

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

**September 5, 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.

Town Manager Willis introduced Project Manager, Denise Draper from the Lowcountry Council of Governments.

Ms. Draper gave pertinent information concerning the close-out of the 18<sup>th</sup> Street Sewer Project (CDBG #:4-CI-04-018). She explained the Town had been awarded \$228,000 in December of 2004 to install sewer for residents on 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Hillstead Lane and Richmond Avenue. Ms. Draper told those present that eleven homes received sewer service which benefitted forty-one residents. She said the project would be closed once a permit to operate was received from the Department of Health and Environmental Control. Ms. Draper stated that \$191,737 was spent on the project leaving a balance of \$36,263.

Ms. Draper continued with a public hearing concerning needs assessment. She explained the purpose of this hearing was to receive public input on community needs within the Town that might be considered for future Community Development Block Grants.

Ms. Draper explained what type of projects could be funded by these grants and asked Council to provide a prioritized list of possible future projects. She said the grants must benefit Low to Moderate Income (LMI) persons and that the Town had to match a certain percent of the funds.

Mayor Murray asked whether the Town would be ready to apply for another grant before the September 24<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Ms. Draper explained that the Town already had two open grants therefore would not be able to apply in this round of grants. She said the 18<sup>th</sup> Street project would most likely close in November and that the Town should be ready to meet the April 2008 deadline.

There being no further comment, Ms. Draper closed her part of the public hearing.

York Glover from Clemson Extension thanked the Town for the use of the Heritage Park as the Farmers Market location and also for the new sign. He told Council they hoped to expand the season for the market to approximately nine months and said to do this a market manager would be needed solicit vendors. Mr. Glover explained that no funds were available to pay a manager and asked Council for assistance. He said within a few years the market should be self sustaining. Mr. Glover asked to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting in order to present a proposal concerning this matter.

Craig Arnold opposed the annexation and rezoning of property located on Dowlingwood Drive.

Linda Arnold also opposed the annexation of rezoning of the Dowlingwood Drive property.

## **II. PURPOSE:**

- A. Ordinance 2007-52. An ordinance annexing to the Town of Port Royal approximately 5.63 acres of real estate located in Beaufort County described as Beaufort County Tax District 100, Map 31, Parcels 1E, 1D, 193 and 1G (624 and 628 Robert Smalls Parkway and 138 and 140 Castle Rock Road)**

Town Manager Willis read Ordinance 2007-52 by title and showed the property on the map. He showed where the Town is currently located in relation to this property. Mr. Willis explained the owners had requested MU-1 zoning for the property and said the Joint Municipal Planning Commission had recommended this request. He said the owner plans to relocate an historic home from the City of Beaufort on the property.

- B. Ordinance 2007-53. An ordinance to zone approximately 5.63 acres of real estate located in Beaufort County described as Beaufort County Tax District 112 (formerly Beaufort County Tax District 100), Map 31, Parcels 1E, 1D, 193 and 1G as a Mixed Use-1 (MU-1) Zoning District**
  
- C. Ordinance 2007-54. An ordinance to rescind in its entirety, 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 and replace it with 2007-54**

Town Manager Willis read Ordinance 2007-54 by title and explained it was unanimously recommended by the JMPC. He said this would allow outdoor display of indoor merchandise and set the parameters for this display. He explained that items could not be displayed further than ten feet from the exterior wall of the building.

Jeanne Dunn, owner of Frugal Frannies explained the ten feet from her building was the end of her porch and that it would not be seen by passers by. She asked whether some consideration could be given for businesses with this problem.

### **III. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further comment, the hearing adjourned at 7:04 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 news paper and on the Town bulletin board fifteen days prior to the hearing. A