



Council

Joe DeVito
Mayor

Jerry Ashmore
Mayor Pro Tempore

Mary Beth Heyward
Darryl Owens
Kevin Phillips

Van Willis
Town Manager

T. Alan Beach
Chief of Police

Jeffrey S. Coppinger
Operations

Linda Bridges
Planning

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

March 10, 2021

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

Staff Present: Town Manager Van Willis, Planning Administrator Linda Bridges, Police Chief Alan Beach, Fire Chief Reece Bertholf and Municipal Clerk Brooke Plank-Buccola

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As per Ordinance 2020-15. "Members of the public may submit written public comments to the Town Clerk bplank-buccola@portroyal.org no later than one hour prior to any regular meeting, which shall be distributed to the members of the Governing Body at such meeting."

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor DeVito called the Council Meeting to order at 6:33pm. Council Member Phillips led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

II. INVOCATION

Council Member Ashmore led the invocation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from the Council Workshop of February 3, 2021
B. Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of February 10, 2021

Council Member Owens made a motion to approve the minutes from the council workshop of February 3, 2021 and minutes from the regular council meeting of February 10, 2021. Council Member Ashmore seconded the motion. Mayor DeVito called for a roll call vote. Council Member Heyward Aye. Council Member Phillips Aye. Council Member Owens Aye. Council Member Ashmore Aye. Mayor DeVito Aye. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

IV. PROCLAMATION:

A. Disabilities Awareness 2021 – Frankie Middleton

Mayor DeVito read the Disabilities Awareness Proclamation in its entirety.

V. COUNCIL BRIEFING

Sidewalk issues (such as buckling) in the village will need to be addressed.

Folkland and Solitude met to discuss maintenance at the Cypress Wetlands.

Mr. Bob Klink oversaw waterline work done at the Shed.

Mayor DeVito asked about the status of Baynard Cove. The existing HOA has issues with the water and sewer hookup for the new DR Horton project. The issue is at a standstill.

VI. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Mayor DeVito moved to Council Action and the appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Council Member Ashmore made a motion to appoint Mr. John Hazel to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Council Member Heyward seconded the motion. Mayor DeVito called for a roll call vote. Council Member Heyward Aye. Council Member Phillips Aye. Council Member DeVito Aye. Council Member Ashmore Aye. Mayor DeVito Aye. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

A page of the agenda was skipped. To get back to the correct place Council Member Owens made a motion to break from the agenda. Council Member Heyward seconded the motion. All Council voted aye. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

A. Ordinance 2021-6. An emergency ordinance of the Town of Port Royal, South Carolina to Re-establish requiring individuals to wear face

**coverings in certain circumstance in light of the Covid-19 pandemic;
and matter related thereto; and severability**

Council Member Heyward made a motion to approve emergency ordinance 2021-6. Council Member Phillips seconded the motion. Council Member Ashmore asked for an update on where South Carolina is currently at with procedures for Covid.

The Governor has lifted the cap of 250 for events as well as curfew on bars/restaurants and has eliminated face mask from being required in government buildings. The County will open their building in the next couple of weeks. Council Member Phillips mentioned according the Island Packet, the rate of positive results is 5.3%. It is important to follow the amount of vaccine being distributed in the County.

Mayor DeVito called for a roll call vote. Council Member Heyward Aye. Council Member Phillips Aye. Council Member Owens Aye. Council Member Ashmore Aye. Mayor DeVito Aye. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

B. Ordinance 2021-7. An emergency ordinance to reauthorize emergency ordinance no. 2020-26 related to electronic meetings; and other matters related thereto

Council Member Ashmore made a motion to approve emergency ordinance 2021-7. Council Heyward seconded the motion. Mayor DeVito called for a roll call vote. Council Member Heyward Aye. Council Member Phillips Aye. Council Member Owens Aye. Council Member Ashmore Aye. Mayor DeVito Aye. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VII. SECOND READING:

A. Ordinance 2020-34. An ordinance repealing in its entirety Chapter 9, "Flood Damage Prevention", of the Town of Port Royal Code of Ordinances and replacing it with attached newly revised Chapter 9, "Flood Damage Prevention"

Council Member Owens made a motion to approve the second reading of ordinance 2020-34. Council Member Ashmore seconded the motion. Ms. Juliana Smith emailed a letter to Council to be read into the minutes from the Coastal Conservation League. See attached. Mayor DeVito called for a roll call vote. Council Member Heyward Aye. Council Member Phillips Aye. Council Member Owens Aye. Council Member Ashmore Aye. Mayor DeVito Aye. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

B. Ordinance 2021-5. 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, parcels 92E, 45, 452, 453 and 454 (approximately 250ft on 12th Street)

Council Member Owens made a motion to approve the second reading of ordinance 2021-5. Council Member Heyward seconded the motion. Mayor DeVito called for a roll call vote. Council Member Heyward Aye. Council Member Phillips Aye. Council Member Owens Aye. Council Member Ashmore Aye. Mayor DeVito Aye. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VIII. FIRST READING:

A. Ordinance 2021-8. An ordinance consenting to the inclusion of certain property in a Joint County Industrial Park within the Town of Port Royal, South Carolina; approving certain intergovernmental agreements by and between the Town and Beaufort County, South Carolina; and other matters related thereto.

Mr. Willis briefed Council that this is a relationship between the Town and Beaufort County with Jasper County regarding two properties. The tax received from these properties would drop from 10.5% to the commercial rate of 6%. These two businesses would generate many jobs. The Town's concern is with one property being within TIF and the other being in a special district, where would the distribution of funds go. Mr. Willis suggested passing first reading and discussing further with City of Beaufort, who is going through a similar situation. Council Member Ashmore made a motion to approve the first reading of 2021-8. Council Member Owens seconded the motion. Council Member Phillips asked how this came about. Mr. Willis explained that initially, the Town was not aware of the MCIP (Multi-County Industrial Park). Upon finding out of this agreement, Mr. Willis has consulted with Mr. Lawrence Flynn (Town Attorney) and created Inter-Governmental Agreements for each property to make sure the Town is safeguarded. Mayor DeVito called for a roll call vote. Council Member Heyward Aye. Council Member Phillips Aye. Council Member Owens Aye. Council Member Ashmore Aye. Mayor DeVito Aye. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

IX. RESOLUTION:

A. Resolution 1-2021. A resolution of the Town of Port Royal, South Carolina, Town Council to approve an intergovernmental agreement for mutual- aid between the Town of Port Royal, South Carolina and the Town of Yemassee, South Carolina for law enforcement services.

Council Member Owens made a motion to approve resolution 1-2021. Council Member Ashmore seconded the motion. Mayor DeVito called for a roll call vote. Council Member Heyward Aye. Council Member Phillips Aye. Council Member Owens Aye. Council Member Ashmore Aye. Mayor DeVito Aye. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

X. COUNCIL ACTION:

A. Appointments

i. Parks and Recreation Commission – 1 appointment

Mr. John Hazel was appointed earlier in the meeting by Council.

ii. Historic Preservation Commission – 3 reappointments

Kit Bruce

Anna Ellerbe

Mike Jones

Council Member Owens made a motion to reappoint the three Historic Preservation Commission members. Council Member Ashmore seconded the motion. Mayor DeVito called for a roll call vote. Council Member Heyward Aye. Council Member Phillips Aye. Council Member Owens Aye. Council Member Ashmore Aye. Mayor DeVito Aye. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

B. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement between Town of Port Royal and Town of Yemassee for mutual-aid of law enforcement assistance and support.

Council Member Owens made a motion to approve the Inter-Governmental Agreement between the Town of Port Royal and Town of Yemassee for mutual-aid of law enforcement assistance and support. Council Member Ashmore seconded the motion. Mayor DeVito called for a roll call vote. Council Member Heyward Aye. Council Member Phillips Aye. Council Member Owens Aye. Council Member Ashmore Aye. Mayor DeVito Aye. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

C. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement between Town of Port Royal and Beaufort County on a multi-county industrial park/business park for “Project Burger”

Council Member Heyward made a motion to postpone the approval of the Inter-Governmental Agreement between the Town of Port Royal and Beaufort County on a multi-county industrial park/business park for “Project Burger.” Council Member Owens seconded the motion. Mayor DeVito called for a roll call vote. Council Member Heyward Aye. Council Member Phillips Aye. Council Member Owens Aye. Council Member Ashmore Aye. Mayor DeVito. The motion to postpone carried by unanimous vote.

D. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement between Town of Port Royal and Beaufort County on a multi-county industrial park/business park for “Project Stone”

Council Member Owens made a motion to postpone the Inter-Governmental Agreement between Town of Port Royal and Beaufort County on a multi-county industrial park/business park for "Project Stone." Council Member Heyward seconded the motion. Mayor DeVito called for a roll call vote. Council Member Heyward Aye. Council Member Phillips Aye. Council Member Owens Aye. Council Member Ashmore Aye. Mayor DeVito Aye. The motion to postpone carried by unanimous vote.

XI. IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DATES:

- A. Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 4:30pm Redevelopment Commission**
- B. Saturday, March 27, 2021, 8:30am Town Council Retreat**

Mr. Willis asked to add the important date of March 31st. It is the final workday for Ms. Linda Bridges who will be retiring as the Town Planning Administrator. She has worked for the Town for 22 years. She will be greatly missed by Council, staff, and the public.

XII. COUNCIL'S COMMENTS:

Council Member Heyward asked if a speed bump could be placed on West Paris Avenue to slow down vehicles. Mr. Willis will work on getting the speed trailer located on West Paris Avenue.

XIII. 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.

No public comments were made at this time.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Owens made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting. The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:17PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Brooke Plank-Buccola
Municipal Clerk

In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, notification of the meeting was posted on the Town bulletin board two weeks prior to the meeting. A copy of the agenda

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