



MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 2020
9:00 A.M. – WORKSHOP MEETING – TED C. COLLINS LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER
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 **Roll Call.**

Present: Mayor Brenda Bethune, Michael Chestnut, Mike Lowder, Gregg Smith, Jackie Hatley, John Krajc.
Absent/Excused: Philip N. Render.

CALL TO ORDER.....9:01 A.M. Workshop

 **Motion:** To Enter Closed Session for a personnel matter, **Moved by** Mike Lowder, **Seconded by** Jackie Hatley.


 **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Mayor Brenda Bethune, Michael Chestnut, Mike Lowder, Gregg Smith, Jackie Hatley, John Krajc.

Absent: Philip N. Render.

9:04 A.M.

 **Motion:** Exit Closed Session, **Moved by** Mike Lowder, **Seconded by** Jackie Hatley.

 **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Mayor Brenda Bethune, Michael Chestnut, Mike Lowder, Gregg Smith, Jackie Hatley, John Krajc.

Absent: Philip N. Render.

9:13 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER.....10:01 A.M.


INVOCATION.....Councilman Lowder


PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.....Councilman Lowder

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.....

CONTINUED:

Resolution R2020-43 to grant a special event permit to Palmetto Event Productions, Inc. for the ‘Myrtle Beach Food Truck Festival - 2020’ on November 21-22, 2020, and affirming the City’s co-sponsorship.


 **Motion:** To Approve Amended Agenda, Moved by Jackie Hatley, Seconded by Michael Chestnut.


 **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 6).

Yes: Mayor Brenda Bethune, Michael Chestnut, Mike Lowder, Gregg Smith, Jackie Hatley, John Krajc.


Absent: Philip N. Render.


APPROVAL OF MINUTES.....September 22, 2020

 **Motion:** Approve, Moved by Michael Chestnut, Seconded by Mike Lowder.

 Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 6).
Yes: Mayor Brenda Bethune, Michael Chestnut, Mike Lowder, Gregg Smith, Jackie Hatley, John Krajc.
Absent: Philip N. Render.

APPROVAL OF WORKSHOP MINUTES.....October 1, 2020

 **Motion:** To Approve, **Moved by** Jackie Hatley, **Seconded by** Mike Lowder.

 **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).


Yes: Mayor Brenda Bethune, Michael Chestnut, Mike Lowder, Gregg Smith, Jackie Hatley, John Krajc.


Absent: Philip N. Render.


 Councilman Render is now present.


PUBLIC REQUESTS, PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, MEMORIALS:

1. Downtown Theater Update – Jim Hubbard, LS3P

 Lauren Clever expresses excitement regarding the improvement progress of the Arts & Innovation District. Current progress includes three separate buildings on Main St., the former Broadway Theater, J&J Drug, and The Helen Mates Store.


 Jim Hubbard introduces the LS3P design team, Troy Rhoem and Melissa Watness. States that process is currently at completion of design development phase at this point and beginning design development budget, reviewing historic tax credits opportunities to seek. Mr. Rhoem states that the hope is that the theater will be complete by the end of 2022. Ms. Watness reviews plan and perspectives for the theater.

 Coastal Carolina representative expresses appreciation to be included in process and is excited for the project overall.


 Carolyn Mates Waters, daughter of Helen Mates, also expressed appreciation to be included in process and maintain the historical aspects. Ms. Waters sates that her mother was very involved with The Myrtle Beach Playhouse as the costume director for all the plays. Ms. Waters states that she has playbills that she is going to give when that point is reached.

2. Proclamation declaring the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

 Mark Kruea presents proclamation

 Michelle Paitsel, Domestic Violence Officer, reads out multiple numbers of resources for those whom needs to seek assistance.

3. Public Information Update – PIO Staff

 Chasity Pendergrass, Public Information Specialist, reviews past, present, and future events.

CONSENT AGENDA – *The Consent Agenda covers items anticipated to be routine in nature. Any Councilmember may ask that an item be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda for lengthier discussion, or a member of the public may request that such an item be moved. Items remaining on the Consent Agenda will be briefly described by staff, and may be passed as a group with the APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.*

Note: *City laws are known as ordinances. Before a City ordinance can be enacted it must be introduced (1st Reading), & then approved (2nd reading). Resolutions are*

normally actions through which City Council reinforces or makes policy not rising to the level of law. Motions are generally related to direction from City Council to City staff to take certain actions.

CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA

1st Reading Ordinance 2020-045 to amend Chapter 8, Section 8-9 (Declaration of Civil Emergency) of the Code of Ordinances of the city of Myrtle Beach, to extend the duration of a Declaration of Civil Emergency from 30 days to 31 days.

This amendment extends the duration of a declaration of Civil Emergency from a maximum of 30 days to 31. The purpose of the change is to allow future Declarations to renew on the 1st day of each month to help the public keep track.



Motion: To Approve to 1st Reading, **Moved by** Philip N. Render, **Seconded by** Gregg Smith.



Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mayor Brenda Bethune, Michael Chestnut, Mike Lowder, Gregg Smith, Jackie Hatley, John Krajc, Philip N. Render.

Resolution R2020-43 to grant a special event permit to Palmetto Event Productions, Inc. for the ‘Myrtle Beach Food Truck Festival - 2020’ on November 21-22, 2020, and affirming the City’s co-sponsorship.

In order to allow for greater social distancing, this Festival will be located at the Burroughs & Chapin Old Mall Site. There are no associated road closures. The Festival will include specialty/culinary food truck vendors, eating area, live entertainment, craft vendors, kid’s area, and craft beers and wine. The Festival is expected to attract 10,000 participants over the course of two days. The resolution affirms City co-sponsorship, through which the City would provide venue set-up and take down, waste management, Police and EMS services. The resolution also authorizes area businesses to display temporary signs to welcome Festival participants.

The resolution authorizes the City Manager to make minor changes to these plans as he deems necessary in keeping with the nature of the event and as circumstances dictate.

CONTINUED

Motion M2020-129 to declare certain vehicles abandoned or derelict pursuant to the authority of Article 41 of Title 56 South Carolina Code of Laws 2001.

This declaration is an effort to improve the appearance of both commercial and residential neighborhoods. This report includes vehicles that staff has tagged as abandoned or derelict. Council’s approval allows these vehicles to be towed from their private property locations to a tow yard where they may be reclaimed by the current owner upon payment of the applicable towing and storage fees. If the vehicles are not claimed by the owner within 30 days of the required notice, then the tow company may sell the vehicle and keep the proceeds as compensation.



Motion: To Approve, **Moved by** Mike Lowder, **Seconded by** Jackie Hatley.



Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).


Yes: Mayor Brenda Bethune, Michael Chestnut, Mike Lowder, Gregg Smith, Jackie Hatley, John Krajc, Philip N. Render.

APPROVED

Motion M2020-130 to appoint/reappoint one member to the Senior Citizen Advisory Board.

This nine-member committee was created by resolution of City Council on July 24, 1990. The Committee provides advice to Council on matters of concern to our senior residents. Ms. Celia A. Klein has resigned. There is one resume on file for Barbara Perian (City Resident). This term will expire November 13, 2021.


 **Motion:** To Appoint Barbara Perian, **Moved by** Mike Lowder, **Seconded by** Michael Chestnut.

 **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mayor Brenda Bethune, Michael Chestnut, Mike Lowder, Gregg Smith, Jackie Hatley, John Krajc, Philip N. Render.

APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

 Fire Chief Gwyer gives an update on COVID-19 numbers to include the State of South Carolina, Horry County, testing, hospitalization, hospital beds, numbers at Horry County Schools and Coastal Carolina University.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION PRESENTATIONS FROM CITY STAFF

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session which are deemed to be “emergency” concerns.


Note: *South Carolina law requires that Council’s business is conducted in public with limited exceptions known as “Executive Sessions”. Subjects eligible for Executive Session include:*

- *Personnel matters.*
- *Negotiations concerning proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property.*
- *The receipt of legal advice relating to:*
 - *A pending, threatened, or potential claim.*
 - *Other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege.*
 - *Settlement of legal claims, or the position of the City in other adversary situations.*
- *Discussions regarding development of security personnel or devices.*
- *Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct.*
- *Matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses.*

Motions to go into Executive Session must be made in public and specify one or more reason above. Council can take no votes or take action in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

 **Motion:** To Adjourn, **Moved by** Philip N. Render, **Seconded by** Mike Lowder.

 **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mayor Brenda Bethune, Michael Chestnut, Mike Lowder, Gregg Smith, Jackie Hatley, John Krajc, Philip N. Render.

11:02 A.M.

BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JENNIFER ADKINS, CITY CLERK