



**CITY OF BEAUFORT**  
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**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**  
**March 26, 2019**

**NOTE: IF YOU HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS DUE TO A PHYSICAL CHALLENGE, PLEASE CALL IVETTE BURGESS 525-7070 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**STATEMENT OF MEDIA NOTIFICATION**

"In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, all local media was duly notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting."

**REGULAR MEETING - Council Chambers, 2nd Floor - 7:00 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. Billy Keyserling, Mayor

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- A. Mike McFee, Mayor Pro Tem

**III. PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

- A. Character Education Proclamation - Raheem Butler, Lady's Island Middle School
- B. Proclamation proclaiming March as Disabilities Awareness Month
- C. Resolution commending Jon Verity for service on the City's Redevelopment Commission
- D. Resolution commending Frank Lesesne for service on the City's Redevelopment Commission
- E. Resolution commending Mike Sutton for service on the City's Redevelopment Commission
- F. Resolution commending Steven Green for service on the City's Redevelopment Commission
- G. Resolution commending Deborah Johnson for service on the City's Redevelopment Commission

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**V. PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. Light Pole Standards

**VI. MINUTES**

- A. Special City Council Worksession Meeting January 29, 2019
- B. Worksession and Regular Meeting February 26, 2019

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. FY 2019 Budget Amendment #2 - 2nd Reading

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Co-Sponsorship request for use of Waterfront Park from Agape Hospice Care for Life Blooms Eternally event on Thursday, May 9, 2019
- B. Co-Sponsorship request for use of Waterfront Park from Hopeful Horizon for Take Back the Night event on Friday, April 26, 2019
- C. Co-Sponsorship request for use of Waterfront Park from First Scots Presbyterian Church of Beaufort for Annual East Sunday Service on Sunday, April 21, 2019
- D. Request for street closures from Downtown Beaufort Merchants Association - First Friday Events: April 5, 2019, June 7, 2019 and September 6, 2019
- E. Request for street closure from the Memorial Day Committee to host annual Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 27, 2019
- F. Request for waiver of Noise Ordinance from Historic Beaufort Foundation for the annual Soiree event Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 10pm to 11pm
- G. Resolution to support participation in the 2020 Census
- H. 2019 CDBG Community Development Priority Needs Staff Recommendations
- I. Amending Part 9 Chapter 1 of the City Code of Ordinances to repeal Sections 9-1002 and 9-1003 - 1st Reading

## **IX. REPORTS**

- City Manager's Report
- Mayor Report
- Reports by Council Members

## **X. ADJOURN**



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the character education movement reinforces the social, emotional and ethical development of students; and

**WHEREAS**, schools, school districts and states are working to instill important core ethical and performance values including caring, honesty, diligence, fairness, fortitude, responsibility, and respect for self and others; and

**WHEREAS**, character education provides long-term solutions to moral, ethical and academic issues that are of growing concern in our society and our schools; and

**WHEREAS**, character education teaches students how to be their best selves and how to do their best work; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eleven Principles of Effective Character Education include: Promoting core ethical and performance values; Teaching students to understand, care about and act upon these core ethical and performance values; Encompassing all aspects of the school culture; Fostering a caring school community; Providing opportunities for moral action; Supporting academic achievement; Developing intrinsic motivation; Including whole-staff involvement; Requiring positive leadership of staff and students; Involving parents and community members; and assess results and strives to improve; and

**WHEREAS**, the Beaufort County School District's Character Education program was formed to support parents' efforts in developing good character in their children; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Character Education program is to integrate good character traits into the total school environment, as well as into the community; and

**WHEREAS**, each school's counselor identified a list of character words and definitions deemed important regardless of a person's political leanings, race, gender or religious convictions; and

**WHEREAS**, the words are friendship, kindness, acceptance, courage, tolerance, respect, gratitude, compassion, citizenship, perseverance, honesty, integrity, self-control, forgiveness responsibility and cooperation; and

**WHEREAS**, Raheem Butler was selected as the winner by Lady's Island Middle School as the student of the month.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina, hereby proclaims February 2019 as

### **RAHEEM BUTLER AS LADY'S ISLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

The City of Beaufort thereby pronounces *Honesty/Integrity* as the word for the month of February and applauds Raheem Butler, the Beaufort County School District, and Lady's Island Middle School for their work and specifically honors Raheem Butler as Lady's Island Middle School Student of the Month.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Beaufort to be affixed this 26th March 2019.

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BILLY KEYSERLING, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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IVETTE BURGESS, CITY CLERK



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, more than 500,000 South Carolina residents and families are impacted by severe lifelong disabilities including autism, head injuries, spinal cord injuries, mental retardation, and related disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, people with lifelong disabilities are productive citizens, neighbors, and family members, deserving of respect and opportunities for economic self-sufficiency, independence, and personal growth; and

**WHEREAS**, South Carolinians with and without disabilities work together, play together, worship together, learn together, and grow together; and

**WHEREAS**, we owe a special debt of gratitude to the caregivers who selflessly provide physical, emotional and spiritual support to our residents with disabilities and special needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2016 observance of Disabilities Awareness Month celebrates the successful partnership between people with and without disabilities as well as the increasing involvement of people in education, employment and community activities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina, hereby proclaims, March 2019 as

### DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

The City of Beaufort encourages all citizens to work together to promote increased opportunities for people with disabilities, to recognize the many contributions made by people with disabilities in our communities, and to honor the dedication of the caregivers who bring support and hope to their fellow citizens.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Beaufort to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March.

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BILLY KEYSERLING, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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IVETTE BURGESS, CITY CLERK



## **R E S O L U T I O N**

### **COMMENDING JON VERITY FOR SERVING ON THE CITY'S REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, Jon Verity served on the City of Beaufort Redevelopment Commission from 2010 until March 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Jon Verity served in the position of chairman; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Verity devoted his efforts and energy in service on this important Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the significant contributions Jon Verity made as a Chair of the Redevelopment Commission, has helped to support sustainable development practices, and protect and enhance the design, character, and economic value of the City as a whole; thereby promoting the quality of life in our community; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the City Council of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina, duly assembled, expresses their gratitude and commends Jon Verity for his outstanding service to the City during the past nine years.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Beaufort to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

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BILLY KEYSERLING, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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IVETTE BURGESS, CITY CLERK



## **R E S O L U T I O N**

### **COMMENDING FRANK LESESNE FOR SERVING ON THE CITY'S REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, Frank Lesesne served on the City of Beaufort Redevelopment Commission from 2015 until March 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Frank Lesesne devoted his efforts and energy in service on this important Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Frank's ideas have helped shape the City policy and actions as a member of the Redevelopment Commission. He has helped increase the economic value of the City as a whole, thereby promoting the quality of life in our community; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the City Council of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina, duly assembled, expresses their gratitude and commends Frank Lesesne for his outstanding service to the City during the past four years.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Beaufort to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

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BILLY KEYSERLING, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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IVETTE BURGESS, CITY CLERK



## **R E S O L U T I O N**

### **COMMENDING MIKE SUTTON FOR SERVING ON THE CITY'S REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, Mike Sutton served on the City of Beaufort Redevelopment Commission from 2015 until March 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Mike Sutton devoted his efforts and energy in service on this important Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike's ideas have helped shape the City policy and actions as a member of the Redevelopment Commission. He has helped increase the economic value of the City as a whole, thereby promoting the quality of life in our community; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the City Council of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina, duly assembled, expresses their gratitude and commends Mike Sutton for his outstanding service to the City during the past four years.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Beaufort to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

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BILLY KEYSERLING, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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IVETTE BURGESS, CITY CLERK



## RESOLUTION

### COMMENDING STEVEN GREEN FOR SERVING ON THE CITY'S REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

**WHEREAS**, Steven Green served on the City of Beaufort Redevelopment Commission from 2015 until March 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Steven Green devoted his efforts and energy in service on this important Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Steven's ideas have helped shape the City policy and actions as a member of the Redevelopment Commission. He has helped increase the economic value of the City as a whole, thereby promoting the quality of life in our community; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the City Council of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina, duly assembled, expresses their gratitude and commends Steven Green for his outstanding service to the City during the past four years.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Beaufort to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

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BILLY KEYSERLING, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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IVETTE BURGESS, CITY CLERK





## **RESOLUTION**

### **COMMENDING DEBORAH JOHNSON FOR SERVING ON THE CITY'S REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, Deborah Johnson served on the City of Beaufort Redevelopment Commission from 2015 until March 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Deborah Johnson served in the position of Facilitator; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Johnson devoted her efforts and energy in service on this important Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the significant contributions Deborah Johnson made as a Facilitator of the Redevelopment Commission, has helped to support sustainable development practices, and protect and enhance the design, character, and economic value of the City as a whole; thereby promoting the quality of life in our community; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the City Council of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina, duly assembled, expresses their gratitude and commends Deborah Johnson for her outstanding service to the City during the past nine years.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Beaufort to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

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BILLY KEYSERLING, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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IVETTE BURGESS, CITY CLERK



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## CITY OF BEAUFORT

### DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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**TO:** CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** 3/21/2019  
**FROM:** David Prichard, Community & Economic Development Director  
**AGENDA ITEM**  
**TITLE:** Light Pole Standards  
**MEETING**  
**DATE:** 3/26/2019  
**DEPARTMENT:** City Clerk

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#### *BACKGROUND INFORMATION:*

Based on a recommendation from the Metropolitan Planning Commission, the City of Beaufort is proposing a zoning amendment allowing the maximum height of light poles in pedestrian areas to be 15 ft, and in auto-centric areas to be 30ft for all districts.

After receiving public comment, City staff will draft the proposed amendment and present to City Council for a first reading on April 9; to the MPC on the 15th, and again to the City Council, on the 23rd for the second reading.

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#### *PLACED ON AGENDA FOR:*

#### *REMARKS:*

A special work session of Beaufort City Council was held on January 29, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Beaufort Municipal Complex, 1901 Boundary Street. In attendance were Mayor Billy Keyserling, Councilwoman Nan Sutton, Councilmen Stephen Murray and Phil Cromer, and Bill Prokop, city manager. Councilman Mike McFee was an excused absence.

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d) as amended, all local media were duly notified of the time, date, place, and agenda of this meeting.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Keyserling called the work session to order at 5:05 p.m. 

### **CONTINUED DISCUSSION ABOUT LADY'S ISLAND PLAN**

Mayor Keyserling discussed the difference between the Lady's Island Plan and the transportation plan for Lady's Island, which he said is a "vision." The county is "driving" the transportation plan and will "lay out what was agreed to after many public hearings and will come up with a preliminary plan," he said, and then will have a public hearing about that, followed by another public hearing after the plan is revised.

Mayor Keyserling said tonight's discussion is at the request for the Northern Beaufort County Implementation Committee, the county, and the City of Beaufort to review the Lady's Island Plan.

Councilman Murray said overall he thinks the plan is "an excellent document." He presented his questions about it:

Page 4 – "The footprint of urban/suburban growth will be limited by modifying existing growth boundaries . . ." – Councilman Murray challenged the statement because he feels growth will continue outside of the growth boundaries, and the city pulling back its growth boundaries will not prevent this, so he suggested striking this language. **Rob Merchant**, Beaufort County Community Development, said north of Springfield Road and on the other side of Brickyard Point Road, there are PUDs/developments that have been approved for many years. Most of them are built out except for Coosaw Point, which is a PUD that was approved before the current ordinance was in place, he said.

Councilman Murray said it would be easy for the City of Beaufort to pull back its growth boundaries on the north part of Lady's Island, but he thinks they should be careful telling the public that reducing the growth boundaries will limit additional growth on the north part of the island. He described the tools that would have to be put in place to do that, and that would require public pressure.

Mr. Merchant said the Comprehensive Plan supports that area remaining rural and "puts some extra teeth into that." The pressure will be there in the future to develop

those areas, and there have already been “people looking at those properties” to develop them. Of the undeveloped parcels that would support 2 dwelling units per acre, Greenheath is about 100 acres, and there’s really only one other property that size on the east side of Sams Point Road, he said.

Councilman Murray said some of the maps indicate that those areas are rural, but some of the areas are *suburban* density, and he thinks the maps should reflect that. Mr. Merchant said, “Most of that potential for build-out in the northern area” would be coming from Coosaw Point, where there is still some capacity within the PUD; “the rest would be taking the raw land” at a density of 1 dwelling unit per 3 acres and “assuming that every single property owner maximizes that potential and develop[s] at that density.” This scenario is possible but unlikely, he said, because not all property owners would “exercis[e] their full property rights.”

Councilman Murray said he agrees, but he thinks the statement about reducing urban and suburban growth by reducing existing growth boundaries “is an untrue statement.” Councilwoman Sutton said the 5,000 units where “the real growth” is are in the south, but the focus is on the north. Councilman Murray said, “It’s not up to us to decide” where the growth is focused. He wants it to be clear that there need to be other tools used in addition to pulling back growth boundaries. **Bob Semmler**, chair of the Lady’s Island Plan steering committee, said they have “used some of those tools already” (e.g., at Greenheath). There are already PUDs there, but reducing the growth boundaries is “putting a sign out there,” he said. Councilman Murray said he’s in favor of that, but it’s a more complicated issue than just reducing the growth boundaries.

Page 9 – Councilman Murray said there has been a discussion about a “rising sea level overlay,” and he suggested that might be a way to reduce future growth, but he didn’t see that reflected in the plan. Mr. Merchant said it’s a possibility, but it would need to be a “countywide policy.” A large portion of the county is within a flood plain, he said, and that would have great impact on property owners, so he’s cautious about it. Mayor Keyserling said he feels anyone buying property should see that map and know that based on projections, “they’re taking a risk.” It would be similar to the disclosure for people buying properties in the AICUZ.

Councilman Murray suggested it would be better to not allow building in the flood plain because of “sea levels and their impact on our growth environment.”

Councilman Murray suggested that on the build-out map, it would make sense to put “green dots in the PUDs” to indicate the amount of density that is allowed there (e.g., Cat Island, Cane Island, Greenheath). Mr. Merchant said he thinks the map works, but that suggestion is “a different approach.”

Page 20 – Councilman Murray asked for clarity about text under the “City of Beaufort Comprehensive Plan and Civic Master Plan” heading. Mr. Merchant agreed that the

wording is awkward. Councilman Murray said the language confuses him. Mr. Semmler said they are focused on Lady's Island. Mr. Merchant said the "commercial corridor" reference is to the Sea Island Corridor.

Councilman Murray said he knows that the county has a greenway trail plan and that Stantec has a plan, so he asked how they relate. Mr. Semmler said there are maps of proposed biking and pedestrian trails, but they "won't all happen." Stantec came up with overlays of old ideas about bike paths, but "every time it's been refined more and more." He sees this as a subset of the Northern Regional Plan.

Mr. Merchant said he, city staff, and a county engineer looked at the recommendations and put together a composite picture that they built on for the Lady's Island Plan. Councilman Murray asked if there needs to be a completely new plan. Mr. Semmler said the plans work together, but on Meridian, for example, they don't know what it will look like yet; the plans are "all reinforcing" one another, and they don't want to take away the input of the engineers and the public as they create it. Councilman Murray said he understands that, but plan duplication "costs money." Mr. Merchant said the Civic Master Plan only looks at the center of Lady's Island, "along with the corridor study." Past efforts have offered "a glimpse of the possibly of pathways," but now they are "looking at this as part of the wider network."

Page 23 – Councilman Murray said on #9, in regard to the Beaufort County airport master plan update, the recommendation at the last meeting was to strike the language from the Lady's Island Plan about "no runway extension" being considered. It's covered in 3 places, and it's "a bit out of the scope of the plan," he said, plus there's some "double-speak" about it in a section further on.

Mr. Semmler said he doesn't think there's any contradiction at all. The plan talks about the airport 3 times, specifically the extension of the runway. The FAA has been very involved in what happens to the airport, he said. The extension of the runway into the marsh would require an acre of marsh. Other aspects of the airport plan are an "outstanding, good plan," Mr. Semmler said, but county and city plans all "talk about keeping our natural resources," and Lady's Island citizens always give input to "save our marshes." The reason not to extend the runway is to save the marsh, he said. The county has made it clear that "the big airport in Beaufort County" is on Hilton Head because of tourism.

The Lady's Island airport is an integral part of the history of Lady's Island, Mr. Semmler said, and it should be. The wording could be changed, he said; the county and **Jon Rimbaud**, Beaufort County airports director, have initiated a conversation with the FAA about what the language should be. The airport is "always going to be there," Mr. Semmler said, and extending the runway for net jets to come in hasn't been shown to do anything more to offer "an economic advantage."

Councilwoman Sutton said last week they had discussed taking out the word “never” in regard to the runway extension. Councilman Murray said he agrees with Mr. Semmler about the runway extension, but he’d “like to see some professional analysis.” Mr. Semmler said there are 1,000 pages of analysis. Councilman Murray said he thinks the runway extension is outside the scope of the Lady’s Island plan, and there are contradictions, so he recommends modifying the language. Mr. Merchant said he is working on that with Mr. Rimbaud. There should be more about the airport master plan, so Mr. Rimbaud is creating a summary, he said. Also, the recommendation is to work with aviation experts and elected officials if a runway extension is ever considered in the future, Mr. Merchant said.

Mayor Keyserling said he thinks this language is irrelevant and only “window dressing” because “that runway is never going to be extended.” In the past, he refused to support the FAA plan because of the runway. He feels “the marsh is going to be saved” because there would not be public support for extending the runway into the marsh. The pressure on the environment, moving Highway 21, and filling the marsh “are things of the past,” Mayor Keyserling said; there are other “much more important, real things” to do to save the marsh, and those should be addressed.

Page 25 – Councilman Murray said in the public priorities, he was surprised to see that “decent jobs weren’t listed in there.” Mr. Semmler said he was surprised too, but the genesis of the plan is coming from Lady’s Island citizens. Mr. Merchant said what’s in the plan is “what rose to the top” from the public.

Page 29 – #1 “integrated network of streets . . .” Councilman Murray said he thinks “some people are left out,” and he suggested adding “the sea islands.” Mr. Semmler said they had discussed “how far do we reach?” Lady’s Island has “a lot of different facets to it” and is “a gateway,” he said. Mr. Merchant said “Lady’s Island” is “inclusive of other islands”; they’re not excluding those other places, but are instead using Lady’s Island as an “umbrella” that includes the Sea Islands.

Mayor Keyserling said, as an example, during the Boundary Street project, the city got the most complaints about it from people in Burton, who were using it as a gateway into the city and were being slowed down by construction, so he thinks it “wouldn’t hurt to include” the sea islands in this language. Councilman Murray said it “leaves a large group of folks out” if they do not include the Sea Islands, so he suggested making “this small modification” to the language.

Page 30 – Councilman Cromer asked if there had been any consideration for including “aquifer recharge areas.” Mr. Merchant said that wasn’t addressed in this plan, but it’s included in the county’s Comprehensive Plan.

Page 32 – Councilman Murray referenced the italicized paragraph at the bottom of the page; he thinks it’s “a bit misleading” about the restriction of suburban growth by

reducing growth boundaries.

Page 33 – growth boundary map – Councilman Murray said he's fine with growth boundary reductions on the north end of the island and believes the city might favor "further reduction" of those growth boundaries, but city council has been very clear about wanting to close donut holes caused by "wonky annexations" made by previous councils, so in 2007 or 2008, the city annexed 6/8ths or 7/8ths of Distant Island. From Walmart to out to Distant Island "creates a bit of a donut hole for us," he said, and this plan "requests that we withdraw our growth boundaries from the Cowen Creek Bridge, just east of where the Walmart property is." Most of that property is extremely low, Councilman Murray said, and if a rising sea level overlay were put on it, "or we reduce the fill," as the plan recommends, "it would probably prohibit most of the growth . . . along that corridor anyway." He asked, if the city agreed not to upzone – and kept or reduced the density – if it were to annex those parcels at the property owners' request, if that be a reasonable compromise. Mr. Semmler said he personally thinks it would be, and if the city did that, he thinks "something like that could be worked out." Someone on the steering committee "lives on that boundary," he added.

Mr. Merchant said there are some property owners "just east of Wal-Mart," but the city hadn't taken action, he thought, pending the Lady's Island Plan. He thinks this issue is very important to many members of the steering committee. Also, county councilman **York Glover** held a meeting for members of the Eustis community, and there was overwhelming support for retracting that growth boundary.

Councilwoman Sutton said the Eustis community was told they would be paying "much more" in taxes than they pay in the county if they came into the city. Mayor Keyserling said after the hurricanes, the city "made a huge investment in helping to clean up the island," so if people expect city services, and there's a donut hole, it's only logical that it should be filled. There has not been any large residential annexation on Lady's Island, Mayor Keyserling said, only the filling of donut holes. The idea is to have commercial businesses on Lady's Island to keep residents from having to leave the island for that, which helps with traffic, he said.

Mr. Merchant said there has been a big expansion of the Lady's Island business district, and there's a concern among Lady's Island residents about the city "pushing up to Cowen Creek." He said retracting the growth boundary makes a clear policy statement "that we're not going to urbanize the rest of that corridor." He thinks retracting the boundary "sends a clear message" that they don't want to "sprawl all the way to that bridge."

Councilman Murray said he proposes that the city not withdraw its growth boundaries to the stoplight at Distant Island Drive, to allow Distant Island property owners to be annexed into the city if they choose to, with a commitment from the city that it "would try to match the existing county zoning and not upzone those parcels to allow any

greater density than what's currently allowed in the county." Mr. Merchant asked if this needs to be in the plan, or if the details should be worked out when they go to implementation. Mr. Semmler said they are still drafting the implementation plan for this, and city and county staffs could "get together and work on it" and implement that on their own, if they think this is the right approach. He feels Mr. Merchant's logic makes sense, as does Councilman Murray's statement in regard to donut holes.

Councilman Murray said the city doesn't force annexation, but if a property owner wants to be annexed, "and it closes a donut hole," he thinks it should be allowed.

Page 35 – Councilman Murray feels the map is inaccurate; the suburban neighborhoods "ought to be identified in the plan." He said, "Much of the northern part of Lady's Island is not rural. That ship has sailed." There are PUDs and existing neighborhoods there, which he pointed out. They are "suburban-level densities," he said, and they should be identified in that map. Mr. Merchant said this is not a Future Land Use map, and it doesn't have that effect. Councilman Murray said he understands that, but he thinks it "ought to have some respect for current land uses" and should show the areas that will continue to have suburban densities.

Mr. Merchant said this was something the steering committee worked on, and they "had to make compromises." Councilman Murray said this is "not a fatal flaw" in the plan, but if the public is reading the map, the suburban-level densities should be identified as such; Coosaw Point is not a rural area, for example.

Mr. Semmler said the idea of bringing down the growth boundaries was to "show that area." They know the developments such as Councilman Murray has pointed out are there, so he asked if they could "put a little line around" them. Councilman Murray said all of that area is not rural. He hopes the public will read the Lady's Island Plan, so there should be more clarity about this for the layperson.

Page 45 – Councilman Murray and Mr. Merchant discussed the densities in regard to sewer availability.

Page 49 – Mr. Merchant told Councilman Murray that this is an area where a wording change is proposed.

Page 49 – "packing sheds . . ." – Councilman Murray said he thinks this is a good concept, but he doesn't know how they protect them when they are public businesses. Mr. Merchant said the language is there to make sure that they are acknowledging "their use and importance."

Page 51 – regional and commercial principals – Councilman Murray asked who keeps track of existing development agreements at the county. Mr. Merchant said planning/community development monitors that. Some development agreements



“continually get re-upped,” he said, while others sunset, and “we take a step back from that.” There has been a policy in place to sunset PUDs that haven’t been used, Mr. Merchant said; it’s “never a very clean process.”

Councilman Murray said he thinks it’s a great recommendation, and he thinks it’s important that they have the tools to monitor them. He’s concerned that the Lady’s Island Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is not the appropriate body to address this. Mr. Merchant said it is the role of staff and elected officials. There might be opportunities for the CPC to weigh in on this, but “we see this as the job of staff” to monitor these.

Page 51, #3 – Councilman Murray said he favors a regulation limiting fill, and he’s “still baffled that we allowed Walmart to put in 28,000 loads of dirt,” so he thinks this is “a great recommendation.” He asked if there is waterfront property that has been filled or if that is allowed currently under city or county zoning. There’s another section that talks about limiting fill, which is not related to waterfront property, he said, so he asked about the connection between limiting fill and preserving “existing waterfront.” Neither the Taco Bell nor Walmart sites are waterfront, Councilman Murray added. Mr. Merchant said he thinks this is about avoiding the need for seawalls in low-lying areas, for example. Mr. Semmler said they are trying to protect themselves in the future, which is why it is in the plan.

Page 52 – Councilman Murray said he feels suburban densities should be identified here.

Page 53, #7 – Development will continue to occur in these areas, even if the growth boundaries are withdrawn, Councilman Murray said.

On #4 on page 53, Councilman Cromer asked about “utilizing all the tools and initiatives available to mitigate or prevent additional development” in rural areas of Lady’s Island, such as the Rural and Critical Land Preservation Program and the purchase of development rights. He asked how far they have gone toward “looking at the policies,” for example. Mr. Merchant said they have looked at the greenprint and “identified the area . . . covered by the AICUZ.” A lot of land has been purchased in that area, he said, and they have been approached about other parcels. They’re saying that this would be used to limit growth in that area, he said. Councilman Cromer asked if they have looked at a policy on fill dirt. Mr. Merchant said they would be looking at the policy for the whole county.

Page 55 – Councilman Murray suggested modifications.

Page 68 – Councilman Murray said of civic engagement, “we’re very *reactive* when it comes to development projects” (e.g., Whitehall and Walmart). He suggested that they look now at the tools and the parcels that are available “before there’s a project in the

hopper.” Mr. Semmler said they hope this plan will allow that.

Page 69 – “A better system is needed . . . consensus should not result in more complexity . . . or a longer review process” – Councilman Murray said he thinks this recommendation is “spot-on.”

Page 70 – “Improve public notice” – #2 – Councilman Murray said when a development application is filed with the city, it’s added online. He asked if the county is doing that. Mr. Merchant replied, “We’re working on” a comprehensive online permitting process. The county is probably a year out from full implementation, he said.

Page 71 – expanding the role of the Lady’s Island CPC – Councilman Murray agrees with “focusing on developments that require discretionary approval,” but he’s concerned that adding “a layer of review” contradicts the goal stated on page 69 of the plan. He thinks those reviews are covered by the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) and/or the Northern Regional Planning Implementation Committee.

Mr. Merchant said the county uses the CPC as a sounding board for map amendments and if there is a text change to a zoning district on Lady’s Island. They don’t want to encumber the process of permitting, so they are not talking about that, he said, but about rezoning applications. Mr. Semmler said there have been 2 or 3 cases where a developer came to the city or the county, and staff recommended they go to the CPC first.

Mr. Semmler explained how the CPC works and said he doesn’t feel this would “add another layer of bureaucracy.” Mr. Merchant said CPC review is “a courtesy,” and county staff uses it “to help guide our position.” It has meant a lighter workload for county staff, he added, and saved some developers headaches and application fees.

Councilman Murray said he thinks “a more formal process of appointing members” who “take the work seriously” and “participate on a regular basis” is important, but he’s troubled that staff would be “going to a review body and adding” a second or third “layer of review for the development community when it’s not required by ordinance,” so he’d “like to talk to some members of the development community to see how they feel about that process.” He has a lot of faith in the MPC and the Northern Regional Planning Implementation Committee to provide councils with guidance on many of these issues, so he asked if there’s a way to “give those bodies more . . . oversight of some of these issues without creating a whole separate regulatory layer” with the CPC.

Councilwoman Sutton said Councilman McFee was watching the proceeding from home via Facebook and had texted her to ask if the CPC is “just advisory.” Mr. Merchant said yes. An applicant can file a rezoning application and be heard by staff, the MPC, and elected officials, but the CPC is “a sounding board,” and it assists staff with citizen input on certain matters, he said.

Page 76 – “endorsement of this plan . . .” – Councilman Murray asked if the Lady’s Island Business and Professionals Association (LIBPA), Sea Island Corridor Coalition, and Coastal Conservation League “have formally adopted the plan.” Mr. Merchant said the groups would “endorse” the plan, not formally “adopt” it. “We did go to LIPBA,” he said, and **Kate Schaefer** of Coastal Conservation League is on the plan’s steering committee.

**Chuck Newton** said Sea Island Corridor Coalition has voted unanimously to endorse the plan. Ms. Schaefer said Coastal Conservation League doesn’t have “a formal endorsement process,” but it “will support and encourage the adoption of the plan.”

Page 77 – “establish implementation leadership . . .” – Councilman Murray said he thought this “could be a bit simplified.” He read the section and asked why it is necessary to establish an interim subcommittee for implementation, but then “as soon as the Community Preservation Committee is formalized,” the responsibility for implementation would be “transitioned to that group.” He asked if they couldn’t “just stand up the Community Preservation Committee and make them responsible for implementation,” or if “the Community Preservation Committee [is] the appropriate body for implementation.” Councilman Murray suggested “staff technical groups with other representatives from the local governments” would be “more appropriate, since most of the implementation will have to occur inside the political jurisdictions.”

Mr. Merchant agreed that this is “probably” an unnecessary “extra step.” Even after this is adopted, he said, “some group . . . would lay down the ground rules” for the CPC, and “once they’re in place,” the CPC would oversee implementation. “This is a lot of words,” he said, but it would be “a simple process.” The CPC would be staffed by county and city planning staff and would come up with a prioritization schedule for implementation, but the action of going to city council or county council would be the responsibility of the planning staffs.

Councilman Murray asked if, given that, it wouldn't be better to use the Northern Regional Planning Implementation Committee. Mr. Merchant said the idea is to have something that’s more unique to Lady’s Island; the Northern Regional Plan covers more of the county. Councilman Murray said he’s suggesting a subcommittee of the Northern Regional Planning Implementation Committee. Once the CPC is formed, he said, it would be responsible for implementation actions, but he thinks an Implementation Committee subcommittee would have “more teeth.” Mr. Merchant said the goal is to have “cheerleaders” for the Lady’s Island Plan, and the Northern Regional Planning Implementation Committee has a lot of other responsibilities.

Page 79 – “. . . implementation strategies for Phase 2 transportation projects,” including Lady’s Island Drive/Island Causeway and Lady’s Island Drive/Ribaut Road – Councilman Murray said there is “obviously . . . broad public concern about the road improvements” and how they are structured. He personally feels that the Lady’s Island Drive/Ribaut

Road intersection and “potentially even Lady’s Island Drive/Island Causeway are . . . higher priorities than some of the things identified in Phase 1,” so he thinks as part of ongoing processes with the county to identify how the road improvements “are going to roll out,” they should not put Lady’s Island Drive/Ribaut Road in Port Royal at “the bottom of the list” because it’s “a trouble spot.”

Page 79 – Councilman Murray asked if “require connections and new streets for major development and redevelopment projects” refers to making that a requirement for developers. Mr. Merchant said, in looking at the redevelopment of any land on Lady’s Island, they would look “for opportunities to connect to neighboring developments or providing through-streets, depending on the scale of development.”

Page 80 – “. . . funding sources, a local options gas tax” – Mr. Merchant said they have looked at things that could be enacted locally to provide funding sources for the plan, and some would have to be worked out with state officials. The gas tax is a “long shot,” he said, but others are “more attainable.”

Page 83 – modified growth boundaries – Councilman Murray said this is another place where he has issues with the language about growth boundaries.

Page 83 – policies and regulations to limit dirt fill – Councilman Murray suggested that this language should be used in the “preserving waterfront” sections discussed on previous pages of the plan.

Page 85 – Councilman Murray read under “Streetscape” that they should “ensure that the roadway improvements recommended in the Lady’s Island corridor study are designed . . . to not preclude additional improvements to the streetscape, including ensuring that adequate right-of-way is reserved.” The Beaufort Code requires that “everything [is] built right up on the street.” He said on page 43 of “your Village Center Principles,” there’s a suggestion that liner buildings be on the front of the lot, so there’s a conflict in the recommendations. Councilman Murray said there should be clarity about whether “you want build-to on the line” or to “ensure there’s adequate right-of-way being reserved.”

Page 85 – “Economic reuse” – In regard to creating economic incentives to attract developers to underutilized properties, Councilman Murray explained the differences in primary and secondary economic development; the focus of incentives needs to be on primary economic development. He said Lady’s Island residents want them to “tamp down on the development a little bit,” not create incentives to attract developers to develop more along the corridor.

Page 86 – Councilman Murray asked if they are really committed to updating the plan every 5 years, and if so, who would pay for that.

Page 89 – “Community Form” – Councilman Murray said, “Changing land use regulations and putting together a comprehensive plan on land use between 2 political jurisdictions is going to be more than ‘easy’ and more than ‘cheap’,” which he thinks should be reflected here on the costs, timeline, and degree of difficulty. Mr. Merchant said he thinks most of that work has been done with the city’s Beaufort Code and the county’s Community Development Code. Councilman Murray said he’d like to talk more about this later.

Appendix, page 1, bottom line – population projections – Councilman Murray asked if the study looked at the potential growth in population “in the rest of the Sea Islands.” Mr. Merchant said that was included in the traffic calculations. Councilman Murray said the majority of the projections focus on population and building potential, rather than on transportation impacts.

Mr. Semmler said, “Walmart has taken a tremendous amount of traffic off the roads, because people don’t have to cross the bridges,” which is an “unintentional benefit” of having Walmart there. Councilman Murray said his biggest concern “is getting everybody on and off of those bridges on a daily basis.” He agrees with the recommendation to “hold off on a third bridge right now,” and he would have liked that to have been addressed in greater depth in the plan.

Councilwoman Sutton said Councilman McFee had expressed concern that the CPC would be given “too much authority.” Also, she said, in regard to the growth boundaries, Councilman McFee feels it’s important that the areas “that aren’t really rural” are not designated that way.

Mayor Keyserling said he’d hold his comments until “council takes up the plan.”

Mr. Merchant said the goal for the plan is for the city and county to “both adopt the same document.” He asked if there is a general consensus on council about the changes that need to be made.

Mayor Keyserling said since the review process started, he’s been “thinking about all the plans we’ve done” in the city and county, as well as the Northern Regional Plan, which took 5 years to complete. Now that the Northern Regional Plan has been in place for more than 10 years, and as a member of the implementation committee, he feels he’s been “derelict” about “paying attention to moving it forward.” Expectations are created when plans are passed, he said, but “they’re not plans, they’re visions.” Mayor Keyserling said he needs to think about whether city council should approve “a resolution to support this vision,” because the Lady’s Island Plan is a vision “until implementation occurs,” when “it becomes a plan.” He said he’s “having a little bit of trouble calling this a plan,” which “creates an expectation” that “something’s going to happen.” Mayor Keyserling thinks the Lady’s Island Plan is a “necessary step,” and the work done on it is “fabulous,” but he owes the public “realistic expectations.”

Mr. Merchant said the steering committee has an expectation that this plan is going to the city and county for adoption, so if it's not a plan, he asked, "How do we get there?" Mayor Keyserling said city and county councils could "endorse the vision" and then "plug in the pieces."

Mr. Merchant said when the Northern Regional Plan was adopted after a year of work, the next two years were spent on the details of the plan. Councilman Murray said he wouldn't hold up the Lady's Island Plan for his "minor concerns." Historically, plans have been made and then shelved, he said, and he thinks Mayor Keyserling is saying that passing the Lady's Island Plan is "just the first step."

Councilman Murray said Mr. Merchant needs feedback on issues discussed tonight. Mr. Semmler said the Northern Regional Plan was written 10 years ago and requires review every 5 years, which hasn't been done. This plan is a subset of the Northern Regional Plan, he said, and all other plans were also reviewed as part of the process of coming up with the Lady's Island Plan. Mayor Keyserling said the city is prepared to participate in the process, but he "personally want[s] to see more accountability" and "a plan, rather than a vision."

A member of the public said citizens want to be more involved in this plan. Mayor Keyserling described what he has perceived as the public's involvement in the Lady's Island Plan.

**Veda Yohe** asked if there are two separate plans, with transportation being "something totally separate." Mayor Keyserling said, "The two plans are presumed to work together." This plan incorporates the transportation plan, he said, but the Stantec plan "could be changed if the public wants to be heard" on it.

Mr. Semmler said there are 11 priorities in the Stantec study, and there will be public hearings on each of those. The transportation study took a year or 18 months, he said, and then the work on the Lady's Island Plan began. There were numerous public meetings for that, Mr. Semmler said, and they were publicized.

**Robert DeTreville** said he had gone to those public meetings and had provided input, and he feels this planning is very important to residents and business owners on Lady's Island. He feels Boundary Street is "very difficult" now for people using it to get to businesses on Boundary Street. When Sea Island Parkway was widened, Mr. DeTreville's father gave the county 10 feet of his property, and Mr. DeTreville would like it back because now it "encumbers my business." Other businesses use the middle lane of Sea Island Parkway to get supplies to their businesses, he said, and they won't be able to do so if the middle lane is taken away.

Sunset Boulevard traffic has increased because of Oyster Bluff development, Mr.

DeTreville said, and if there is a roundabout there, with a light at Highway 802 and “undulating medians down Miller Avenue” to slow traffic, “people will take the cut-through on Sunset,” not stay on the roundabout. He said he is concerned about “shunting traffic through a purely residential area.”

Councilman Murray read a memo from the county about its “process for the roadway and the pathway development.” He said it would be critical for the public to provide feedback at those two community meetings. There is a conceptual plan now, he said, but there is also “reality.” The first iteration of the Boundary Street project was “vastly different” from “where we ended up,” so Councilman Murray encouraged the public to stay engaged with county engineering.

**Carol Ruff** said there's been a lot of talk about stakeholders having a voice in the process and how there have been “multiple meetings.” Many residents were present at those meetings, but “no one thought that taking a highway and diverting it into residential neighborhoods was a good idea.” Citizens gave their opinions about that, she said, “but it’s still happening.” Ms. Ruff said they’ve “all voiced our concerns,” especially if they will be directly affected. She feels the county might have to “buy up a lot of those residences” to use the residential neighborhoods for traffic. She believes “the problem is” the idea of a “walking village,” and “to fix that mistake,” they are doing it “on the backs of residences.”

Ms. Ruff feels the plans have been “terribly thought out.” Lady’s Island residents did not “miss the boat,” she said; they have been “coming to meetings for years.” She owns a business and a residence in this area, “so I’m getting hit twice.” What has been planned “is going to disrupt a lot of homes and businesses,” Ms. Ruff said.

Mayor Keyserling asked Ms. Ruff what she feels should be done. He said the city jumped into the transportation plan because it “lost the fight on Walmart,” for example, and it has invested its impact fees and “participated with the county.” The city is a small stakeholder, he said, but it participates because the city is “a part of Lady’s Island.” He asked how they can “stop a moving train.”

Ms. Ruff said the problem is that there are “a number of jurisdictions” involved on Lady’s Island. If the plan is to buy out residents to make a roundabout, that’s “fine,” she said, if “that’s what you need to do.”

Mayor Keyserling said the stakeholders opposing the transportation plan need to “go to every county council meeting” because the City of Beaufort is “not driving this.”

Councilman Murray said the commercial density in the corridor is a result of the number of rooftops on Lady’s Island, and the county has approved the densities.

Ms. Ruff said the village concept was **Libby Anderson’s**, so the city has participated “in

some of the stuff,” but “the consumers” on Lady’s Island aren’t “interested in finger-pointing.”

**Diana Rundquist** asked if there are opportunities to use “what we have,” such as “metering lights,” instead of “taking away the charm of our island.” She feels they haven’t looked at alternatives. Mayor Keyserling said SCDOT (South Carolina Department of Transportation) “owns those roads . . . and control[s] them,” so that department will have to review the plan and sign off on it. Ms. Rundquist suggested getting SCDOT to sign off on “something better,” using “what we have.”

Mayor Keyserling asked how Mr. Semmler would advise the Lady’s Island residents. Mr. Semmler told those present to keep going to all of the meetings and to keep telling those running them that “this isn’t what we want.” The engineers consider everything, including what they have talked about tonight, he said, so if the residents don’t want what is being discussed, they need to keep speaking out about that, including by writing letters.

Ms. Rundquist said it feels like no one except Lady’s Island residents wants to change anything in the plan.

Ms. Ruff asked if there’s a plan to have an urban planner and a landscape architect “involved in this design,” so **Rob McFee**’s office does not have “the final decision” on “what this is going to be.” She hopes that there will be involvement by “more than just the engineers.”

**Eric Greenway**, Beaufort County’s community development director, said, “We certainly hope so.” Engineers have a certain set of principles that they feel they need to go by, he said, while urban planners feel differently about the streetscapes than engineers do. “This is the first step of the process. The transportation elements” in the Lady’s Island Plan are not the “final say on what happens on Lady’s Island,” Mr. Greenway said.

Ms. Ruff said she had been told the roads were “a done deal.” Mr. Greenway said, “You’re dealing with plans,” and they can be changed. No one wants to do anything with transportation or planning on Lady’s Island that would be “detrimental to anyone’s quality of life,” he said. Before the detailed plans are developed, there needs to be public input on the transportation design elements, Mr. Greenway said. Ms. Ruff said residents are “a little weary of public input,” but they will “continue to show up” for meetings.

Mr. Greenway said he’s “done this for 25 years,” and “at no point” have planners “done anything that is detrimental to a neighborhood or a community.” There will be public input on the design of those corridors, he said. Mr. Greenway said he understands “early involvement,” but they are dealing with “concepts” now, and they’re “not at the design component,” which will be the time that residents and business owners need to



give their input.

Councilman Murray provided the example of the initial Boundary Street project; plans called for a roundabout and a parallel road. As the plan rolled out, they looked at many things, and the parallel road was taken off the plans until a later date, he said. There is an opportunity on Lady's Island for the public to be involved by talking about their concerns "from the time [plans] are conceptual to the time they are reality." Mr. Greenway said, "Minor tweaks are always an option" in the process.

Mr. Greenway encouraged the public to call or email the county's community development department with questions.

**Cindy O'Neal** asked if the recommendations in the traffic plan are what the engineers will go by. Mayor Keyserling said, "That's where they start," but that's not necessarily "exactly where they go." Ms. O'Neal said they are going to try to continue to funnel the traffic through the neighborhoods. She asked if they "will never be able to change that." Mayor Keyserling said, "Never say 'never'."

Mr. Greenway said plans were made based on public input at the time, but that can change. SCDOT listens to public input and "will modify things when it makes sense to do so," he said. The idea is to improve the quality of life on Lady's Island and manage the growth that's coming to "prevent drastic and very bleak decisions in the future." The steering committee for the Lady's Island Plan has created the best-case scenario for Lady's Island that could be done "based on the information that we have at this time," Mr. Greenway said. The planners for the city and the county are not the citizens' adversaries, and while the plan isn't perfect, he said, "it's probably the best we have at this point in time."

**Billy O'Neal** said they see the plans, and because of the referendum, there is \$30 million to implement the transportation plan, but property hasn't been acquired, etc. He asked how "we vote[d] on that [plan] when none of it's settled." Councilman Murray said the same way they did for the Boundary Street project, which got funding from various sources well before the plan was finalized. The \$30 million they have now for transportation improvements isn't all they will have, he said, but it's "a good start."

Mr. O'Neal asked if some of that money could be reallocated to some of the Phase 2 projects, which he feels "have more merit." Mr. Greenway said they're limited by state law concerning the referendum, so that might not be possible. Mr. O'Neal said the corridor plan is referenced, so it's been identified. Mr. Greenway said the referendum money is "just a start." Those funds could be leveraged for additional state and federal money to help to get to the Phase 2 projects, he said, and *that* money could be "adjusted and moved around."

Mr. O'Neal said the plan is to "rip up" existing trails and put down "new ones . . . just to

get a little strip of grass there,” which he thinks is a waste of money. Mr. Greenway said they might find out in the design phase that they could do this a different way. Mr. O’Neal said that would be changing the plan on which the referendum was based. Mayor Keyserling said “none of us voted on a specific plan.” An unidentified member of the public said the referendum that she voted on was not specific. Mr. Greenway said if it is a general referendum, “then it can be adjusted,” but not if it’s specific. Mayor Keyserling said it was “something like . . . ‘for road improvements to mitigate traffic.’”

The same unidentified member of the public said that at the public meetings, “the majority” of those present “were not for” the ideas that were being “put up on the board.”

Councilman Murray read the language of the referendum.

Ms. Rundquist asked who would be looking at alternatives to “direct traffic away from our neighborhoods.” Various people told her who would do that. Councilman Murray said they heard 2 years ago that the traffic was becoming a problem on Lady’s Island, so they’re trying to respond to the needs of Lady’s Island residents. The issue is a capacity problem and a finite amount of land, he said.

Councilman Murray recommended that those present closely read the Stantec report. He feels Lady’s Island residents need to look at capacity issues and at how much growth is predicted to occur. Everyone is open to input from the residents, he said; for example, staggered school start times are “an awesome idea.”

A member of the public asked if the engineers consider the effects of medians on businesses. Mr. Greenway said yes, they do, but they don’t look at “the impact on every single parcel” along the parkway. The transportation engineers’ job is to keep traffic moving along that corridor, he said. The more curb or median cuts there are, the more capacity is “eaten up,” but they do consider the effects on businesses, he said. When the plans are made is when the individual business owners can state how the design would affect their individual businesses, Mr. Greenway said, and there can be changes, as there were on the Boundary Street plans.

Mr. Greenway said people can come to public meetings to speak about their needs and their issues with the design. Consultants don’t know every individual property, which is why they hold public input meetings. The public will have that opportunity, he said, “when we know our design.”

Mayor Keyserling said as part of the Boundary Street project, one person met with every individual property owner, and they “did the best they could,” including moving a business to a better location. Some small businesses “were lost,” he said, but there’s already been more than \$20 million in investment on Boundary Street. Councilman Murray said it’s a much safer corridor now, and the raised medians are thought to have

“dramatically” lowered “the accident rate.”

**Chris Butler** said he would like the airport not to be noted in the Lady’s Island Plan. The “port project” has “lost some options” because of the length of the airport’s runway, he said. Since “the research wasn’t done for it,” he feels it shouldn’t be in the plan.

There being no further business to come before council, the work session adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

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A work session of Beaufort City Council was held on February 26, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Beaufort Municipal Complex, 1901 Boundary Street. In attendance were Mayor Billy Keyserling, Councilwoman Nan Sutton, Councilmen Stephen Murray and Phil Cromer, and Bill Prokop, city manager. Mike McFee had an excused absence.

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d) as amended, all local media were duly notified of the time, date, place, and agenda of this meeting.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Councilwoman Sutton called the work session to order at 5:00 p.m. [REDACTED] She said Mayor Keyserling would be late to tonight's council meetings.

### **EMPLOYEE NEW HIRE RECOGNITION**

**Kathy Todd** introduced **Shirleak Handfield**, an accounting clerk in the finance department.

Mr. Prokop introduced **Ed Saxon**, who introduced **Joe Mantua**, the new BJWSA general manager.

**Maxine Lutz** introduced **Heather Seifert**, the new executive director at Historic Beaufort Foundation (HBF).

### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CITY OF BEAUFORT ORDINANCES' MODIFICATION OR COMPLETE REPEAL** [REDACTED]

Mr. Prokop said staff is going through ordinances and bringing forward those that they believe are unnecessary. He referred to a handout and said in some cases, the state law has changed. For the purposes of the work session, the ordinances pertain to the police department, courts, and the city clerk's office.

On the "false reports issue," Councilman Cromer said state statute provides for the reimbursement of the costs to investigate those cases. It says that "the judge may require" reimbursement, and he wishes the judge *would* require it on false reports. He said there is nothing about false alarms with the fire department, but he would like to see the city get reimbursement of its costs to investigate false alarms "if they have to roll out."

On the noise ordinance revision that Mr. Prokop had pointed out, Councilman Murray said he is "okay with permission granted by the city manager," but he'd "also like to reserve the right for city council to grant the waiver if necessary," so he asked if it could read "city manager or city council." Mr. Prokop said, "Absolutely."

Police Chief **Matt Clancy** said one of the changes recommended is about the texting while driving ordinance; there is now a state law about that, so the city ordinance is

“not necessary or legal to have.” Some ordinances need to be removed because their constitutionality has been challenged by some jurisdictions, he said, so on the advice of **Bill Harvey**, city attorney, the department is proposing that these be taken out.

The city ordinance about alarms is “so antiquated,” Chief Clancy said, and there is an effort to “get a state law that would address the same thing.” Also, there is a very old law about people defending themselves from animal attacks, and the size of the property referred to in it is 25 acres, so they have modified it to a more appropriately sized acreage that people live on now, he said.

Councilman Murray asked if there is “a big issue with false alarms.” Chief Clancy said there are “some,” but officers have agreed that they have to take the calls, even if there have been prior false alarms. In the case of repeated false alarms, police would contact the property owner to recommend checking on it with their security alarm company. Many alarms do not go through dispatch now, but through people’s cell phones, he said.

Mr. Prokop said staff would bring these ordinances to council on a regular basis.

#### **FY 2020 BUDGET PROCESS SCHEDULE**

Ms. Todd said this starts next week, with departments beginning to build their budgets, then at the retreat, she and Mr. Prokop will be presenting that information and will get input from council about what they would like to see in next year’s budget.

The city manager’s recommended budget will be at the beginning of the series of presentations, Ms. Todd said, before the departments discuss their goals and requests. The public hearing and first and second readings on the budget will be in June, she said.

Ms. Todd said the revenue projections that come out during the retreat would help to steer department heads in their budgets. If salary and benefit growth is already at 2.5%, there is not much room for expenditure growth, she said. Mr. Prokop said they are looking at things like, if Public Works says it needs a new trailer, and the police department has one that it uses only twice a year, Public Works might be able to use it.

Mr. Prokop asked, after the Beaufort 2030 Future Lab, if they see things they haven’t seen before, how they could “build that in the plan” for the budget.

What departments would *like* to have and *must* have will be separated, Mr. Prokop said. Insurance costs are going up, which is “a big hit for us in one year,” he said. Also, the city has to be competitive on salaries and benefits; there have been no increases to medical for 4 years, he said, and staff is hoping that will happen again.

Councilman Cromer asked about workers’ comp insurance rates, and Ms. Todd said they are “good,” and going into 2020, they “should be at or below where we currently sit.” **Ivette Burgess** said staff is hoping that will remain the same this year.

Councilman Murray said he's glad to hear the long-term modeling is rolling out, and about the "cross-departmental collaboration" on budgets, with department heads "working together around the strategic goals."

Councilman Murray said the General Assembly and Municipal Association seem "confident and excited about the local government fund," and that there would be "some meaningful increase and commitment" to it. He asked if any estimates about what that might be have been provided to the city. Ms. Todd said the city "only gets a couple hundred-thousand dollars," from the fund, "so if it goes up 25%" from the current 75%, it would be "something, but it's not anything" to get excited about. It "would be a game-changer if" the assembly "fixed it," she said, but that's not the plan.

#### **CENSUS 2020 INFORMATION** SEP

Mr. Prokop said council's packets have key census dates in them. The biggest problem is that "most people don't trust" the census and are concerned about what will be done with the information, he said; also, some aren't honest about some of the information they give. The census staff has asked the city to promote the upcoming census on a regular basis, Mr. Prokop said, so they will do that. A census flier has been put on the website, and those will be changed each month.

Councilman Cromer asked if there is a population threshold for grant money. Ms. Todd said some HUD grants are based on population size. Councilman Murray said there are some transportation grants that depend on population size, too, which Beaufort may qualify for after the census, but the city will also probably have the population to require it to take part in "the MS4 permits," which is "the unfunded mandate . . . from the state" concerning stormwater.

Mr. Prokop said the military "bases are covered by a separate group of people," but people who live off-base are not counted among the base's numbers.

Councilman Murray said what local governments can do to help with the census will be to their benefit.

There being no further business to come before council, the work session was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to Title 30, Chapter 4, and Section 70 (a) (2) of the South Carolina Code of Law, **Councilman Murray made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cromer, to enter into Executive Session to receive advice about legal claims. The motion passed unanimously.**

A regular session of Beaufort City Council was held on February 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Beaufort Municipal Complex, 1901 Boundary Street. In attendance were Mayor Billy Keyserling, Councilwoman Nan Sutton, Councilmen Stephen Murray and Phil Cromer, and Bill Prokop, city manager. Mike McFee had an excused absence.

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d) as amended, all local media were duly notified of the time, date, place, and agenda of this meeting.

**Councilman Murray made a motion, second by Councilman Cromer, to adjourn the Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Keyserling called the regular council meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

#### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilman Cromer led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **CHARACTER EDUCATION PROCLAMATIONS**

**Councilman Murray made a motion, second by Councilman Cromer, to approve the proclamation of Mason Kirsch as the Beaufort Middle School student of the month. The motion passed unanimously.** Councilman Murray read the proclamation, and Mayor Keyserling presented it to Mr. Kirsch.

**Councilman Murray made a motion, second by Councilman Cromer, to approve the proclamation of Christian James as the Mossy Oaks Elementary School student of the month. The motion passed unanimously.** Councilman Murray read the proclamation, and Mayor Keyserling presented it to Mr. James.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING: 2019 NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

**Barbara Johnson**, affordable housing manager with Lowcountry Council of Governments, made a presentation about the 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The annual Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocation is \$20,234,514 for 2019. The main grant categories are community infrastructure, community enrichment, neighborhood revitalization, business development, and special projects, she said, and she described the projects under each, various deadlines, which projects fall under each grant, and the maximum and minimum amounts of funding that can be requested in each category. The city overall is 51.56% low- and moderate-income, Ms. Johnson said.

Ms. Johnson described CDBG performance thresholds (e.g., there can be no more than one “ready-to-go” project).

Ms. Johnson described the three objectives of the Beaufort County/Lowcountry

Regional Home Consortium. She said as well as the CDBG priority list, the city should give her a list of housing needs to be submitted to HUD by April 30, 2019.

### **MINUTES**

**Councilman Murray made a motion, second by Councilman Cromer, to approve the minutes of the council work session and regular meeting January 8, 2019. The motion to approve the minutes as submitted passed unanimously.**

**Councilman Murray made a motion, second by Councilman Cromer, to approve the minutes of the council work session and regular meeting January 22, 2019. The motion to approve the minutes as submitted passed unanimously.**

### **STREET CLOSURE REQUEST FROM BEAUFORT COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER FOR A PORTION OF THE 900 BLOCK OF NEWCASTLE STREET FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL "DECORATION DAY" EVENT AT THE WASHINGTON STREET PARK PLAYGROUND**

**Councilman Murray made a motion, second by Councilman Cromer, to approve the request for the May 27, 2019 event. Linda Roper said this is the second annual event; it was well-attended last year. Fred Washington said it was in June, and it was "extremely hot," so this year, they are having it on Decoration Day. It will be even better this year, he feels. The vision is to eventually have the Decoration Day celebration be like it was "in the beginning," with activities on different streets in the Northwest Quadrant, Mr. Washington said. The motion passed unanimously.**

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### **AUTHORIZATION ALLOWING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH SAFE HARBOR MARINAS FOR THE DOWNTOWN MARINA LEASE** **[L] [SEP]**

**Councilman Murray made a motion, second by Councilman Cromer, to approve the authorization.** Mr. Prokop said this is for a lease of the marina. Nothing is being sold, he said. To find a new operator, the city "followed the usual process." He named the people on the selection committee and said two companies submitted, with Safe Harbor coming "to the top of the pile." Council would authorize Mr. Prokop to negotiate a contract with Safe Harbor, he said.

The city received a reference for Safe Harbor from the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, which Mr. Prokop shared. He said he had also talked to the president of Brewer Marinas, which has 27 marinas, including "at least 4 . . . in Charleston." The manager of the Charleston marinas said their business is up because of working with Safe Harbor, Mr. Prokop said, and they now have more than \$4 million in additional investment.

Mr. Prokop said, "We think this is an outstanding company," plus Safe Harbor would put up its own money to finance investment in the city's marina.

Mr. Prokop explained that they have been discussing a 3-year, a 7-year, and a 10-year lease, but Safe Harbor would "have to meet the measurements that are put out."



Mayor Keyserling asked about the role of a harbormaster. Mr. Prokop said that was one purpose of his call to Charleston about its marinas, which do not have harbormasters, but they do have a marine patrol in the Charleston police department. He said the harbormaster role is considered “passé” there. The City of Beaufort is looking at having the Department of Natural Resources come to Beaufort “to train our people to be proper enforcers on the water,” Mr. Prokop said, with “more activity on the water” with “our own boat and our own control.”

Councilman Murray said the harbormaster’s role has been more for management of the day dock and the mooring fields. Mr. Prokop said that would be part of the contract with Safe Harbor, which would manage both.

Councilman Murray asked if there could be a city council work session with the operator, so council and the public could meet them after the contract is finalized. Mr. Prokop said yes.

**Alan Dechovitz** said he believes that the right marina operator would “bring higher-dollar tourism,” and Safe Harbor Marinas would bring “substantial” capital investment; the “free cash flow” might enable the city to pursue the next phase of the Sasaki Plan. Mr. Dechovitz added that **Rick Griffin** has been a good partner to the city.

**Mike Sutton** said the marina is a city-owned asset, and this is an opportunity to reinvest in the downtown marina. Safe Harbor is the only operator that presented a plan to invest in the marina. The numbers will be “much different than we’re used to,” with Safe Harbor operating it, he said, but “it’s not a cash cow.” Not a lot may happen in the 3-year “discovery phase,” but if it hasn’t happened within the 7-year “execution phase,” the city needs to have an exit plan, Mr. Sutton said.

Safe Harbor is not interested in the marina parking lot or in “vertical construction,” Mr. Sutton said, only in the marina itself. The city manager will have to figure out the cost to the city and the return, he said, adding that the city would need to build the bigger fuel system that is needed.

If money is made at the marina, Mr. Sutton said, the city would need to know how to spend those profits. He suggested questions for Safe Harbor about things that “are going to come up,” and said council should be prepared for those. This is the only operator that has the credentials to “put the infrastructure back together,” Mr. Sutton concluded.

**Lisa Sundrla**, Beaufort Area Hospitality Association (BAHA), said the organization is very excited about Safe Harbor, which is committed to long-term growth. BAHA feels that Safe Harbor sees an opportunity for reinvestment in the downtown marina, and with its “long track record,” Safe Harbor would “bring new and innovative opportunities” for the marina and would sustain it “as a part of our community.”

Mr. Prokop said if the lease is finalized, Safe Harbor has committed to creating a special fund for Beaufort Pride of Place. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN BEAUFORT JASPER WATER SEWER AUTHORITY (BJWSA) AND THE CITY OF BEAUFORT FOR CREDITS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE** <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

**Councilman Murray made a motion, second by Councilman Cromer, to approve the authorization.** Mr. Prokop said, unlike other jurisdictions, the City of Beaufort has never had an agreement to utilize CDBG credits “when we’ve had them,” and this is a 5-year agreement to “build up credits toward infrastructure improvements in the future.” **The motion passed unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SPANISH MOSS TRAIL DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR** <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

**Councilman Cromer made a motion, second by Councilman Murray, to approve the resolution.** Louis Rabinowitz, 2106 Bay Street, said he must be “late to the party on this thing.” An article about the connector in *The Island News* said people have been working on this project for a year, he said, but he had “just heard about it last week.”

Mr. Rabinowitz shared a story about a 10-day “street blockage on Bay Street,” about which he’d called City Hall to ask “what was going on.” They didn’t know, so he called 2 councilmen, and the second, Councilman Murray, said he’d get the city manager involved. The city manager came to Mr. Rabinowitz’s door “10 minutes” later, and told him that Bay Street “belongs to the state,” so he “didn’t have any idea” what was happening with the work being done on it.

Mr. Rabinowitz said Bay Street belongs to the state, but the right-of-way across Bay Street from his house is mowed by the city; there is a sidewalk on his side of Bay Street, so the city does not mow it.

Mr. Rabinowitz said when a neighbor asked him about the “rumor” that the Spanish Moss Trail is “going to come down Bay Street” and “go into the business district,” Mr. Rabinowitz replied that he didn’t know about that. The neighbor pointed out that there was surveying going on, and 2 days later, Mr. Rabinowitz read in *The Island News* that “they were looking for . . . a name for this thing that’s going in front of my house,” but no one had talked to Mr. Rabinowitz or his neighbors about it.

Mr. Rabinowitz said that whatever happens on Bay Street affects 5 residences, including his. Each house only has one entrance and one exit, so “whatever you’re planning to do affects us,” he said. Emergency services come down Bay Street, and he doesn’t know if the connector would affect that; UPS, FEDEX, garbage, and recycling all use the right-of-way, so they might be affected, too, Mr. Rabinowitz said. The 5 residences are “the only ones” that would be “affected by this thing,” and at least 3 of them haven’t been spoken to, so “it’s like a secret,” he said.

Mr. Rabinowitz asked what a resolution means and how Bay Street residents are notified about what is happening there, adding that he hasn't read about it in the *Beaufort Gazette*. He feels the connector would have more of an effect on him and his neighbors than residences elsewhere on the Spanish Moss Trail experienced.

Mayor Keyserling expressed the city's gratitude to the Friends of the Spanish Moss Trail, who brought the trail to the community. The city has put little money into the trail, he said, and it has worked on its maintenance with Beaufort County. He explained why the connector was proposed. Representatives from Friends of the Spanish Moss Trail have met with council 3 or 4 times, he said, and have explained what they are proposing. One day, Mayor Keyserling said, the Spanish Moss Trail will be as important to the city as Waterfront Park is, and it will bring opportunities for health and fitness to the community and visitors.

Mayor Keyserling asked **Dean Moss** to provide an update on the connector. Councilman Murray said first, he would like to explain his response to Mr. Rabinowitz's call about the Bay Street closure, which had surprised him. Since then, the city has worked with South Carolina Department of Transportation and its partners and contractors to let city council and staff know when there are street closures, he said. Mayor Keyserling added, "We get surprised by these things very often." Mr. Rabinowitz said that closure "was done by BJWSA."

Mr. Moss apologized to Mr. Rabinowitz and any other property owners with whom the Friends of the Spanish Moss Trail have not yet spoken, but it's still "very, very early in this process," and the Friends "are dedicated to that disclosure." The proposal would put a 10' sidewalk along state highway right-of-way adjacent to Depot Road and Bay Street, from the Depot trailhead to Beaufort Elementary School, he said. There are questions about how to move from the school to downtown, so no decision on a route has been made yet, Mr. Moss said. Before that decision could be made, they need the surveyors' work to know where utilities, trees, etc. are, and he would be likely to bring options to council at that time, he said, to determine "the proper alignment and location of a trail."

This would be "the city's trail," Mr. Moss said, so the Friends wouldn't pursue it if the city doesn't want it. They have not raised funds yet, so they don't know how much support might be available. He said the city has said a number of times that it doesn't have money to put into this connector, so if it proceeds, finding the funds "presents a challenge to us all."

Mr. Moss said all that's been done is presenting an initial concept and obtaining survey information, and "no promises" have been made. He knows there are a lot of concerns about trees and other things, but nothing that is done would affect the trees. Parking is a concern, and the Friends' objective is to retain as many parking spaces as they can on

the trail side of Bay Street. Nothing will happen on this project at all until city council is ready to have it happen, Mr. Moss said.

Councilman Cromer asked when Mr. Moss expected the surveying to be finished. Mr. Moss said he expects it is already done. The city will see the survey, he believes, in March; it will be a useful and “very complete data set . . . for many purposes.”

Councilman Murray said he supports the idea of the connector, and he has been open about his concerns about the connector’s route and cost. He thought property owners had been notified along the potential project’s corridor, so he asked that the Friends be sure to do that. This is not “a done deal,” he said, and council is not in agreement about the plans; he doesn’t believe the Friends of the Spanish Moss Trail are firm about anything yet, either.

Councilman Murray said he was tagged on social media, asking about the *Lowcountry Weekly* article, which made the connector sound like it was a done deal. Staff and council were not notified about the naming contest, he said. Out of 50+ comments on social media about the connector, Councilman Murray didn’t see any that were positive, which he found “a bit shocking.” He supports the resolution because it provides documentation to the Friends for their fundraising efforts, but there is concern about the view shed, parking, and trees along the connector route.

Councilwoman Sutton said she read all the social media comments and was shocked that none of them were positive. She “would love a connector,” but having read those comments, she feels “we’re going to have to be very careful.” People were very worried about the trees, for example. Councilwoman Sutton asked if there would be another opportunity to “get a larger group of public comment” on the connector.

Mayor Keyserling said social media has lead people to believe there’s a plan for the connector when there’s not. The resolution is meant to help the Friends of the Spanish Moss Trail raise money, but “we’re so far away from that.” He supports the resolution with the same caveat Councilman Murray made about financial commitment. Council has always supported cycling and connectivity, he said, “but this is not a plan”; it is “a stage in a query.” Mr. Moss heard council’s concerns at the meetings he’s attended, Mayor Keyserling said, and council didn’t discourage the surveying, which would show “what fits” on Bay Street.

The next step is to see “what’s there,” Mayor Keyserling said, and then a refined concept will be next, followed by a plan for funding, and engaging engineers for design, if it comes to that. Social media has people thinking that the city is “trying to sneak something by,” he said, but he doesn’t “think the alarms should be going off.” There will have to be a planning process, and “it would have to go through SCDOT,” Mayor Keyserling said, and there are many other steps, including whether the Friends can raise the money. He added that he would be voting to support “exploring the opportunity”

tonight.

Mr. Rabinowitz asked what a resolution is and how many readings a resolution has. He was told there is one reading. He then asked about “the notification of 5 families” on Bay Street, which would be “more affected by this than anybody else.” He knows the connector “is going to change my life,” because it will “affect how I get out of” and into “my yard,” and how “others get into my yard.” Mayor Keyserling said council or Friends of the Spanish Moss Trail wouldn't affect his ingress and egress; SCDOT, which “owns a good bit of right-of-way,” would be the only ones who would affect that.

Councilman Murray asked the Friends to assist the city with notifying property owners “moving forward.” He asked Mr. Moss about “next steps.” Mr. Moss said when the survey is complete, the PATH Foundation will draw up “much more detailed concepts for . . . our consideration,” though they would not be as detailed as engineering drawings. Mr. Moss thinks he might come to council in April or May for a work session, and he'll bring those drawings for a discussion. The public can discuss the drawings then, he said.

Councilwoman Sutton asked if they are just surveying Bay Street or if they're including any “inside streets for an inside path.” Mr. Moss said their instructions were to survey only Bay Street. He told Councilman Murray that he doesn't know if the survey goes “below The Bluff” because a path there would be more expensive and more complicated. “The least impactful solution . . . is to stay effectively on the street,” Mr. Moss said.

Mayor Keyserling said the Friends' website and the city's will have notice of any discussions or “action items,” which are also sent to the *Beaufort Gazette*. The photo and some information in the article in *Lowcountry Weekly* were “premature,” he said.

Ms. Sundrla said Mr. Moss had made a presentation to the BAHA board of directors, which then sent a letter supporting the concept to city council. The association continues to support this concept, she said, and hopes council will continue to move forward with it.

Mr. Sutton said he's hearing that the plan “requires a 10' swath of concrete.” He feels the public will be “enraged” by this “concept,” so council should stop this now, instead of letting the Friends go forward before council hears from the public about its “outrage” over “this 10' sidewalk” on Bay Street. This would “forever change the look of” The Bluff, he said. Mr. Sutton is seeing Beaufort change “one little piece at a time,” and this connector would “affect us all, and we may be sorry for it.” Other things could be done besides “a super-highway walk-path for cyclists and joggers,” he said.

Mayor Keyserling said he feels differently than Mr. Sutton, but he is supporting “the exploration.” He hopes there will be support for connectivity, and there would be

alternatives presented to “what we saw on social media.” He would like other options to be explored that are “less intrusive and less expensive.” Mayor Keyserling said council is “not surrendering the alternatives” by voting for this resolution.

Councilman Murray said he appreciated Mr. Sutton’s comments, but they surprised him because of Mr. Sutton’s work when he was on city council. Additionally, he said, this is “probably the third hour of public debate on the connector,” and council has been very candid about its concerns with the project. There is a long way to go before this connector happens, Councilman Murray said, and the resolution doesn’t commit council to anything; it allows public debate and allows Friends to go out and seek private funds for the connector.

Councilman Cromer said he supports connectivity, too. In the resolution, he would like numbers 3 and 4 under “NOW THEREFORE” to be “pulled out.” Councilman Murray said he’d support that amendment. **Councilman Cromer made a motion to amend, striking numbers 3 and 4 from this section of the resolution. Councilman Murray seconded the motion.** Mr. Moss said if it’s “more comforting” to council to remove those, it would not affect the Friends “ability to do what we’ve got to do.”

**The amendment passed unanimously. The amended motion passed unanimously.**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH MCSWEENEY ENGINEERS FOR REPAIR OF PILINGS AT WATERFRONT PARK** <sup>[11]</sup> <sub>SEP</sub>

**Councilman Murray made a motion, second by Councilman Cromer, to approve the authorization.** Ms. Todd said this is for engineering for the repair of the remaining pilings in Waterfront Park. An RFQ (request for qualifications) went out for an engineering firm, and two proposals were received. The review committee, which Ms. Todd described, reviewed the proposals and “firmly recommends McSweeney Engineering,” which is the most experienced firm and the most familiar with the pilings at Waterfront Park. There will be an RFP put out for the design and construction of the pilings, she said.

Councilman Murray said the contract isn’t in council’s packets, and they have not had a chance to review it, so he would not vote to approve it.

Councilman Cromer asked Ms. Todd if this is for work on the remaining pilings, and Ms. Todd said yes; they have “already done the other ones.”

Councilman Murray explained his “issue” to Mayor Keyserling, who had needed to step out of the room. **Councilman Murray withdrew his motion and Councilman Cromer his second. Councilman Murray made a motion to table this authorization until council has seen the contracts. Councilman Cromer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **FY 2019 BUDGET AMENDMENT #1**

**Councilman Murray made a motion, second by Councilman Cromer, to approve the amendment on first reading.** <sup>[11]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>Ms. Todd said this amendment is to record the

following activity relating to grants that the City of Beaufort did and did not receive:

1. The city received an \$11,280 Firehouse Subs grant, and this records the expenditure and revenue related to that grant.
2. The city also received a federal grant for stabilization of The Arsenal, so this increases the revenue line by \$13,249.85.
3. The Highway Safety Traffic Officer grant was included in the 2019 budget, but the grant wasn't received, so this records a decrease of \$60,000.
4. The city received \$32,963.70 from the state for the portion of funding for Hurricane Irma expenses that was not received from FEMA, and this records that revenue.
5. This records a \$5,132.10 decrease to revenue for a federal grant for bulletproof vests.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Prokop said 94 individuals attended one or both of the Beaufort 2030 Future Labs. Data from the labs will be incorporated into the city's strategic plan.

Tomorrow at 12:00 p.m., there will be an update on the Mossy Oaks stormwater project in council chambers, Mr. Prokop said. The public is welcome to attend. Public Works has started on stormwater projects outside of Mossy Oaks, particularly at Azalea Drive, he said, which should be completed by April 1.

The city council retreat will be held March 11 and 12 at the St. Helena library, Mr. Prokop said. It will be live streamed and open to the public.

Mr. Prokop thanked the police department for the arrests for "the most serious crimes we've had in our city in the last few years." He read a letter that Chief Clancy received from the attorney general after a visit.

Police cars are parked at the empty Piggly Wiggly because the US attorney general's office is using Beaufort as a training center, Mr. Prokop said.

A replica of the Santa Maria – the ship that Christopher Columbus sailed in – will be at the marina in Waterfront Park from March 29 to April 7, Mr. Prokop said.

Mr. Prokop said Fire Station #4 has officially had a "soft opening." There will be a grand opening at a later date when "the sewer's hooked up." He complimented the Beaufort/Port Royal firefighters, especially for the good they do in the community, in addition to delivering emergency services. For example, when only one child showed up

to an autistic boy's birthday party, the fire department picked him up at school and threw him a party, for which Mr. Prokop thanked them.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Keyserling said the United Community Task Force had a fundraiser for "the kids' program," with **Guy Davis** donating two-thirds of his fee back to the organization. Residents of the Old Commons and Northwest Quadrant showed up to support the program, he said.

Mayor Keyserling said he was late to the council meeting because he had hosted a fundraiser at his home for the South Carolina Environmental Law project, which is the firm representing the City of Beaufort and 15 other municipalities and small businesses against seismic testing on the South Carolina coast. He has seen polling showing that 72% of the people in the state now oppose seismic testing.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilman Cromer said First Friday is this Friday, and it's the event's fifth anniversary.

Councilman Murray thanked Mr. Prokop and staff for the Future Lab and noted the success of the Beaufort Film Festival.

Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) has set priorities, Councilman Murray said, and the executive director will come to the Redevelopment Commission to discuss what the EDC is doing with economic development.

Councilman Murray said Friday is "Co-working at the Corridor," and the public is invited to come to Beaufort Digital Corridor to work in the space for free.

In response to Councilman Murray's earlier comment about his surprise at Mr. Sutton's opposition to the Spanish Moss Trail connector on Bay Street, Mr. Sutton said he wanted to list publicly some of the things that were done during his tenure on city council, which included the purchase of the commerce park, burying power lines, building City Hall, the police department building, and fire stations, the institution of a stormwater fee, and spending \$2 million to improve housing in the city's poorest neighborhood.

**There being no further business to come before council, Councilman Cromer made a motion, second by Councilman Murray, to adjourn the regular council meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.**





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## CITY OF BEAUFORT

### DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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**TO:** CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** 3/21/2019  
**FROM:** Kathy Todd, Finance Director  
**AGENDA ITEM**  
**TITLE:** FY 2019 Budget Amendment #2 - 2nd Reading  
**MEETING**  
**DATE:** 3/26/2019  
**DEPARTMENT:** City Clerk

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Description	Type	Upload Date
FY19 Budget	Cover Memo	3/21/2019

**Revised Project Budget for Greenlawn Streetscape Project**  
**March 12, 2019**

<b>Uses</b>	
Engineering	
Ward Edwards	\$ 17,027.50
ICE - Design	114,950.59
ICE - CEI	111,040.62
Construction RFP	
CDBG - North	889,106.70
Non CDBG - South	1,259,889.30
Total Construction	<u>2,148,996.00</u>
Contingency	322,349.40
Grant Administration	45,000.00
	<u>\$ 2,759,364.11</u>
<b>Sources</b>	
CDBG	\$ 500,000.00
TIF II, budgeted	1,200,000.00
	<u>\$ 1,700,000.00</u>
Shortfall (Uses > Sources)	<u>\$ 1,059,364.11</u>



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## CITY OF BEAUFORT

### DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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**TO:** CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** 3/18/2019  
**FROM:** Linda Roper, Downtown Operations & Community Service  
**AGENDA ITEM** Co-Sponsorship request for use of Waterfront Park from Agape Hospice Care for Life  
**TITLE:** Blooms Eternally event on Thursday, May 9, 2019  
**MEETING**  
**DATE:** 3/26/2019  
**DEPARTMENT:** City Clerk

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life blooms eternal event may 9 2019	Cover Memo	3/18/2019



**CITY OF BEAUFORT**  
**WATERFRONT PARK APPLICATION**

1901 Boundary Street

Phone: 843-525-7084

Fax: 843-986-5606

Name of Event: <u>Life Blooms Eternally</u>	Date(s) of Event: <u>May 9, 2019</u> Setup start/end time: <u>9:00am - 10:00am</u> Actual event start/end time: <u>10:00am - 2:00pm</u> Take down start/end time: <u>2:00pm - 3:00pm</u>
Organization/Individual Name: <u>Agapé Senior Foundation</u> <u>Agapé Hospice</u>	Address: <u>1800 Paris Avenue</u> <u>Port Royal SC 29135</u> Telephone: <u>843-473-6204</u> Email: <u>ekuhne@agapehospice.com</u>

- Completed application must be received and approved by the Events Coordinator, Linda Roper.
- Full receipt of deposit must be received to ensure securing your requested date for rental of the Waterfront Park.
- Deposits are refundable provided the venue is returned in the same condition it was received.

Please mail completed application to:

City of Beaufort, Attn: Linda Roper, 1901 Boundary Street, Beaufort, SC 29902, or

scan and email to [lroper@cityofbeaufort.org](mailto:lroper@cityofbeaufort.org).

All private events must follow the Special/Private Events Policy. To discuss specifics of the desired event, you must contact the Events Coordinator at 843-525-7084.

Is event open to the public? Yes

Will admission be charged or donation required? No

Will alcoholic beverages be sold? No Served? No

Will food be sold? No Served? No

Will there be any retail sales? No

Number of people expected to attend: 25-50

The Waterfront Park venue is rentable in sections with a 4, 6, or 12-hour limit of any chosen park area or areas. Set up and take down time needs to be factored into your chosen block of time. **NO exceptions will be made.**

Fee payment due no less than 30 days prior to event.

Fill out by circling cost(s) in blocks of time desired for area(s) of interest including electrical needs.

WATERFRONT PARK RENTAL RATES FOR PRIVATE EVENTS			
Park Area	<u>4 HR Block</u>	<u>6 HR Block</u>	<u>12 HR Block</u>
Farmers Market	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00	
Contemplative Garden	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00	
Pavilion	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00	
Green 1	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00	
Green 2	\$ 450.00	\$ 750.00	
Electric Fee	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00	
Entire Park			\$2,200.00
Deposit	\$ 500.00	\$ 800.00	\$1,100.00

See this link <http://www.cityofbeaufort.org/group-events-business-license.aspx> to obtain a group business license application for vendors.

Comments:

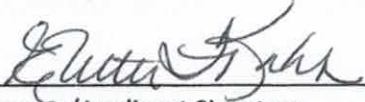
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 Lessee/Applicant Signature

3-12-19  
 Date

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Events Coordinator – Linda Roper

Date Application Received

Deposit Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Fees Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit to be Refunded: \_\_\_\_\_



Name of Event Life Blooms Eternally

Date of Event: May 9, 2019

Contact person: Ewerette Kuhn

Telephone: 843-441-3986

	Yes	No
<i>Are you a "For Profit" entity?</i>		**
<i>Is this a fund raising event?</i>		✓
<i>Is this event open to the public?</i>	✓	
<i>Is there a required fee / donation to attend this event?</i>		✓
<i>Are you requesting more than two (2) park areas for this event?</i>		✓
<i>Will there be any type of "sales" for this event?</i>		✓
<i>Will this event require more than four (4) hours (includes setup &amp; take down)?</i>	✓	
<i>Will alcohol be sold / served?</i>		✓

**Request for waivers/co-sponsorship of events must be approved by City Council prior to the event.**

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_



March 10, 2019

Mrs. Linda Roper  
The City of Beaufort  
Beaufort, South Carolina 29902

Re: Co-Sponsorship

Dear Linda:

Agape Hospice respectfully requests that the City of Beaufort co-sponsor with us the use of the Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park for our upcoming annual event, Life Blooms Eternally on May 9, 2019.

The mission of Agape Hospice is to provide comprehensive end-of-life care to individuals and their families in a compassionate, faith-based and dignified environment. Our values reflect the qualities described in the nine fruits of the Spirit --- love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Life Blooms Eternally is our signature annual event during which we strive to raise awareness for hospice care throughout the Beaufort Community. Life Blooms Eternally is a display of floral umbrellas which serve as a memorial for patients who passed away while under hospice care over the last year.

We appreciate the support the City of Beaufort has shown Agape Hospice and the families we serve through your past co-sponsorship of Life Blooms Eternally.

Thank you for your consideration again this year.

Sincerely,

Everette F. Kuhn  
Agape Hospice



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## CITY OF BEAUFORT

### DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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**TO:** CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** 3/18/2019  
**FROM:** Linda Roper, Downtown Operations & Community Service  
**AGENDA ITEM** Co-Sponsorship request for use of Waterfront Park from Hopeful Horizon for Take  
**TITLE:** Back the Night event on Friday, April 26, 2019  
**MEETING**  
**DATE:** 3/26/2019  
**DEPARTMENT:** City Clerk

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*BACKGROUND INFORMATION:*

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*PLACED ON AGENDA FOR:*

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*REMARKS:*

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
take back the night 2019 co sponsor	Cover Memo	3/18/2019





## CITY OF BEAUFORT WATERFRONT PARK APPLICATION

1911 Boundary Street

Phone: 843-525-6348 Fax: 843-986-5606

Name of Event: Take Back the Night	Setup Date & Time: 4/26/2019, 4 pm_____ Take Down Date & Time: 4/26/2019, 8pm____
Individual/Organization Name: Hopeful Horizons	Address: 1212 Charles Street, Beaufort, SC 29902 Telephone: 843-524-2256_____ Email: laceyt@hopefulhorizons.org_____
Designated Lessee Name, Phone Number and Email: Theresa Lacey, 843-379-6174, laceyt@hopefulhorizons.org	

Completed application must be received and approved by the Events Coordinator, Linda Roper. Full receipt of deposit must be received to ensure securing your requested date for rental of the Waterfront Park. Deposits are refundable provided the venue is returned in the same condition it was received.

Please mail completed application to City of Beaufort, Attn: Eliza Hill, 1911 Boundary Street, Beaufort, SC 29902, or scan and email to lroper@cityofbeaufort.org.

All private events must follow the Special/Private Events Policy. You must call the Events Coordinator at 843-525-6348 to discuss specifics of the desired event.

Is event open to the public? \_yes\_\_\_\_\_

Will admission be charged or donation required? \_no\_\_\_\_\_

Will alcoholic beverages be sold? \_\_no\_\_\_\_\_ Served? \_no\_\_\_\_\_

Will food be sold? \_no\_\_\_\_\_ Served? \_no\_\_\_\_\_

Will there be any retail sales? \_no\_\_\_\_\_

Number of people expected to attend: \_50-75\_\_\_\_\_

The Waterfront Park venue is rentable in sections with a 4, 6, or 12-hour limit of any chosen park area or areas. Set up and take down time to be factored into your chosen block of time. NO exceptions will be made.

**Fee payment due no less than 30 days prior to event.**

<b>WATERFRONT PARK RENTAL RATES FOR PRIVATE EVENTS</b>			
<u>Park Area</u>	<u>4 HR Block</u>	<u>6 HR Block</u>	<u>Entire Park 12 HR Block</u>
Contemplative Garden	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00	\$2,200.00
Pavilion	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00	
Green 1	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00	
Green 2	\$ 450.00	\$ 750.00	
Electric Fee	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00	
Deposit	\$ 500.00	\$ 800.00	\$1,100.00

**Indicate block of time and area or areas of interested desired by circling each.**

See this link <http://www.cityofbeaufort.org/group-events-business-license.aspx> to obtain a group business license application for vendors.

Comments:

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 Theresa M Lacey  
 Lessee/Applicant Signature

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 1/30/2019  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Events Coordinator

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Received

Deposit Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Fees Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Refundable Deposit: \_\_\_\_\_





# Hopeful Horizons

843.524.2256 | P.O. Box 1775 | Beaufort, SC 29901 | [www.hopefulhorizons.org](http://www.hopefulhorizons.org)

March 7, 2019

City of Beaufort  
City Council  
Beaufort, SC 29902

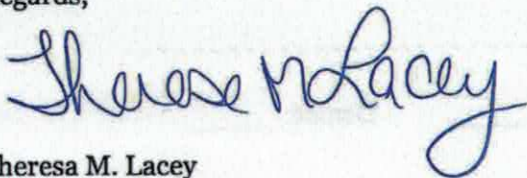
Dear Council Members:

In 2017 Hopeful Horizons served 2,452 victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and child abuse. These individuals received counseling services, forensic interviews, shelter, transitional housing, and/or legal services at no cost. We are grateful to have the opportunity to serve so many, but we also know that there are others who suffer in silence as they are unaware of the lifesaving services available to them. Our community partners are invaluable in spreading the word and we appreciate all that they do to support us.

Each April, in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Hopeful Horizons presents "Take Back the Night" to raise awareness of sexual assault and our services, and to empower survivors in our community. In the past, the Council has graciously acknowledged our non-profit status and the importance of the issue. We are, once again, respectfully requesting your support in the form of co-sponsorship.

We look forward to partnering once again and seeing you in Waterfront Park on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Regards,



Theresa M. Lacey  
Community Educator  
Hopeful Horizons



NATIONAL  
CHILDREN'S  
ALLIANCE

ACCREDITED  
MEMBER



**CITY OF BEAUFORT  
WATERFRONT PARK APPLICATION**

1901 Boundary Street

Phone: 843-525-7084

Fax: 843-986-5606

Name of Event: <u>Annual Easter Sunrise Service</u>	Date(s) of Event: <u>April 21, 2019</u> Setup start/end time: <u>6:00 A.M. - 7:00 A.M.</u> Actual event start/end time: <u>7:00 A.M. - 8:00 A.M.</u> Take down start/end time: <u>8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.</u>
Organization/Individual Name: <u>First Scots Presbyterian Church of Beaufort</u>	Address: <u>P.O Box 1774, Beaufort, 29901</u> Telephone: <u>843-593-0176</u> Email: <u>sklazinga@firstscotsbeaufort.org</u>

- Completed application must be received and approved by the Events Coordinator, Linda Roper.
- Full receipt of deposit must be received to ensure securing your requested date for rental of the Waterfront Park.
- Deposits are refundable provided the venue is returned in the same condition it was received.

Please mail completed application to:

City of Beaufort, Attn: Linda Roper, 1901 Boundary Street, Beaufort, SC 29902, or

scan and email to [lroper@cityofbeaufort.org](mailto:lroper@cityofbeaufort.org).

All private events must follow the Special/Private Events Policy. To discuss specifics of the desired event, you must contact the Events Coordinator at 843-525-7084.

Is event open to the public? Yes.

Will admission be charged or donation required? No.

Will alcoholic beverages be sold? No. Served? No.

Will food be sold? No. Served? Yes.

Will there be any retail sales? No.

Number of people expected to attend: 400



The Waterfront Park venue is rentable in sections with a 4, 6, or 12-hour limit of any chosen park area or areas. Set up and take down time needs to be factored into your chosen block of time. **NO exceptions will be made.**

**Fee payment due no less than 30 days prior to event.**

**Fill out by circling cost(s) in blocks of time desired for area(s) of interest including electrical needs.**

WATERFRONT PARK RENTAL RATES FOR PRIVATE EVENTS			
Park Area	<u>4 HR Block</u>	<u>6 HR Block</u>	<u>12 HR Block</u>
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Entire Park			\$2,200.00
Deposit	\$ 500.00	\$ 800.00	\$1,100.00

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Comments:

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Sarah G. Klazinga  
Lessee/Applicant Signature

3-11-2019  
Date

-----Below this line for City use-----

Events Coordinator – Linda Roper

Date      Application      Received

Deposit Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Fees Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit to be Refunded: \_\_\_\_\_



First Scots Presbyterian Church  
Post Office Box 1774  
Beaufort, South Carolina 29901

City of Beaufort  
1901 Boundary Street  
Beaufort, South Carolina 29902

March 4, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

First African Baptist Church and First Scots Presbyterian Church are excited to host our annual community Easter Sunrise Service again this year in the historic Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park. The event will last from 7-8AM and will include singing, prayer, and a message. The event is open to the public, and there is no charge for entrance, and nothing will be available for purchase.

As we have since 2014, we humbly request co-sponsorship by the Beaufort City Council in order to help offset the cost. We will be very happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you so much for all that you do!

Sincerely,  
Alex D. Mark  
Pastor, First Scots Presbyterian Church





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## CITY OF BEAUFORT

### DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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**TO:** CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** 3/19/2019  
**FROM:** Linda Roper, Downtown Operations & Community Service  
**AGENDA ITEM** Request for street closures from Downtown Beaufort Merchants Association - First  
**TITLE:** Friday Events: April 5, 2019, June 7, 2019 and September 6, 2019  
**MEETING**  
**DATE:** 3/26/2019  
**DEPARTMENT:** City Clerk

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*BACKGROUND INFORMATION:*

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*PLACED ON AGENDA FOR:*

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*REMARKS:*

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Type	Upload Date
street closure first friday	Cover Memo	3/19/2019



# CITY OF BEAUFORT

## MEMORANDUM

TO: William Prokop, City Manager  
City Council

FROM: Linda Roper, Dir. Downtown Operations & Community Service

DATE: March 19, 2019

SUBJECT: Request for Street Closures for Downtown Beaufort Merchants Association - First Friday Events: April 5, 2019, June 7, 2019 and September 6, 2019

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On behalf of the Downtown Beaufort Merchants Association, we request permission to close a portion of the streets detailed below, from 4:00 PM to 8:30 PM on Friday, April 5, June 7, and September 6, 2019 to allow for set-up and removal of entertainment activities for September's First *Friday Event*. The theme of the events for 2019 are *Spring Fling & Art Walk*, (April 5<sup>th</sup>), *Dads and Dudes*, (June 7<sup>th</sup>), and *Football in the South*, (September 7<sup>th</sup>). There will be several activities and events each of these months scheduled on Bay street and along both West and Scott streets up to the point of closure.

The details of the closing beginning at 4:00 PM to clear traffic and parked vehicles from street included in the closures includes:

- Bay Street from Charles to Carteret, West Street and Scott Streets from Port Republic to Bay St.

Additionally, we are requesting the City Co-sponsor this event by providing at no cost, Police, Fire and Public Works services needed to provide a safe and successful event.



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## CITY OF BEAUFORT

### DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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**TO:** CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** 3/15/2019  
**FROM:** Ivette Burgess, City Clerk  
**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** Request for street closure from the Memorial Day Committee to host annual Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 27, 2019  
**MEETING DATE:** 3/26/2019  
**DEPARTMENT:** City Clerk

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*BACKGROUND INFORMATION:*

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*PLACED ON AGENDA FOR:*

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*REMARKS:*

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Type	Upload Date
memorial day parade request	Cover Memo	3/18/2019



## PUBLIC ASSEMBLY AND PARADE APPLICATION

City of Beaufort – City Manager's Office (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
1911 Boundary Street, Beaufort, South Carolina, 29902  
p. (843) 525-7070 / f. (843) 986-5606 | [www.cityofbeaufort.org](http://www.cityofbeaufort.org)  
To be filed **NOT LESS** than 30 days before event

Please Check One: ☐ Public Assembly Request ☒ Parade Request

Name of Applicant: Elijah Washington

Address: P.O. Box 2088 Beaufort, SC 29901 Phone # 843-263-4620

Name of Sponsoring Organization: Memorial Day Committee

Address: P.O. Box 1961 Beaufort, SC 29901

**PUBLIC ASSEMBLY: \$25.00 non-refundable application fee is applied when 50 or more in attendance**

Date of Public Assembly: \_\_\_\_\_ Time Assemble will begin: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Assembly Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Public Assembly (including description of activities): \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Recording Equipment, sound amplification equipment, banners, signs, or other devices to be used: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARADE: \$25.00 non-refundable application fee is payable when the application is submitted**

Date of Parade: 5/27/19

Time Parade Will Begin: 10:00 AM Parade will Terminate: 11:30 AM

Time Parade Line-Up Begins: 9:00 AM Location(s) of Line-Up Area(s): Rogers & Boundary Streets

Route Proposed (Giving Starting & Termination Points): Rogers & Boundary → Carteret

→ Bay → Bladen → Rogers & Boundary

Approximate Number of Persons, Animals & Vehicles Constituting Parade: \_\_\_\_\_

2-300

Parade Will Occupy All of the Width of the Streets to be Traversed yes

Parade Will Occupy Only a Portion of the Width of the Streets to be Traversed \_\_\_\_\_

Interval of Space between Units in Parade: 5-6 feet

**NOTE: IF THE PARADE IS DESIGNED TO BE HELD BY AND ON BEHALF OF OR FOR ANY PERSON OTHER THAN THE APPLICANT, THE APPLICANT FOR SUCH PERMIT SHALL FILE A LETTER FROM THAT PERSON WITH THE CITY MANAGER AUTHORIZING THE APPLICANT TO APPLY FOR THE PERMIT ON HIS BEHALF.**

Signature of Applicant: [Signature] Date: 3/1/19

**OFFICE USE ONLY:** Application Received By: H. Cruz Date Received: 3/1/19 Receipt #: 121687

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Good Morning Ivette,

On behalf of the Historic Beaufort Foundation, I would like to put in a request for extension of the noise ordinance from 10PM until 11pm on the night of May 11th. We will be hosting our Annual Historic Beaufort Foundation Soiree, at Tidalholm. This event will be open to the public, through ticket purchases.

Please let me know anything else you need, and anything else we can do to assist in this request.

2019 Chair

Patrick Cunningham

843-252-2068



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## CITY OF BEAUFORT

### DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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**TO:** CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** 3/19/2019  
**FROM:** Bill Prokop, City Manager  
**AGENDA ITEM**  
**TITLE:** Resolution to support participation in the 2020 Census  
**MEETING**  
**DATE:** 3/26/2019  
**DEPARTMENT:** City Clerk

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*BACKGROUND INFORMATION:*

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*PLACED ON AGENDA FOR:*

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*REMARKS:*

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Type	Upload Date
Resolution	Backup Material	3/20/2019



## **RESOLUTION**

### **RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PARTICIPATION IN THE 2020 CENSUS**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Census Bureau is required by Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution to conduct an accurate count of the population every ten years; and.

**WHEREAS**, census data also helps determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and is used in the redistricting of state legislatures, county boards of supervisors and city councils; and

**WHEREAS**, the decennial census is a huge undertaking that requires cross-sector collaboration and partnership in order to achieve a complete and accurate count; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Census Bureau is facing several challenges with the 2020 Census, which include declining response rates, technology changes, and fiscal constraints, thus supports from local government is critical; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Beaufort, in partnership with other local governments, the State, businesses, and community organizations, is committed to ensuring every resident is counted; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, the census will be available online and residents are encouraged to participate;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina, recognizes the importance of the 2020 Census and supports participation in helping to ensure a complete, fair, and accurate count.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Beaufort to be affixed this 26th day of March 2019.

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BILLY KEYSERLING, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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IVETTE BURGESS, CITY CLERK



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## CITY OF BEAUFORT

### DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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**TO:** CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** 3/21/2019  
**FROM:** Kathy Todd, Finance Director  
**AGENDA ITEM**  
**TITLE:** 2019 CDBG Community Development Priority Needs Staff Recommendations  
**MEETING**  
**DATE:** 3/26/2019  
**DEPARTMENT:** City Clerk

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***BACKGROUND INFORMATION:***

CDBG-Community Development Block Grant

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***PLACED ON AGENDA FOR:***

***REMARKS:***

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Type	Upload Date
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## **2019 CDBG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY NEEDS**

1. Housing programs—housing repair for low-and moderate-income homeowners and for rental units occupied by low- and moderate-income renters; programs to promote new affordable rental housing; program and policies to promote homeownership for low- and moderate-income households; and incentives to promote affordable infill housing.
2. Drainage improvements in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, including flood control and stormwater retention ponds.
3. Improvements to public recreation facilities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons.
4. Streetscape improvements in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, to include Duke III Streetscape (Bladen Street to Ribaut Road), Pigeon point, Northwest Quadrant, the Old Commons and Point Neighborhoods.



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## CITY OF BEAUFORT

### DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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**TO:** CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** 3/22/2019  
**FROM:**  
**AGENDA ITEM** Amending Part 9 Chapter 1 of the City Code of Ordinances to repeal Sections 9-1002  
**TITLE:** and 9-1003 - 1st Reading  
**MEETING** 3/26/2019  
**DATE:**  
**DEPARTMENT:** City Clerk

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***BACKGROUND INFORMATION:***

Repeal of this Ordinance was discussed at the February 26, 2019 Worksession.

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***PLACED ON AGENDA FOR:***

***REMARKS:***

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Type	Upload Date
Ordinance	Backup Material	3/22/2019

# ORDINANCE

Amending Part 9 Chapter 1 of the City Code of Ordinances to repeal Sections 9-1002 and 9-1003.

WHEREAS, Section 9-1002, making it unlawful to loiter, loaf or sleep in any public gathering place, and Section 9-1003, making it unlawful to sleep in a vehicle, were enacted at a time when jurisprudence permitted the regulation of such activities; and,

WHEREAS, more recent court decisions have raised serious constitutional concerns about the regulation of such activities; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of these judicial rulings City law enforcement officials have not been prosecuting charges under these City ordinances; and,

WHEREAS, it is therefore proper for the City to remove such activities from the unlawful activities prescribed by the City Code; and,

WHEREAS, City Council believes such repeal and removal is in the best interest of the City and its citizens.

NOW THEREFOR, be it ordained by the City Council of Beaufort, South Carolina, in council duly assembled and by the authority of the same, that Sections 9-1002 (Loitering, Loafing or Sleeping), and 9-1003 (Camping in vehicles) shall be and are hereby repealed and removed from the City Code of Ordinances.

The Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

(SEAL)

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
BILLY KEYSERLING, MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
IVETTE BURGESS CITY CLERK

1<sup>st</sup> Reading \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Adoption \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
WILLIAM B. HARVEY, III, CITY ATTORNEY