

City Council Synopsis, November 12, 2020

Consideration of Items for Consent Agenda

Mayor Sessions called the Consent Agenda to order at 6:30PM. Those present were Jay Burke, Monty Parks, John Branigin, Barry Brown, Nancy DeVetter and Spec Hosti. Also attending were Dr. Shawn Gillen, City Manager; Bubba Hughes, City Attorney; Tracy O'Connell, Assistant City Attorney; George Shaw, Director, Community Development; and Janet LeViner, Clerk of Council.

Mayor Sessions listed the following items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes, City Council Meeting October 22, 2020
- Notes, City Council Workshop October 29, 2020
- Approval of itemized list of budget amendments to the 2021 City budget to include specific explanations for the budget amendments. In total, the general fund budget expenditures will increase \$562,055.
- Professional Services Agreement with Goodwyn Mill and Cawood, Inc.
- Approval of contract with the Coastal Regional Commission to provide technical assistance and planning services
- The current Human Resources Director will be retiring at the end of the year. After a review of the service delivery options we are recommending we make a change to our structure. Through expanded use of services of our health insurance brokerage firm BKS Partners, shifting of work tasks from HR to Finance, and shifting training to Cornerstone training we can reduce the role of our staff from a department director to a technician level. The position will report directly to the City Manager and be part of the City Manager budget. This will result in an overall budgetary reduction. The exact amount of the reduction will depend on the salary of the new staff person
- Non-Award of ITB 2020-755, Memorial Pavilion due to budget constraints

Mayor Sessions called the regular meeting to order. All those present for the consent agenda were present.

Opening Ceremonies

- Call to Order
- Invocation: Jan LeViner, Clerk
- Pledge of Allegiance

Citizens to be Heard.

- Jenny Orr: Proposed Noise and Alcohol Restrictions
- Eric Thomas: Proposed Noise and Alcohol Restrictions
- John Kohn: Promenade/South-end Restrooms
- Michael Hogan: Proposed Noise and Alcohol Restrictions
- Andy Davis: Proposed Alcohol Restrictions
- Ernest Hutson: Proposed Alcohol Restrictions
- Shawna Lewis: Proposed Alcohol Restrictions
- Mike Vaquer: Proposed Alcohol Restrictions
- Brian West: Proposed Alcohol Restrictions
- Roger Huff: Proposed Noise and Alcohol Restrictions
- Keith Gay: Proposed Noise Ordinance and Promenade/South-end Restrooms
- Benjamin Fisk: Proposed Alcohol Restrictions
- Joe Sheffield: Proposed Alcohol Restrictions
- Jan Myer: Proposed Noise and Alcohol Restrictions
- Jim Vandenberg: Promenade/South-end Restrooms

- James Lucas: Proposed Alcohol Restrictions
- Madelyn Williams: Proposed Alcohol Restrictions
- Cyrus Bacon: Proposed Alcohol Restrictions

Barry Brown made a motion to approve the consent agenda. **Monty Parks** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Public Hearings

Text Amendment: Sec. 3-190 Swimming pool requirements. **Monty Parks** made a motion to approve with the caveat this requirement would only apply to initial fill. **Jay Burke** seconded. Voting in favor were Nancy DeVetter, Jay Burke, Monty Parks and Barry Brown. Voting against were Spec Hosti and John Branigin. Vote was 4-2 to approve.

Consideration of Bids, Contracts, Agreements and Expenditures

Approval of award of contract subject to contract approval for south-end bathrooms with Johnson Laux Construction. The purpose of this project is to construction restrooms, changing rooms, and showers on the south end per the Strand Promenade Master Plan. **John Branigin** made a motion to approve with the stipulation the City Manager and Staff work to minimize the view issues to the extent it does not cause a significant increase in the cost of the project. **Monty Parks** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve.

Consideration of Ordinances, Resolutions

Second Reading, 2020-20, Noise Ordinance. **John Branigin** made a motion to send to the Public Safety Committee for their recommendations. **Nancy DeVetter** seconded. **Discussion: Mr. Hughes** recommended there be a motion to deny second reading as proposed and then make an alternative motion to send to the Public Safety Committee. **John Branigin** rescinded his motion. **Nancy DeVetter** accepted his rescinding of the motion. **John Branigin** made a motion to deny the Noise Ordinance as presented in second reading. **Monty Parks** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0. **John Branigin** made a motion to charge the Public Safety Committee with crafting a cleaner more understandable version of a revised Noise Ordinance that clearly separates commercial and residential enforcement with a decibel standard to remain for commercial and a clearly audible standard for residential. **Monty Parks** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Second Reading, 2020-21, Alcohol Restrictions (Address discussion at workshop for a committee to be formed). **Jay Burke** recused himself. **Spec Hosti** made a motion to reject the second reading of the Alcohol Restrictions. **John Branigin** seconded. **Discussion: Ms. DeVetter** recommended this would be sent to the Committee to review the issues. **Spec Hosti** amended his motion to move forward with forming a Committee to review the issue. **John Branigin** accepted is amendment. Vote was unanimous to approve, 5-0. **Nancy DeVetter** made to motion to appoint the ten (10) members as presented by the City Manager to the Committee as to follow the schedule as proposed. **Monty Parks** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 5-0. **Monty Parks** made a motion to reserve one spot at the table for Council to decide upon, eleven (11) members. **Nancy DeVetter** seconded. Voting in favor were Monty Parks and Nancy DeVetter. Voting against were Barry Brown, Spec Hosti and John Branigin. Motion failed 2-3.

Jay Burke returned to the meeting.

Second Reading, 2020-22, Tree Permit Required, Sec 7-040. **Monty Parks** made a motion to approve. **Nancy DeVetter** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Resolution, 2020-15, Authorizing Adoption of the Chatham County Multi-Jurisdictional Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan. Monty Parks made a motion to approve. **John Branigin** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Council, Officials and City Attorney Considerations and Comments

Bubba Hughes: Discussion Only: 2020-24, Amendment, By the Drink Licensing to require Liability Insurance, Sec 6-48. Discussion, move to the Committee.

Shawn Gillen: Zones/Ordinance on the Beach. No action taken.

Shawn Gillen: Discussion of STVR online Registration Fee Payments. Spec Hosti made a motion for the City to absorb the credit card fees for one year. **Monty Parks** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Monty Parks made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discussion Litigation, Real Estate and Personnel. **John Branigin** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve.

Monty Parks made a motion to adjourn to Regular Session. **Barry Brown** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Barry Brown made a motion to adjourn. **John Branigin** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45PM.

Janet R. LeViner, MMC
Clerk