



City Council Meeting Summary for January 11, 2022

WORK SESSION

Mosely Architects presented a report for exterior stucco repair at City Hall. The City has carried over a reserve for this project for several years and is ready to proceed now that interior renovations are complete.

Katie Gerling reviewed a summary of the discussion on the Commercial District rezoning work. Some common comments from the public have centered on opposition to the potential increase in setbacks and the removal of standalone residential uses.

Katie Gerling reviewed a summary of the minor zoning ordinance changes needed to update the zoning ordinance to match policy changes.

Katie Gerling reviewed a summary ongoing grant applications the City has for flooding, tree inventory, and other hazard mitigation projects.

Andrew Gilreath reviewed progress on the public safety dock project. The project will need to be rebid because the one bid received was well over the City's budget.

Anderson Still reviewed the City's annual Insurance Report. Accidents and missed work days were down across all departments in 2021.

PLEDGE

This month the pledge was led by a young citizen, **Mack Rahaly**. Thanks Mack for showing an interest in local government!

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor presented Cliff Harvey with a plaque taken from recently retired engine 1102. Mr. Harvey started with the Folly Fire Department in 1967.

STAFF REPORTS

Aaron Pope reviewed a proposed amendment to the recently passed restroom requirements for outdoor retailers to clarify that at least two restrooms are needed for lots with more than 2 vendors.

Aaron Pope also reviewed a proposed ordinance that would permanently exempt the existing Bowens Island sign from requirements that all signs be moved from the marsh.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Patricia Stout petitioned Council to expand the list of organizations who can certify dogs for being allowed off leash on the beach due to concerns about the operations of FIDO.

BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

Katie Gerling presented the Year End Reports for the Planning Commission and Design Review Board.

Collen Jolley presented the Year End Report for the Community Promotions Committee and the Parks and Recreation Board.

Coleen Jolley and Katie Gerling reviewed the Parks and Recreation Board's request to add an additional privacy/wind screen at the tennis and basketball courts, two more benches at the tennis courts, large umbrellas/shade structures, and to restripe the pickleball courts. All requests would be funding from the current budget.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Rick Tawney of 1737 East Ashley spoke in support of the suggestions made by Ms. Stout during her personal appearance.

Hank Weed of 122 East Ashley asked that the commercial district changes be amended to keep the 1st block of East Ashley zoned Downtown Commercial.

Lisa Herbert of 114 East Ashley asked that Council not remove residential uses as allowable uses in the commercial zones and stated that she wanted to build a second unit on her lot to live in with her family.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 001-22: This ordinance will codify changes to the parks and community center rules to prohibit tents for events in the River Park, prohibit alcohol for events in the park and community center, limit exclusive use of either facility, and to prohibit renting either facility for commercial use. **The Ordinance Passed First Reading.**

Ordinance 002-22: This ordinance will exempt the Bowens Island Sign and allow it to remain as a legal non conformity. **The Ordinance was Remanded to the Planning Commission.**

Ordinance 003-22: This ordinance amends the language of the outdoor retailer rules to require at least two restrooms when there are more than two vendors on site. **The Ordinance was Remanded to the Planning Commission.**

Resolution 01-22: This Resolution was Removed from the Agenda.

Resolution 02-22: This resolution created a \$10,000 mini grant that reimburse up to \$100 for up to two palmetto trees for property owners who replace trees removed by Dominion. **The Resolution Passed.**