

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

December 6, 2006

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 Chief Jim Cadien and
Municipal Clerk Tanya Payne

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Murray called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. INVOCATION:

Councilmember Robinson offered the invocation.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

At this time, the Mayor will recognize members of the audience who have submitted speaker forms to address the Council on agenda items. Each speaker will be limited to two minutes.

There were no comments at this time.

IV. 1st Reading:

A. Ordinance 2006-83. An ordinance authorizing the mayor to execute the quitclaim deed and all other documents necessary to convey to the South Carolina State Ports Authority the property described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part of this ordinance

Town Manager Willis read Ordinance 2006-83 by title and explained it would clean up some uncertainties with the street ends at the port property.

George Bullwinkel explained the street ends were not accessible and it was unclear as to whether the Town or the Port owned them. Referring to a November 1939 plat of the property he showed the street ends and said they extended to the rail road. Mr. Bullwinkel said there were six access points to the port property but explained that some of the street ends had buildings on them. He told Council that the Town's attorneys had assisted with the development of this quitclaim deed.

Neil Robinson told Council that the streets had never been opened and said this deed would clean up some issues that were left out of the development agreement.

Councilmember Heyward moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance 2006-83 and Councilmember Robinson seconded the motion.

Mayor Murray and Councilmembers Heyward, Lee and Robinson voted yes.

Councilmember DeLoach voted no.

The motion carried.

V. REVIEW AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 13, 2006 ROYAL

Town Manager Willis requested that Item B. under Council's Action be moved from the December 13th Council Meeting agenda to the January agenda. Council agreed.

Town Manager Willis briefed Council concerning the sidewalk policy suggesting that sidewalk placement should accommodate on street parking, that post density cannot exceed pre density and that the DRB should approve the location of the sidewalk. He stated that these changes would be placed on the January Council Meeting agenda for consideration. Mr. Willis also briefed Council saying:

- the Mobley hearing had been postponed until a later date
- the Town's Workman's Compensation insurance had dropped \$16,000
- the annual audit was under way
- asked them to start thinking about the 2007-2008 budget
- the Police Department received a \$71,000 Traffic Management Grant

Police Chief Cadien explained this grant would allow for a designated Traffic Management Officer who would be part of a Law Enforcement Network. He said the officer would be working traffic in the Town and would also go to other entities to assist with traffic.

Chief Cadien said in turn, officers from other entities would be assisting in Port Royal on different occasions. Chief Cadien further explained the officer would be training in the schools. He explained that the grant would pay the salary of the officer but could not be used to pay for a vehicle for the officer.

Town Manager Willis further briefed Council concerning:

- Codes Enforcement
- the new rollcart garbage collection system
- rezoning of the Lenora Street Park
- 18th Street drainage
- applying for an additional CDBG grant
- Casablanca sidewalks
- Midtown traffic signal
- West Paris Avenue grant on schedule
- striping errors on Paris Avenue to be corrected

Town Manager Willis reviewed Ordinance 2006-44 concerning the height of buildings located in the Town Overlay District. He explained that currently fifty-eight foot buildings were allowed on Paris Avenue and Ribaut Road and that the new ordinance would limit the height to fifty feet. He also reviewed Ordinance 2006-79 which would add Article V. Airport Overlay District/Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort to the Town's Overlay Districts Chapter of the Town Code. Mr. Willis reviewed second reading Ordinance 2006-83 authorizing the Mayor to execute a quitclaim deed and other documents to convey property to the State Ports Authority.

Town Manager Willis reviewed first reading ordinances to rezone 2.78 acres located near Parris Island Gateway at Grober Hill Road, annex and zone approximately 1.21 acres located at 594 and 596 Parris Island Gateway, and amend Chapter 15.5 of the Town Code concerning types of buildings allowed in R-10 and R-12 zoning districts within an overlay district.

Planning Administrator Bridges reviewed Ordinance 2006-77 to rezone approximately nine acres bounded by West Paris Avenue, Columbia Avenue, Laurel Street and 16th Street by placing it in the Traditional Town Overlay District.

Town Manager Willis reviewed first reading ordinances to rezone .673 acres located at the southwest corner of 13th Street and Columbia Avenue, annex and zone 48.99 acres located at 45 Bee Burst Road, 43 and 61 Josephine Drive and 163, 165 and 167 Castle Rock Road. Also on the agenda were ordinances to annex and zone ten acres located at 750, 756, 762 and 766 Parris Island Gateway, 2002, 2004, 2006 and 2008 Shell Point Road; 1016, 4001 and 4004 Hickory Street, 2009, 2007, 2005 and 2005 Walnut Street and the interior parcels.

Town Manager Willis reviewed Ordinances 2006-86 and 87 to annex and zone four acres located on Shell Point Road and Broad River Drive. Mr. Willis explained that Ordinance 2006-88 would amend the Overlay Districts Chapter of the Town Code to include Article VI. Robert Smalls Parkway Overlay District.

Town Manager Willis told Council the Larry Baker settlement if accepted would limit the number of houses allowed on that property to two.

VI. IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION:

- A. Thursday, December 7, 2006, 6:00 pm – Christmas in the Park with Santa, Live Oaks Park, Paris Avenue and 14th Street**
- B. Monday, December 11, 2006, 6:30 pm – Port Royal Employee Christmas Party**
- C. Wednesday, December 13, 2006, 7:00 PM - Regular Council Meeting, Yvonne C. Butler Council Chambers, 700 Paris Avenue**

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

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. DISCUSSION OF A CONTRACTUAL MATTER CONCERNING THE PORT OF PORT ROYAL**

Councilmember Robinson moved to adjourn to Executive Session for discussion of a contractual matter concerning the Port of Port Royal and Councilmember Heyward seconded the motion.

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:55 pm.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:40 pm.

No action was taken.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

The Special Meeting/Workshop adjourned at 8:40 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 meeting was given to the local news media along with a copy of the agenda. Public notice was posted on the Town bulletin board. A copy of the agenda was given to the local news media and at the meeting location twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.