



City Council Meeting Summary for December 14th, 2021

WORK SESSION

Jared Glass with Park Folly presented the end of year financial reports for the City's paid parking and parking enforcement programs.

Aaron Pope reviewed edits to the Arctic Avenue Traffic/Complete Streets RFP. The RFP should be issued early in the new year.

Aaron Pope and Colleen Jolley reviewed ordinance changes needed to match the recommendations of the Community Center/Folly River Park Committee. The changes would formalize the policy recommendations made earlier this year to prohibit commercial use of the community center and park, prohibit tents in the park, prohibit alcohol at special events that don't trigger City approval and make process changes for reservations.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor recognized Mr. Johnny Branks as Citizen of the Year. Mr. Branks has served for many years in the fire department and also faithfully arranges for Santa to visit the children of Folly during the City's holiday season. Thank you for your service!

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council adjourned to an executive session regarding pending litigation as well as to discuss personnel matters. No votes were taken and no decisions were made.

STAFF REPORTS

Andrew Gilreath updated City Council on the timeline for various AED purchases in response to questions from Council in November.

Katie Gerling gave a brief summary of the latest work on the commercial district rezonings. Staff will develop options based on feedback received to date and present them at an upcoming work session.

Katie Gerling also updated Council on the Bowens' Island sign agreement. Final details of relocating the sign from the marsh to a City-owned highland are still to be resolved.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Organizers presented a request for the 2022 Cupid Undie Run to be held on 2/19/22. The event will begin at noon at Loggerheads.

BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

Coleen Jolley and Katie Gerling were scheduled to review the Parks and Recreation Board's request to add an additional privacy/windscreen at the tennis and basketball courts, two more benches at the tennis courts, and large umbrellas/shade structures. All requests would be funded from the current budget. *This Request was Postponed until January.*

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Sean Carlin, representing Richard Parker of 1029 Ashley Avenue, spoke about the proposed commercial rezoning. Mr. Carlin noted that the potential for increased setbacks would render the owner's plans for an Inn and small grocery store unbuildable. Mr. Carlin also noted that, more generally, the new setbacks would eliminate ground-level commercial uses because buildings would need to be elevated to provide parking.

Hank Weed of 122 West Ashley Avenue, spoke about the proposed commercial rezoning. Mr. Weed noted that the potential for increased setbacks would greatly restrict future uses of his property should the existing building be destroyed.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 29-21: This ordinance will create new tree protection rules to require mitigation for nonprotected species, further define construction protection measures for protected trees, and strengthen permit requirements. *The Ordinance Passed Second Reading.*

Ordinance 34-21: This ordinance (paired with Ordinance 35-21) will close a potential loophole to prohibit nonsubstantial improvements of existing structures to exceed the maximum square footage or create other types of non-conformities. *The Ordinance Passed Second Reading.*

Ordinance 35-21: This ordinance (paired with Ordinance 34-21) will close a potential loophole to prohibit nonsubstantial improvements of existing structures to exceed the maximum square footage or create other types of non-conformities. *The Ordinance Passed Second Reading.*

Ordinance 36-21: This ordinance will repeal the City's business license ordinance and replace it with the new statewide standardized ordinance. *The Ordinance Passed Second Reading.*

Ordinance 37-21: This ordinance will set attendance standards for Boards and Commissions to prevent unexcused absences. *The Ordinance Passed Second Reading.*

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 45-21: This Resolution adopted the official City Calendar for holidays and meetings. *The Resolution Passed.*

Resolution 46-21: This Resolution authorized staff to purchase a new Zoll monitor with an extended warranty. This important equipment will greatly aid the City's emergency response. *The Resolution Passed.*

Resolution 47-21: This Resolution adopted the recommendation of the Community Promotions Committee to give \$1,150 for outreach to Folly Beach Senior Citizens. *The Resolution Passed.*

Resolution 48-21: This Resolution extended the approvals for all commercial businesses on the beach to continue operating until the new extended business license due date. *The Resolution Passed.*

Resolution 49-21: This Resolution awarded the bid for the Ashley Avenue Pedestrian Path to Truluck Roadway Services. *The Resolution Passed.*

Resolution 50-21: This Resolution approved a contract with Kathryn Battey to provide continuing HR services on a contractual basis not to exceed the total amount budgeted for FY 22 for the training of her replacement. *The Resolution Passed.*

Resolution 51-21: This Resolution awarded \$1,200 of Council's discretionary funds to the Exchange Club Golf Tournament fundraiser. *The Resolution Passed.*