considered that would address the concerns raised by the SCDOT. Town Council was in consensus that the option which splits the egress/ingress for the Pender property and less costly in terms of moving utilities was the better option.

Town Manager Willis discussed the following items:

Town Manager attended a meeting with Whit Suber on the discussion of removal of the "P" Buoy and replacing it with a virtual buoy. The meeting focused on the potential dangers of removing several buoys with virtual buoys and the importance of visual aids when prepositioning prior to entering a harbor or sound. They also mentioned the necessity of visual aids for boats/ships that may have lost power or that are not equipped with the electronics that would "see" the virtual buoy.

There was no monthly meeting with Safe Harbor. They continue to review "underwriting" to determine whether they will close on the property.

Town Manager Willis had a follow-up meeting last month to discuss progress of the Ribaut Road Corridor study and the report should be finalized in the next few weeks.

Safe Harbor is prepared to turn over the boat landing portion to the Town. Town Manger had recent contact with the County, and they are drafting the IGA on maintenance.

The storm drain failure issue at the Sands is being addressed. After talks with Tony Maglione and LowCoast Construction, pipe should be able to be resleeved, and then the washing out around it will be addressed including asphaltting after the repair.

Council Member Kevin Phillips mentioned the use of golf carts on the Sands. Mayor DeVito stated the area has signage that golf carts are not allowed. Town Manager Willis stated that historically golf carts have been allowed. It was the consensus of council that signage needed to be changed to clarify golf carts are permitted.

Town has received rewritten IGA for various impact fees that are being contemplated which includes redraft transportation impact fee with revised capital

improvement list. Lawrence Flynn, Town attorney, has been asked to review the changes to the draft regarding impact fees the County provided.

Capital Project Sales Tax has been abandoned. The County is pursuing a "green" sales tax referendum. The Capital Projects Sales Tax could still be pursued in 2024.

There is one remaining shrimp boat and a derelict sailboat. Town Manager will keep council posted as they proceed via the legal process.

The recent boat that sunk had the fuel removed by DNR. The new owner has been identified and a solution is being worked on to get the boat removed.

Town Manager Willis discussed the possibility of a derelict boat ordinance for the Town. A similar ordinance was drafted recently and passed by Folly Beach. Town manager has a conference call scheduled with the former city manager and current house representative, Spencer Whetmore, about the ordinance.

CDBG Royal Palms Sewer project is a go once the final easement has been secured. Commerce approved the extension, and the contractor is ready to mobilize.

Town Manager Willis has contacted Michael Klink requesting conceptual drawing for Paris Avenue improvements as soon as possible.

Town Manager attended a Rural Infrastructure meeting last week to discuss the \$900,000,000 available for water, sewer, and stormwater projects.

The Island Packet ran a story on the Naval Hospital sidewalk but Town Manager has not heard anything regarding the matter, nor has the SCDOT. Article has been forwarded to Nancy Mace's office.

Natalia Laney has filled the municipal clerk position, and the Town has also hired Alexis Linder in a part-time role assisting with building code, zoning, public works processing, organizing, and general front-office responsibilities. The Town is working on filling another position soon to be open with Cynthia's retirement on September 1.

Lawrence, Town attorney, is reviewing the latest draft for Housing IGA, which does include the ARPA funding formula in the first year. The County has increased the Good Neighbor ARPA program back to \$500,000 for each municipality, and this is an eligible expenditure. Governance and project review still needs addressing.

The Town officially closed the General Obligation Bond on Thursday and can begin the projects when ready. Tony has created A project matrix has been

created which will allow us to monitor projects as they move forward and identify the potential funding sources.

IV. REVIEW AGENDA FOR THE August 10, 2022, COUNCIL MEETING

Council reviewed the proposed council meeting agenda.

Council Member Phillips requested to add to September Council Workshop a presentation from Nexus Consulting group.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Berry spoke regarding concern about an application for onsite consumption of beer and wine at Seas Seas Honey Hole former Last Chance Bait Shop on 8th St. Mayor DeVito confirmed that protest forms were received, and matter is being evaluated.

VI. IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION:

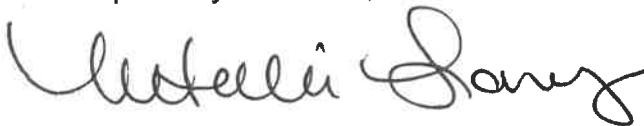
- A. Saturday, August 6, 2022, at 6:00PM, Street Music on Paris Avenue – Dwayne Dopsie & the Zydeco Hellraisers**
- B. Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 6:30PM, Parks and Recreation Commission**
- C. Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 6:30PM, Regular Council Meeting at Town Hall**

No actions were made during the session.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The council workshop adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Natalia Laney
Town Clerk

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