

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

May 2, 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, Assistant Fire Chief Jim Colwell 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.

Police Capt. Alan Beach briefed Council concerning the damaged McTeer Bridge which was struck by a barge crane a few days earlier. He told them a minor repair had been completed which would allow one lane of traffic to go onto Lady's Island during certain hours of the morning and afternoon. He explained a lane reversal would be in effect on the Woods Memorial Bridge from 5:30 am until 7:00 am in order to allow traffic to come off the island into Beaufort. Capt. Beach explained this was all tentative with tonight's 7:00 pm inspection of the bridge. He said thirty state troopers were here to help with traffic on the bridge but said Port Royal officers would be required to work traffic on the bridge on Saturdays and Sundays. He further explained the Town would be reimbursed for the overtime but said it would be several months before that happened.

II. PURPOSE:

- A. Ordinance 2007-18. An ordinance annexing to the Town of Port Royal approximately 4.9 acres of real estate located in Beaufort County described as Beaufort County Tax District 100, Map 31, Parcels 66C (287 Savannah Highway)**

Town Manager Willis read Ordinances 2007-18 and 2007-19 by title and showed the property on the map. He explained the owners were requesting MU-2 zoning for the property and said this request was unanimously recommended by the Joint Municipal Planning Commission. Mr. Willis said the property was located adjacent to property that was already zoned MU-2.

Carolyn Davis expressed concerns about the MU-2 zoning.

- B. Ordinance 2007-19. An ordinance to zone approximately 4.9 acres of real estate located in Beaufort County described as Beaufort County Tax District 112, (formerly Beaufort County Tax District 110), Map 31, Parcel 66C as a Mixed Use-2 (MU-2) zoning district**
- C. Ordinance 2007-23. An ordinance adopting a new chapter of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Port Royal, South Carolina titled Boat and Water Safety**

Town Manager Willis read Ordinance 2007-23 by title and explained this ordinance would allow Town officials to regulate the water ways located within the Town limits. Mr. Willis said the ordinance had been drafted using Beaufort's ordinance as a reference. He explained some changes were made based upon input from interested citizens. Mr. Willis said the ordinance addressed where Kayak's could be launched, boundaries of the Town's jurisdiction, transient vessels and live-aboard vessels as to what they can or cannot do and abandoned vessels among other items.

David Kell expressed concern because the ordinance disallows boats with air cooled engines. He said the Beaufort Marine Rescue Squadron has and uses one such equipped boat and said it was sometimes necessary to use it for rescues. Mr. Kell also expressed concern that the ordinance allows boats to use only one anchor.

Planning Administrator Bridges explained that the word "set" (of anchors) was used which in actually allowed for two. The word per was removed from the passage making it more clear.

- D. Ordinance 2007-25. An ordinance annexing to the Town of Port Royal approximately .44 acres of real estate located in Beaufort County described as Beaufort County Tax District 100, Map 31A, Parcel 553 (6021 Dowlingwood Drive)**

Town Manager Willis read Ordinance 2007-25 by title and showed the property on the map. He explained that a zoning request change for this property was discussed and that Ordinance 2007-26 should read R-17.

David Millard representing the home owner explained he had spoken to some residents who were interested in annexing into the Town. He said they were watching to see if Council did in fact annex this parcel before moving forward.

Carolyn Davis opposed the annexation of this property saying it was zone shopping.

- E. Ordinance 2007-26. An ordinance to zone approximately .44 acres of real estate located in Beaufort County described as Beaufort County Tax District 112 (formerly Beaufort County Tax District 100), Map 31A Parcel 553 as a Mixed Use-2 (MU-2) zoning District with the Shell Point Overlay**
- F. Ordinance 2007-27. An ordinance annexing to the Town of Port Royal approximately 1.75 acres of real estate located in Beaufort County described as Beaufort County Tax District 100, Map 31, Parcel 199 (3000 Oakview Drive)**

Town Manager Willis read Ordinances 2007-27 and 2007-28 by title and showed the property on the map. He pointed out surrounding MU-2 zoned properties already located within the Town. Mr. Willis told Council the Joint Municipal Planning Commission had recommended R-10 zoning for the property.

- G. Ordinance 2007-28. An ordinance to zone approximately 1.75 acres of real estate located in Beaufort County described as Beaufort County Tax District 112 (formerly Beaufort County Tax District 100), Map 31, Parcel 199 as a Mixed Use-2 (MU-2) zoning district**
- H. Ordinance 2007-29. An ordinance to rezone in the Town of Port Royal, South Carolina, approximately 1.32 acres as shown and described as Beaufort County Tax District 110, Map 10, Parcels 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 41 from Residential – 12 (R-12) to Residential-12 (R-12) with the Traditional Town Overlay (located at 1608, 1610 and 1612 Ritter Circle and 1607, 1615 and 1617 Edinburgh Avenue)**

Town Manager Willis read Ordinance 2007-29 by title and showed the property on the map. He explained this ordinance would keep the R-12 zoning but would include these properties in the Traditional Town Overlay. Mr. Willis said this zoning would still require single family homes.

Mike Jones asked what benefits the residents would receive by being in the Overlay District.

Town Manager Willis explained it allowed more flexibility as to where homes and accessory buildings could be placed on the property.

Planning Administrator Bridges explained that lots in the overlay could be smaller sized than lots without the overlay.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further comment, the public hearing adjourned at 7:07 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 public hearing was posted in the local newspaper and on the Town bulletin board fifteen days prior to the hearing. A copy of the agenda was given to the local news media and posted at the meeting location twenty-four hours prior to the hearing.