

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

April 4, 2007

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. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Murray called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed those present.

II. PURPOSE:

- A. Ordinance 2007-17. An ordinance setting a franchise fee rate for cable service providers upon expiration or termination of an existing franchise for cable service**

Mayor Murray read Ordinance 2007-17 by title.

Town Manager Willis explained that Ordinance 2007-17 was requested by the Municipal Association of SC to fill in any gap that might be created between the end of a franchise agreement and the signing of a new one.

David Kell asked what percentage the Town received on a franchise agreement for cable service.

Town Manager Willis explained that currently the Town received five percent of a company's gross collections.

B. Ordinance 2007-20. Amending Chapter 22, Article VI, Section 22-131 (3), Uses customarily accessory to retail business, office uses and commercial recreational facilities, regulating outdoor display of merchandise

Mayor Murray read Ordinance 2007-20 by title.

Town Manager Willis explained this ordinance would fill in loop holes concerning merchandise that is displayed outside of businesses. He said currently the Town's code was not in compliance with ADA standards and that this ordinance would be more specific as to the requirements for outdoor displays.

C. Ordinance 2007-21. An ordinance adopting an Intergovernmental Agreement between Beaufort County, South Carolina and the Town of Port Royal, South Carolina concerning impact fees

Mayor Murray read Ordinance 2007-21 by title.

Town Manager Willis explained this agreement would authorize the Town to collect Southern Beaufort County impact fees for the County for Town property located across the Broad River Bridge. He told Council the Town of Bluffton was being paid a one percent fee for funds they collected for the County and said the Town could request this fee if Council so desired.

D. Ordinance 2007-22. An ordinance amending Chapter 2, Administration, Article IV. of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Port Royal, authorizing the police department to contract police services on a reimbursement or advanced payment basis

Mayor Murray read Ordinance 2007-22 by title.

Town Manager Willis explained this ordinance would authorize the Police Department to be reimbursed or paid in advance when they provide police services for special events.

Police Chief Cadien told those this would take the burden of funding special events off of the Town.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further comment, Mayor Murray adjourned the hearing at 6:15 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Tanya L. Payne
Municipal Clerk

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