



City Council Meeting Summary for February 8th,2022

WORK SESSION

Aaron Pope reviewed a proposed ordinance that would strengthen the requirements for private insurance needed for City approved special events to limit certain exclusions. It would also require a formal permit from the City for approved special events.

Aaron Pope/Eric Lutz reviewed the conceptual plans for pedestrian paths in the commercial district between 2nd Streets East and West.

Aaron Pope reviewed the most recent updates to the proposed commercial district rezoning project. Single and two family homes would still be allowed in the commercial district, rules for the DC District would be split into Center Street/the 1st Block of East Ashley, and the 2nd block West between Ashley and Artic would be rezoned from IC to RTF.

PLEDGE

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

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor name Aaron Pope as the interim Zoning Administrator.

STAFF REPORTS

Kyle Sullivan presented an updated request for using a portion of the City's ARPA funds to purchase a pressure monitoring system for the water utility. *The request was approved.*

Aaron Pope reviewed the City's application for TST funding to elevate Tabby Drive and 13th Street East to improve drainage and limit the number of days the road is inundated by tidal flooding.

Dr. Nicole Elko reviewed progress on the City's Master Plan for groin replacement.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Angie Carson made a request to host the Art Village at the Washout. Special permission was needed because of the number of vendors (16 vs the 8 allowed without special approval) *The request was approved.*

Marshall DePass made a request for approval of dates for the 2022 Eastern Surfing Association events. *The request was approved.*

Ashby Gale made a request to host the East Meg Hunt on the beach on 4/30/22. *The request was approved.*

Sean Carlin, representing Richard Parker of 1029 West Ashley, spoke against the rezoning of the 2nd Block of West Ashley from IC to RTF. He also gave examples of the negative effects related to increasing the side setback in the IC District in terms of building alignment.

BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

John McFarland of 1780 Chelwood Circle offered alternative solutions to funding the pedestrian paths in the City, suggested the City study the distance limit on Inns, and briefly spoke to the commercial rezoning proposals.

Dr. Nicole Elko, director of the Wahine Classic, asked for approval of that event on 7/30/22-7/31/22. *The request was approved.*

Hank Weed, owner of Chico Feo at 122 East Ashley, spoke against the proposed 10' setbacks to be implemented in the DC District along East Ashley.

OLD 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 Second Reading.*

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 004-22 This ordinance will increase the requirements for private special event insurance and require formal permits from the City. *The Ordinance Passed First Reading.*

Ordinance 004-22 This ordinance will extend the current commercial district moratorium until May. *The Ordinance Passed First Reading.*

Resolution 03-22: This resolution expressed support for National Women in Construction Week from 3/6/22-3/12/22. *The Resolution Passed.*

Resolution 04-22: This resolution opposes the passage of SC Bill H4547 which would limit local governments' ability to regulate short term rentals. *The Resolution Passed.*

Resolution 05-22: This resolution expressed support for the City's grant application to raise Tabby Drive and 13th Street East. *The Resolution Passed.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council adjourned to executive session to receive legal advice at 7:42. They reconvened at 8:12. No decisions were made and no votes taken.