

MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 24, 2023

9:00 A.M. – WORKSHOP MEETING – TED C. COLLINS LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER
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MYRTLE BEACH CITY COUNCIL:

PRESENT:

BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR
MICHAEL CHESTNUT, MAYOR PRO-TEM
JOHN KRAJC
MIKE LOWDER
PHILIP N. RENDER
GREGG SMITH

ABSENT:

JACKIE HATLEY

STAFF PRESENT:

BRIAN TUCKER, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
MICHELLE SHUMPERT, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
WILLIAM BRYAN, CITY ATTORNEY
JENNIFER ADKINS, CITY CLERK

ABSENT:

JONATHAN “FOX” SIMONS, JR., CITY MANAGER

CALL TO ORDER.....9:00 A.M.

Motion: To Enter Closed Session to 1) discuss proposed contractual negotiations regarding an encroachment on Ocean Blvd. and invite Ken May, Shep Guyton, and Rob Wilfong 2) to receive legal advice relating to pending litigation with Horry County involving the Seascape Properties.

Moved by: Philip N. Render **Seconded by:** Mike Lowder.

Vote: (summary Yes = 6) Yes: Mayor Brenda Bethune, Michael Chestnut, John Krajc, Mike Lowder, Philip N. Render, Gregg Smith.

Absent: Jackie Hatley

9:02 A.M.

Motion: To Exit Closed Session **Moved by:** Philip N. Render **Seconded by:** Mike Lowder.

Vote: (summary Yes = 6) Yes: Mayor Brenda Bethune, Michael Chestnut, John Krajc, Mike Lowder, Philip N. Render, Gregg Smith.

Absent: Jackie Hatley

9:40 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER.....10:00 A.M.

INVOCATION.....Councilman Krajc

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.....Councilman Krajc

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.....

Motion: To Approve **Moved by:** Mike Lowder **Seconded by:** Philip N. Render.

Vote: (summary Yes = 6) Yes: Mayor Brenda Bethune, Michael Chestnut, John Krajc, Mike Lowder, Philip N. Render, Gregg Smith.

Absent: Jackie Hatley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.....January 10, 2023

Motion: To Approve **Moved by:** Michael Chestnut **Seconded by:** Gregg Smith.

Vote: (summary Yes = 6) Yes: Mayor Brenda Bethune, Michael Chestnut, John Krajc, Mike Lowder, Philip N. Render, Gregg Smith.

Absent: Jackie Hatley

PUBLIC REQUESTS, PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, MEMORIALS:

1. Presentation of acceptance of skate park donation – Terry Grimble (meeting)
 - Mr. Grimble presents city with \$20,000 and states the goal is another \$30,000. Mr. Grimble then reviews plans to update skate park.
2. Proclamation recognizing United Way of Horry County 50th Anniversary (meeting)
 - Mark Kruea presents proclamation. Blakely Roof thanks City Council for their support.
3. FY22 Audit Presentation – Smith Sapp (meeting)
 - Dave Dekleva presents an unmodified (clean) opinion of the city's financial statements.
4. Public Information Update – PIO Staff
 - Meredith Denari reviews past, present, and future events and happenings.

CONSENT AGENDA – *The Consent Agenda covers items anticipated to be routine in nature. Any Councilmember may ask that an item be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda for lengthier discussion, items remaining on the Consent Agenda will be briefly described by staff.*

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion M2023-5 to accept a donation in the amount of \$20,000 from the Daville Skate Shop and the Friends of the Skate Park Foundation, Inc. for the addition of a bowl at the Matt Hughes Skate Park.

This funding will be used to replace the existing halfpipe. The half-pipe is becoming unsafe, and Parks, Recreation, and Sports Tourism are planning for a bowl that will fit in the footprint of the half-pipe and have a bank that will tie the rest of the park together.

Motion: To Approve Consent Agenda Item **Moved by:** Mike Lowder **Seconded by:** Philip N. Render.

Vote: (summary Yes = 6) Yes: Mayor Brenda Bethune, Michael Chestnut, John Krajc, Mike Lowder, Philip N. Render, Gregg Smith.

Absent: Jackie Hatley

REGULAR AGENDA

2nd Reading Ordinance 2022-29 to annex ~5.26 acres along Pine Island Rd (PIN# 42516030015) into the City of Myrtle Beach and to rezone the property from Horry County LI (Limited Industrial) to Myrtle Beach Pine Island Point PUD.

Pine Island Point is a mixed-use PUD of approximately 35 acres at the corner of Seaboard Street and Pine Island Road. This annexation adds approximately 5.26 acres (PIN#42516030015) along Pine Island Rd. Planning Commission (4.5.22): recommends approval (8/0)

Motion: To Approve **Moved by:** Mike Lowder **Seconded by:** John Krajc.

Vote: (summary Yes = 6) Yes: Mayor Brenda Bethune, Michael Chestnut, John Krajc, Mike Lowder, Philip N. Render, Gregg Smith.

Absent: Jackie Hatley

ADOPTED

2nd Reading Ordinance 2022-30 to amend Ordinances 2006-24, 2016-27 and 2018-67, known as Pine Island Point Planned Development.

Pine Island Point is a mixed-use PUD of approx. 35 acres at the corner of Seaboard Street and Pine Island Road. Phase One is complete, and includes the 55 & older Inspire Coastal Grand multifamily project and new Sea Pine Blvd (a private St). Plans for the additional acreage include multifamily housing and a retail building along Sea Pine Blvd. Planning Commission (5.3.22): recommends approval (6/0) with the following changes:

- *At least one bus shelter, the location of which will be coordinated with COAST RTA.*
- *Pedestrian improvements to the intersection of Pine Island Rd & Seaboard St, in coordination with the City's Public Works Department, to include at a minimum ladder-style crosswalks on all four sides, ADA ramps on all four corners, and pedestrian crossing signals for the visually impaired on all four corners.*

Motion: To Approve **Moved by:** Michael Chestnut **Seconded by:** Mike Lowder.

Vote: (summary Yes = 6) Yes: Mayor Brenda Bethune, Michael Chestnut, John Krajc, Mike Lowder, Philip N. Render, Gregg Smith.

Absent: Jackie Hatley

ADOPTED

2nd Reading Ordinance 2023-1 to amend the Planned Unit Development known as Osceola Street PUD planned unit development.

Changes requested in this amendment include the following:

- *Current permitted uses, generally those of the Highway Commercial Zones, are reduced (Sec 3) to only multifamily residential, and typical accessory uses and amenities.*
- *Minimum lot size (Sec 6) is reduced from 10,000 to 5,000 sq. ft.*
- *Maximum height (Sec 6) is reduced from 60' to 55'.*
- *Minimum setback (Sec 6) from Mr. Joe White Ave is decreased from 25' to zero.*
- *Minimum setback (Sec 6) from Osceola St is decreased from 15' to zero. Minimum setback from Cherokee St remains 15'.*

Changes since 1st reading include the incorporation of a children's playground area and equipment into the project.

Motion: To Approve **Moved by:** Mike Lowder **Seconded by:** Philip N. Render.

Vote: (summary Yes = 6) Yes: Mayor Brenda Bethune, Michael Chestnut, John Krajc, Mike Lowder, Philip N. Render, Gregg Smith.

Absent: Jackie Hatley

ADOPTED

Motion 2023-6 to appoint/reappoint two members to the Ocean View Memorial Foundation Board.

The Ocean View Foundation is a 501c(4) whose mission is to improve the quality of life in Horry County through inspired philanthropy by:

- *To provide eligible students college scholarships*
- *To make grants to the Coastal Educational Foundation and the HGTC Foundation*

- *To make grants to any incorporated municipality in Horry County, situated east of the Intercostal Waterway*
- *To assist any church operating in the Myrtle Beach area (as defined)*
- *To promote, support, and aid any and all other activities and programs which will further the charitable, educational, and scientific purpose of the Foundation*

Motion: To Appoint John Krajc and Dr. Tracy Nelson **Moved by:** Michael Chestnut **Seconded by:** Mike Lowder.

Vote: (summary Yes = 5 Abstain = 1) Yes: Mayor Brenda Bethune, Michael Chestnut, Mike Lowder, Philip N. Render, Gregg Smith.

Abstained: John Krajc

Absent: Jackie Hatley

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session which are deemed to be “emergency” concerns.

Note: *South Carolina law requires that Council’s business is conducted in public with limited exceptions known as “Executive Sessions”. Subjects eligible for Executive Session include:*

- *Personnel matters.*
- *Negotiations concerning proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property.*
- *The receipt of legal advice relating to:*
 - *A pending, threatened, or potential claim.*
 - *Other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege.*
 - *Settlement of legal claims, or the position of the City in other adversary situations.*
- *Discussions regarding development of security personnel or devices.*
- *Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct.*
- *Matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses.*

Motions to go into Executive Session must be made in public and specify one or more reason above. Council can take no votes or take action in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To Adjourn **Moved by:** Mike Lowder **Seconded by:** Philip N. Render.

Vote: (summary Yes = 6) Yes: Mayor Brenda Bethune, Michael Chestnut, John Krajc, Mike Lowder, Philip N. Render, Gregg Smith.

Absent: Jackie Hatley

10:58 A.M.

BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JENNIFER ADKINS, CITY CLERK