

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

**January 6, 2010**

**Members Present:** Mayor Samuel Murray and Councilmembers Vernon DeLoach, Mary Beth Heyward, Joe Lee and Henry Robinson

**Staff Present:** Town Manager Van Willis, Planning Administrator Linda Bridges, Police Captain Alan Beach and Municipal Clerk Tanya Payne

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Murray called the workshop to order at 6:34 pm.

**II. REVIEW AGENDA FOR THE JANUARY 13, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING**

Town Manager Willis amended the January 13<sup>th</sup> agenda to include the second reading Ordinance 2009-10 on next week's agenda. He explained this ordinance to rezone property on Drayton Drive to R-5 was tabled until the R-5 zoning designation was amended to remove duplexes.

Town Manager Willis told Council the Town was working with the City of Beaufort and the Coastal Conservation League on a policy statement concerning stormwater BMP's that would better suit the Town's needs than those recently adopted by Beaufort County. He said the statement would be discussed at the next Joint Meeting with the City of Beaufort. Mr. Willis told Council three drainage projects were being put out for bid to include 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Madrid Avenue, Paris Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street and the median expansion in front of the Port Royal Elementary School. He also discussed possible uses for available TIF funds to include restoring the Cypress Wetland to its natural state at a cost of approximately two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars to two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars and installing mast arm signalization at the Lady's Island Drive and Ribaut Road intersection at an approximate cost of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars.

Town Manager Willis continued to brief council concerning:

- port property still for sale; SPA overseeing the sale for the Budget and Control Board
- Swordfish boats using docks; operators helped pay for repair of hydraulic system
- still working out engineering details for Jefferson Commons
- working on encroachment permits for Ribaut Road; conduits in for irrigation of islands, lowering of speed limit to 40 mph allows for different plantings in islands
- The Greenery will be working on beds on Paris and Richmond Avenues. Also getting price on cleaning area between McTeer and Bell Bridges.
- Beaufort County Northern Regional Plan committee will meet on January 22<sup>nd</sup>
- utility work completed on Ribaut Road; sidewalks under construction
- financial reports tracking as expected
- meeting with Burton Fire District scheduled for January 15<sup>th</sup>
- need to formalize list of priority sewer projects for BJWSA
- Requesting meeting with State officials to discuss importance of the Fort Frederick sewer project; additional areas will be added to that project
- Shell Point Crossroads assessment by ATM points out concerns about development of the property
- Citizens concerned about lighting and night noise caused by night construction on the new bridge, The construction company has been informed that Town Code does not allow construction after 10:00 pm.

Town Manager Willis read title on second reading Ordinance 2009-14 which would amend R-5 zoning to remove duplexes from that designation. He requested that Council table Ordinance 2009-15 pertaining to development of a Metropolitan Planning Commission until a later date.

Town Manager Willis reviewed Ordinances 2010-1 and 2010-2 to annex and zone .58 acres located at 512 Broad River Drive in Shell Point. He said three members of the Historic Preservation Commission were up for reappointment and one unexpired term on the Redevelopment Commission needed to be filled.

### **III. IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION:**

- A. Thursday, January 7, 2010, 5:30 pm – Design Review Board, Yvonne C. Butler Council Chambers, 700 Paris Ave.**
- B. Monday, January 11, 2010, 5:30 pm – Joint Municipal Planning Commission, Yvonne C. Butler Council Chambers, 700 Paris Ave.**
- C. Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 6:30 pm - Council Meeting, Yvonne Butler Council Chambers, 700 Paris Avenue**

Town Manager Willis reviewed the list of important information and dates.

Mayor Murray welcomed County Councilmember Paul Summerville.

Councilmember Summerville said he was interested in Council's views on the proposed Metro Planning Commission.

John Ellerbee speaking on behalf of the Historic Port Royal Foundation asked for assistance on getting the walking tour map updated and printed. He also told Council the Foundation would begin selling tickets soon for a lecture and book signing by Bill McIntosh from the Charleston Historical Society on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Mr. McIntosh would be speaking on the history of Port Royal and the Low Country.

Ron Petit spoke concerning the proposed signalization at the intersection of Savannah Highway and Parris Island Gateway saying he felt a light would not be a good idea. He said a light would cause back-ups in all directions since there was heavy traffic there. Mr. Petit told Council he felt a round-about would be more efficient and safer. He said the intersection at Cypress Street and Parris Island Gateway was already failing and that an access road connecting Cypress Street and Shell Point Road to the round-about would alleviate the problem. Mr. Petit said this would keep the traffic moving thus eliminating back-ups. He said there was sufficient property at that location to accommodate a round-about and urged Council to look into this possibility.

#### **IV. ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Heyward moved to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember Robinson seconded the motion.

The workshop adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya L. Payne  
Municipal Clerk

In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d) as amended, notification of the workshop was posted on the Town bulletin board two weeks before the meeting. A copy of the agenda was given to the local news media and posted at the meeting location twenty-four hours prior to the workshop.