



Folly Beach Planning Commission

Joint Work Session/ Regular Meeting

Minutes

February 1st, 2021

6:00 PM JOINT WORK SESSION WITH COUNCIL

7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

Commission Members: Greg Anderson; Randy Carter; Kirk Grant; LaJuan Kennedy; John Merritt; Michael Norton; Laura Pace; Kate Pratt; Paula Stubblefield

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1. Call to Order; Roll Call

Council Present: Mayor Goodwin, Barker, Farley, Grooms, Houghton, Ray
Commission Present: Chair Kennedy, Carter, Merritt, Norton, Pace, Pratt (virtual), Stubblefield
Commission Absent: Anderson, Grant
Staff Present: City Administrator Pope, Faith, Lutz, Watkins

2. Dominion Energy Presentation on Tree Trimming and Over Head vs. Transmission Lines

Dominion Energy summarized the tree trimming project on Folly, their timeline, and the difference between over headlines and transmission.

The Commission and Council discussed if citizens could contact Dominion Energy if they are concerned about the trimming on the trees of the property, and what it would cost to have transmission lines if considered on Folly.

7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

1: Call to Order; Roll Call

Commission Present: Chair Kennedy, Carter, Merritt, Norton, Pace, Pratt (virtual), Stubblefield
Commission Absent: Anderson, Grant
Staff Present: City Administrator Pope, Faith,

2: Freedom of Information Statement

Ms. Kennedy stated the meeting was in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

3: Approval of Previous Minutes

Ms. Pace made a motion to approve the last meeting's minutes. Mr. Merritt seconded it. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Personal Appearances

None.

5. Citizen Comments

None.

6. Unfinished Business

None.

7: New Business

- a. Public Hearing on Ordinance 05-21: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 165 (Dimensional Standards) of the Folly Beach Code of Ordinances, Section 165.02(Measurements and Exceptions) by Clarifying the Definition of High Ground and Lot Area to Include Those Portions of a Lot Landward of the OCRM Baseline or Outside of an OCRM Critical Area.

Mr. Pope presented the ordinance change to the Commission stating that this was a clarification to the definition of high ground and the City already has this in practice. The Commission had a discussion on the baseline, new flood maps and max heights. Mr. Carter made a motion to recommend this to Council. Mr. Norton seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.

- b. Comprehensive Plan 2021 Update

Mr. Pope presented the 5Year Update for the Housing Element. It was mostly updating of statistics from the Census on housing stock and the growth of single-family homes in the area. Mr. Pope also discussed the impacts of the rental licensing software that was implemented in 2018. It is catching more violations and has increased enforcement capabilities. Ms. Pace asked what additional regulations could be put on rental regulations and Mr. Pope said there are traditionally 3 options: minimum nights, restrict to geographic location, and/or total allowed rental licenses.

Ms. Faith then outlined the resilience element and her progress in drafting it. She is reading through existing long-term plans and cataloging hazard impacts to the community. She will have an element for review at the next meeting. She asked for any input on the plan: green features, LEED certification, wind mitigation, vegetation and tree protection, and connectivity were all discussed.

The last element needed to update is the Priority Investment element. Staff is waiting for Council to approve their strategic plan before updating this element.

8: Elect Chair and Vice Chair

Chair: Mr. Norton nominated Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Merritt seconded this motion. Ms. Kennedy was elected by acclamation.

Vice Chair: Ms. Pace nominated Mr. Carter and Ms. Stubblefield seconded this motion. Mr. Carter was elected by acclamation.

9: Staff Comments

The only staff comment was from Ms. Faith. She is happy to be working with Planning Commission and looks forward to the work that will be done in the coming years.

9: Commission Comments

Commission welcomed Ms. Faith.

10: Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.