



City Council Meeting Summary for September 14th , 2021

WORK SESSION

Katie Gerling presented a proposal to limit the Downtown Commercial District to only those properties along Center Street and to rezone the remainder of the area to Island Commercial. The new boundaries will be paired with zoning changes in each district to encourage more appropriately scaled development in each area. Draft ordinances will be presented to Council for remand to the Planning Commission prior to the end of the year.

The Mayor reviewed the proposed Emergency Ordinance which will reestablish a state of emergency in the City. The ordinance will require masks in City buildings, limit in person attendance of City meetings by the public to accommodate social distancing, and give the administration the power to retract City approval for special events.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor spoke in memory of 9/11 thanking those who sacrificed to help others and remembering the victims.

**The October City Council date was moved to October 19.*

STAFF REPORTS

Katie Gerling reviewed changes to the Charleston County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The City participates in The Plan and aids in the annual review and revision process. More information can be found here: [Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan | Building Inspection Services \(charlestoncounty.org\)](https://www.charlestoncounty.org/building-inspection-services)

Jared Glass (Park Folly) requested that the Council approve an ordinance that would require SCDMV registrations to be shown as proof of ownership for parking decals, allow the registrations to count as proof of residency, and require residents to pay any outstanding parking tickets prior to receiving residential parking decals.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Skipper Weatherford requested approval for the Annual Scooters for Hooters and Toys for Tots events on 12/5. *The request was approved.*

Linda Lee requested high impact filming approval for movie shots in October at the County Park and Lighthouse preserve. The Charleston County Parks and Recreation Commission previously reviewed and approved the request. *The request was approved.*

BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

The Accommodations Tax Committee's recommendations for distribution of the City's Atax funds were presented by the City Administrator. All requests were fully funded this year due to strong Atax receipts.

The Parking Committee requested that City Council approve an ordinance to create two hour, timed parking on Center Street. The parking spaces will remain free to use but have a two hour time limit.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. John McFarland presented on behalf of Save Folly's Future, a non profit whose goal is to reduce the number of short term rentals in the City. Mr. McFarland encouraged the City to create a new zone for short term rentals and gradually eliminate them from all other residential areas.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 22-21: This ordinance sets standards for shipping containers used in permanent construction (must meet code and not appear to be containers) and accessory structures (must be anchored and meet code, more than one container at the same time must be approved) *The Ordinance Passed Second Reading.*

Ordinance 23-21: This ordinance will require commercial parking lots to provide trash receptacles on site and to define property boundaries with fencing. Existing businesses must come into compliance by January 1, 2022. *The Ordinance Passed Second Reading.*

Ordinance 24-21: This ordinance will require lots that host outdoor retailers to provide trash receptacles and restroom facilities on site on or before January 1, 2022. *The Ordinance Passed Second Reading.*

Ordinance 27-21: An Ordinance Adopting the Five-Year Update to the 2015 City of Folly Beach Comprehensive Plan. *The Ordinance Passed Second Reading.*

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. John Teevan was appointed to the Tourism and Visitors Promotion Committee to fill the vacant hospitality position on the Board.

Ordinance 28-21: This Emergency Ordinance reestablished a state of emergency in the City. The ordinance requires masks in City buildings, limits in person attendance by the public to accommodate social distancing, and gives the administration the power to retract City approval for special events. *The Ordinance Passed. No Second Reading is Required.*

Ordinance 29-21: This ordinance will create new tree protection rules to require mitigation for non protected species and strengthen permit requirements. *The Ordinance was Remanded to the Planning Commission for a Public Hearing.*

Ordinance 30-21: This ordinance will require SCDMV registrations to be shown as proof of ownership for parking decals, allow the registrations to count as proof of residency, and require residents to pay any outstanding parking tickets prior to receiving residential parking decals. *The Ordinance was Postponed for Further Study.*

Ordinance 31-21: This ordinance will set a two hour time limit on parking along Center Street. The parking will not be paid parking, only timed. *The Ordinance Passed First Reading.*

Ordinance 32-21: This ordinance, in conjunction with Ordinance 33-21, clarifies that no permit shall be approved which would create a zoning non conformity. *The Ordinance was Remanded to the Planning Commission for a Public Hearing.*

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Resolution 34-21: This resolution by Council endorsed the Emergency Ordinance. *The Resolution Passed.*

Resolution 35-21: This resolution authorized an extension on the intergovernmental agreement to fund the Rethink Folly Road project manager to allow use of funds unspent due to COVID. *The Resolution Passed.*

Resolution 36-21: This resolution awarded \$600 to the Civic Club for Halloween Festivities per the recommendation of the Community Promotions Committee. *The Resolution Passed.*

Resolution 37-21: This resolution designated the City Administrator as the contact person to apply for the City's \$1.3 million American Rescue Plan allocation. *The Resolution Passed.*

Resolution 38-21: This resolution adopted the Atax Committee's recommendations for funding. Applicants included the City of Folly Beach, Save the Light, The Folly Association of Business, the Eastern Surfing Association, and the Folly Wahines. *The Resolution Passed.*

Resolution 39-21: This resolution awarded RFP 04-21 for a website refresh and communications strategy to Jesse James Creative. *The Resolution Passed.*

Resolution 40-21: This resolution awarded a bid for a groin rehabilitation master plan to ATM for \$29,700. *The Resolution Passed.*