

City Council Synopsis, May 11, 2023

Mayor Sessions called the meeting to order at 6:30PM, May 11, 2023. Those in attendance were Brian West, Monty Parks, Nancy DeVetter, Barry Brown, Jay Burke and Spec Hosti. Also attending were Michelle Owens, Assistant City Manager; Bubba Hughes, City Attorney; Tracy O'Connell, City Attorney, George Shaw, Planning and Zoning and Jan LeViner, Clerk of Council. Dr. Gillen was excused.

Opening Ceremonies

Call to Order

Invocation: Jan LeViner, Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance

Monty Parks made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss litigation, personnel and real estate. **Spec Hosti** seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Monty Parks made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. **Brian West** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Barry Brown made a motion to return to Regular Session. **Brian West** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Call to Order

Mayor Sessions added the following to the Consent Agenda:

- 2023-772 Resilience Plan Consultant - Recommend SLR International Corporation
- Agenda Request: Entertainment License: Mi Vida, 1315 Butler Ave, Unit B, Acoustic Guitar - No Amplifier
- Agenda Request: Tybee Market Enterprise- Alcohol License Request: Beer/Wine-Package Sales; Sunday Sales. (Formerly Tybee Market Inc dba IGA).
- Budget Amendment: Purchase additional safety and protective gear for all police officer and fire/ems personnel

Recognitions and Proclamations

- **Janice Elliott, American Legion Auxiliary, Poppy Day** and Proclamation
- **Holly Grell-Lawe**, Historic Preservation Proclamation
- **Jane Coslick**, Historic Preservation for Tybee Island, Proclamation

Citizens to be Heard

- Pat Leiby and Sarah Jones: Black History Trail

Spec Hosti made a motion to approve the consent agenda. **Brian West** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Public Hearings

- **Site Plan Approval 1601 Butler Avenue, Add brick fence around property, Walt Freeman petitioner. Monty Parks** made a motion to approve. **Spec Hosti** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.
- **Plan Approval, 104 17th Street, Addition of three (3) Townhomes to 5. Site Existing Property/Structure, Walt Freeman petitioner. Monty Parks** made a motion to approve. **Nancy DeVetter** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.
- **Site Plan Approval, 115 and 1109 East US Highway 80, Increase Parking via adjacent lot, Chris Smith, Zunzibar. Monty Parks** made a motion to approve. **Barry Brown** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

- **Site Plan Approval, 301 1st Street, Adding character statues in front of ice cream and golf cart/bicycle rental shop. Liran Portal Petitioner. Brian West** made a motion to deny. **Jay Burke** seconded. Voting in favor were Brian West, Monty Parks, Nancy DeVetter, Barry Brown and Spec Hosti. Voting against was Spec Hosti. Motion to deny, 5-1.

Jay Burke recused.

- **First Reading, 2023-13, Text Amendment, Ability to apply for an STR permit for applicants holding a building permit at time of adoption of Moratorium. Barry Brown** made a motion to deny. **Monty Parks** seconded. Voting in favor to deny were Monty Parks, Nancy DeVetter and Barry Brown. Those voting against were Spec Hosti and Brian West. Motion to deny, 3-2.
- **First Reading 2023-14, Ability to apply for an STR permit for applicants holding a building permit at the time of moratorium after public hearings. Monty Parks** made a motion to deny. **Nancy DeVetter** seconded. Voting in favor to deny were Monty Parks, Nancy DeVetter and Barry Brown. Those voting against were Spec Hosti and Brian West. Motion to deny, 3-2.
- **First Reading, 2023-15A, Ability to obtain an STR permit for applicants holding a building permit for new construction or extensive renovations at the time of adoption of the moratorium without public hearings. Spec Hosti** made a motion to approve. **Brian West** seconded. Voting in favor were Brian West, Monty Parks and Spec Hosti. Voting against were Nancy DeVetter and Barry Brown. Motion to approve 3-2.
- **First Reading, 2023-15B, Ability to obtain an STR permit for applicants holding a building permit for new construction at the time of the moratorium. Brian West** made a motion to deny. **Monty Parks** seconded. Vote was unanimous to deny, 5-0.
- **First Reading 2023-16, Ability to obtain an STR permit for applicants who did not own property or have a building permit with public hearing. Barry Brown** made a motion to deny. **Monty Parks** seconded. Vote was unanimous to deny, 5-0.
- **First Reading, 2023-17, Ability to obtain an STR permit for applicants who did not own property or have a building permit before moratorium without public hearings. Barry Brown** made a motion to deny. **Monty Parks** seconded. Voting in favor to deny were Barry Brown, Monty Parks and Nancy DeVetter. Voting against were Brian West and Spec Hosti. Motion to deny, 3-2.

Jay Burke returned to the meeting.

Consideration of Ordinances, Resolutions

- **Resolution, 2023-07, Public Safety Emergencies relating to Events. Barry Brown** made a motion to approve. **Spec Hosti** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.
- **Second Reading, 2023-09, Section 3-090. Elevator Requirements. Spec Hosti** made a motion to approve. **Jay Burke** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.
- **Second Reading: 2023-10, Sec 2-010, Change of Setback Definition to Allow for Elevators. Monty Parks** made a motion to approve. **Spec Hosti** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.
- **Second Reading: 2023-21, Sec 58-179, Fees. Nancy DeVetter** made a motion to approve. **Spec Hosti** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.
- **Second Reading: 2023-22, GMEBS-R: City of Tybee Island Defined Benefit Retirement Plan Amendment Ordinance with Adoption. Monty Parks** made a motion to approve. **Brian West** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Council, Officials and City Attorney Considerations and Comments

- **Jay Burke, Performance/Status of City Manager. No Action Taken.**

Spec Hosti made a motion to adjourn. **Monty Parks** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38PM

Janet LeViner, MMC
Clerk of Council