



City Council Meeting Summary for October 19th , 2021

WORK SESSION

Staff and Council discussed revisions to the ordinance requirements for parking decals. Staff proposed that vehicle registrations be required as proof of ownership and that registrations also count as one of the required proofs of residency. Other amendments proposed set the term of a lease to prove residency at 90 days versus 30.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor reminded the audience that the Civic Club Halloween celebrations will be the same format as last year. Also, he previewed an upcoming article in the Sandspur that will highlight the types of pickups the City does and the days on which different trash/garbage/yard waste items are collected. The Mayor also announced a **November 11th work session for Council to receive more information about the process and requirements for placing utilities underground.**

STAFF REPORTS

Amberly Flowers gave an overview of the progress towards statewide business license standardization. This month, the next step involves changing the rental registration due date to match the newly extended business license year.

Katie Gerling presented a proposal to redirect minor commercial structure changes to staff. Items like fences, paint, and signs would be approved by staff rather than scheduled at monthly DRB meetings. Ms. Gerling also presented a proposal that would limit all Board and Commission members to four unexcused absences per year.

Aaron Pope presented the one bid received in response to the City's IT RFP. The sole respondent was VC3, a MASC strategic partner with multiple municipal clients in SC. Mr. Pope also reviewed the 3rd Quarter progress on the strategic plan and reviewed the City's strategy on spending American Rescue Plan funds to offset expenses in the water fund for capital improvements.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

There were no personal appearances.

BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

There were no Board and Commission Reports.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Ben Peebles (112 West Erie), ask the City to confirm that there was a process in place for any stumps left on private property due to Dominion Energy tree removal. The Building Official confirmed that individual cases could be brought to his attention for review.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 31-21: This ordinance set a two-hour time limit on parking along Center Street. The parking will not be paid parking, only timed. Amendments were passed to limit enforcement to 6am to 6pm and to exempt vehicles with residential decals. *The Ordinance Passed Second Reading.*

NEW BUSINESS

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 Postponed.*

Ordinance 30-21: This ordinance will require SCDMV registrations to be shown as proof of ownership for parking decals, require the registrations as proof of residency, and require residents to pay any outstanding parking tickets prior to receiving residential parking decals. Additional amendments would allow the vehicles of family members in the same household to count as personal vehicles of the person applying for the permit and to require a lease of at least 90 days to show residency for renters. *The Ordinance Passed First Reading.*

Ordinance 32-21: This ordinance rolled back the mil rate of the FY22 budget to account for increased property values assigned as a result of the latest five-year reassessment. *The Ordinance Passed First Reading.*

Ordinance 33-21: This ordinance will change the rental registration date to be due on June 1 instead of February 1. That matches the extension of the business license year from January 1 to May 1. *The Ordinance Passed First Reading.*

Resolution 41-21: This resolution authorized a \$500 donation from Council's discretionary fund for Hurricane Ida relief. *The Resolution Passed.*

Resolution 42-21: This resolution authorized a change to previously approved beautification projects funded by 2019 Atax Dollars given to the Folly Association of Businesses. *The Resolution Passed.*

Resolution 43-21: This resolution renewed the contract with Southern Strategy Group for lobbying services. *The Resolution Passed.*

Resolution 44-21: This resolution awarded a bid for third party IT services to VC3. *The Resolution Passed.*