



**REGULAR MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021 – 1:00 P.M.
CITY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
324 WEST EVANS STREET
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Teresa Myers Ervin, Mayor Pro Tempore George Jebaily, Councilwoman Pat Gibson-Hye Moore, Councilwoman Lethonia Barnes, Councilman Chaquez T. McCall, Councilman Bryan A. Braddock and Councilman C. William Schofield.

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Randall S. Osterman, City Manager; Mr. James W. Peterson, Jr., City Attorney; Mrs. Casey Moore, Municipal Clerk; Mr. Scotty Davis, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Clint Moore, Assistant City Manager of Development; Mr. Kevin Yokim, Assistant City Manager of Administration/Finance; Chief Allen Heidler, Florence Police Department; Chief Shannon Tanner, Florence Fire Department; Mr. Jerry Dudley, Director of Planning; Mr. Michael Hemingway, Director of Utilities; Mrs. Jennifer Krawiec, Director of Human Resources; Mrs. Amanda P. Pope, Director of Marketing/Communications and Municipal Services; Mr. Chuck Pope, Director of Public Works; and Mr. Charlton deSaussure, Bond Attorney.

MEDIA PRESENT

Notices of this regular meeting of City Council were provided to the media and individuals requesting a copy of the agenda informing them of the date, location and time of the meeting.

Mr. Matthew Christian with the Florence Morning News was present for the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ervin called the June 14, 2021 regular meeting of Florence City Council to order at 1:05 p.m.

INVOCATION

Mayor Ervin gave the invocation for the meeting. The pledge of allegiance to the American Flag followed the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Schofield made a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 23, 2021 Planning Retreat, the May 10, 2021 Regular Meeting, the May 13, 2021 Special Meeting, and the May 18, 2021 Work Session and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously adopted.



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PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held to receive input on the City of Florence Fiscal Year Budget 2021-2022.

Mayor Ervin opened the public hearing at 1:07 p.m. Being no public comment on the City of Florence FY 2021-2022 budget, Mayor Ervin closed the public hearing at 1:07 p.m.

A public hearing will be held to receive input on adoption of an ordinance titled “a second supplemental ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of City of Florence, South Carolina, stormwater system revenue bonds, Series 2021, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$7,000,000; and other matters relating thereto.”

Mayor Ervin opened the public hearing at 1:08 p.m. Being no public comment, Mayor Ervin closed the public hearing at 1:08 p.m.

APPEARANCE BEFORE COUNCIL

Reverend Leo Woodberry

Reverend Woodberry and Anthony Hall with the New Alpha Community Development Corporation appeared before Council to share information regarding federal policy and funding opportunities around the issues of climate change, infrastructure, and the environment. Mr. Hall said members of their organization have been working on these issues for years and have partnerships with international, national, regional, and state organizations. In 2019, they were funded to work with several organizations in the southeast to put together a Southern Communities Green New Deal platform with policy recommendations. They are currently working with the Biden Administration initiative called the Justice 40, which will direct grants, resources, and support to community-based organizations. Mr. Hall announced that New Alpha Community Development Corporation, The Whitney M Slater Foundation, Kingdom Living Temple, along with its partners from the South Carolina Environmental Justice Network, will be forming community-based organizations stakeholder groups and will be establishing one in the City of Florence and across the Pee Dee. He said they have appeared before Council to ask the city to position itself to receive potential funding from both the federal and state governments. He said the city can do this with a four-prong framework that includes a minority business development agreement, community benefits agreement, a fair share agreement and a commission or board to work on sustainability and resilience issues from a litigation and adaptation approach. He also asked that the city establish ongoing meetings with New Alpha CDC, its partners and community-based shareholder groups.

Mr. Woodberry said the Justice 40 initiative has been released by the White House and it is his desire for the city to take action so they are well positioned to receive some of this funding to help with climate, infrastructure and environmental issues.

Addendum to the Agenda

Councilman Frank J. “Buddy” Brand, Florence County Council

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to add this Appearance Before Council to the June 14, 2021 Regular Meeting agenda and Councilwoman Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Councilman Brand briefly spoke and said he was present today to increase communications between the city the county. Historically, the city and county have not worked together enough. He said the city and



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county need to work together from an economic development viewpoint, school district viewpoint, medical hospital viewpoint, quality of life viewpoint and communication viewpoint. The city and county must work together and communicate in order to succeed.

Mayor Ervin thanked Councilman Brand and said he is a great bridge between the city and county. Having been on City Council for so many years will allow him to be a great resource.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION

Bill No. 2021-11 – Second Reading

An Ordinance to annex and zone the parcel located at 2499 Rainford Road, identified as Florence County Tax Map Parcel 01221-01-158.

Councilman Schofield made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2021-11 on second reading and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to adopt Bill No. 2021-11.

Bill No. 2021-13 – Second Reading

An Ordinance to amend the Planned Development District for The Grove at Ebenezer.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2021-13 on second reading and Councilman Schofield seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to adopt Bill No. 2021-13.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Bill No. 2021-12 – First Reading

An Ordinance to annex and zone a portion of Lake Oakdale and the Lake Oakdale dam, identified as a portion of Florence County Tax Map Parcel 00751-01-049.

Mr. Dudley said the applicants have requested that this item be deferred. Without objection, this item was deferred.

Bill No. 2021-14 – First Reading

An Ordinance to annex and zone the parcel located at 2495 Hoffmeyer Road, identified as Florence County Tax Map Parcel 01221-01-109.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to pass Bill No. 2021-14 on first reading and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion.

Mr. Jerry Dudley, Planning Director, reported this is the site of a single-family residential structure and is currently unzoned in the county. Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter and voted unanimously to recommend the zoning request.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to pass Bill No. 2021-14.

Bill No. 2021-15 – First Reading



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An Ordinance to annex and zone 2504 Abbey Way, 2513 Abbey Way, 2485 Parsons Gate, and 2502 Parsons Gate, identified as Florence County Tax Map Parcels 01221-01-254, 01221-01-261, 01221-01-305, and 01221-01-283.

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to pass Bill No. 2021-15 on first reading and Councilman Schofield seconded the motion.

Mr. Dudley reported these properties are single-family detached homes located in the rear of Windsor Forest Subdivision and water and sewer services are currently available.

Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter and voted unanimously to recommend the zoning of NC-15.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to pass Bill No. 2021-15.

Bill No. 2021-16 – First Reading

An Ordinance to annex and zone the parcel located at 3136 Pisgah Road, identified as Florence County Tax Map Parcel 00097-01-029.

Councilwoman Barnes made a motion to pass Bill No. 2021-16 on first reading and Councilwoman Moore seconded the motion.

Mr. Dudley reported the proposed zoning for this parcel is RG-3, General Residential. This parcel is adjacent to the recent annexation for the future Pisgah Point Subdivision, which was zoned RG-3 upon annexation. City water service is currently available. City sewer service is currently unavailable and the applicant has signed a sewer release form; however, there is potential for sewer availability with the development of Pisgah Point Subdivision. If/when sewer becomes available, the homeowner will have five years to connect by city ordinance.

Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter and voted unanimously to recommend the zoning request of RG-3.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to pass Bill No. 2021-16.

Bill No. 2021-17 – First Reading

An Ordinance to rezone from NC-6.2 to CBD the lots at 113 and 115 East Pine Street and 319 and 321 Railroad Avenue, identified as Florence County Tax Map Parcels 90087-06-001, 90087-06-002, 90087-06-005, and 90087-06-006.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to pass Bill No. 2021-17 on first reading and Councilman McCall seconded the motion.

Mr. Dudley reported the parcels are currently zoned NC-6.2, Neighborhood Conservation-6.2. The proposed zoning is CBD, Central Business District. These lots are currently owned by the city and the city is working toward a conditional agreement with a private developer to construct townhomes intended for homeownership as part of the Neighborhood Revitalization effort.



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CBD zoning is in agreement with surrounding zoning and Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend the rezoning request. The design concept for development has also been before the Design Review Board and was approved.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to pass Bill No. 2021-17.

Bill No. 2021-18 – First Reading

An Ordinance to declare Florence County Tax Map Parcels 90060-05-014 and 90060-06-008 as surplus and authorize the transfer of land to the Desolate Development Group.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to pass Bill No. 2021-18 on first reading and Councilman McCall seconded the motion.

Mr. Dudley reported the properties in question are 708 Gladstone Street and 806 Gladstone Street. The city was approached by the Desolate Development Group to acquire these properties for the purpose of constructing detached single-family homes intended for homeownership and fits within the city's Neighborhood Revitalization strategy to entice private developers. The Desolate Development Group has recently constructed two new homes on Gladstone Street and is currently constructing a third home. One parcel is currently vacant, and one has a dilapidated structure which will be demolished by the buyer. Compensation for the properties has been established through a letter of intent.

Councilman Braddock inquired on the purchase price for the properties and Mr. Dudley replied 708 Gladstone Street is \$6,400 and 806 Gladstone Street is \$4,000.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to pass Bill No. 2021-18.

Bill No. 2021-19 – First Reading

An Ordinance to raise revenue and adopt a budget for the City of Florence, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to pass Bill No. 2021-19 on first reading and Councilwoman Moore seconded the motion.

Mr. Kevin Yokim, Assistant City Manager of Finance/Administration, reported before Council is the ordinance to approve the budget that was presented at the May 18, 2021 Work Session.

Pro tem Jebaily noted it has been a challenging year financially with shortfalls in revenues and took a moment to commend staff on their work to present a balanced budget.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to pass Bill No. 2021-19.

Bill No. 2021-20 – First Reading

A second supplemental Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of City of Florence, South Carolina, stormwater system revenue bonds, Series 2021, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$7,000,000; and other matters relating thereto.

Councilman Schofield made a motion to pass Bill No. 2021-20 on first reading and Councilman Braddock seconded the motion.



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Mr. Randy Osterman, City Manager, said during the May 18th Work Session, Pro tem Jebaily made a recommendation for the city to conduct a city-wide stormwater system study. The potential study will take approximately three years and cost approximately \$550,000. He said staff is confident the first year's expenses associated with the study will be covered in the presented budget.

Mr. Yokim said a list of projects for the 15-year bond issuance was presented to Council several months ago that amounted to \$6.6 million. He said Council discussed the projects and the amount of bond and whether or not to increase the storm water fee at the Work Session meeting. He further explained that the bond was set to the amount of not exceeding \$7 million in the ordinance for the purpose of the public hearing being held. Council may reduce the amount of the bond to \$4 million if they choose. Staff recommends the issuance of \$4 million in bonds for stormwater projects, which will allow the debt service on these bonds to be covered by the existing stormwater fee. To fund the cost of all the proposed projects would require the issuance of a \$7 million bond and an increase of \$0.50 in the stormwater fee and the budget ordinance that just passed on first reading does not include this stormwater fee increase.

Pro tem Jebaily inquired on a potential discrepancy with how the ordinance is worded, since staff is recommending the \$4 million bond issuance when the ordinance states \$7 million.

Mr. Yokim said in preparation, staff asked the financial advisor to submit a request for proposals to various financial institutions for both the issuance of bonds not exceeding \$7 million as well as not exceeding \$4.5 million.

Councilwoman Moore said the public needs to know that the stormwater fee will remain the same for a \$4 million bond, but it will increase for the \$7 million bond. She said the \$7 million is for specific projects and will cause an increase in stormwater fees but will not fix everyone's stormwater issues.

Pro tem Jebaily asked if the language would need to be amended in the ordinance to go along with the \$4 million proposal. Mr. Charlton deSassure, the city's bond attorney, said the ordinance states that the Mayor is authorized to determine the aggregate principal amount of the bond and that amount would be set forth in a certificate and signed by the Mayor. The discussion for the bond is in a range with the upper part of the range authorized, but the ordinance would require the exact number to be certified by the Mayor.

Mr. Yokim clarified that the staff recommendation is the \$4 million, plus the cost of issuance, which will not necessitate an increase in stormwater fees. The projects included on the list will not address all the stormwater issues across the city.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to pass Bill No. 2021-20.

Bill No. 2021-21 – First Reading

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 2 of the City of Florence Code of Ordinances by adding additional sections to Article III to establish the Aesthetics Advisory Committee.

Mayor Ervin made a motion to pass Bill No. 2021-21 on first reading and Councilman McCall seconded the motion.

Mr. Scotty Davis, Deputy City Manager, said this Bill is sponsored by Mayor Ervin. The advisory committee will research, investigate, recommend, and support a culture of stewardship, striving to develop and enhance an aesthetic environment where every neighborhood will be a place that is attractive and inviting.



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Councilman Braddock said the vision of this advisory committee seemingly duplicates the purpose of the Community Redevelopment Committee recently established by City Council. He said the Community Redevelopment Committee was a product from the two-day Planning Retreat session with Council and members of staff. He said he feels establishing this committee would be a shift by Council of their responsibilities to the citizens to this advisory committee. He said this advisory committee is granted several powers that are not typically granted to committees, one being the ability for this committee to create its own ad hoc committees. He said his concern that these ad hoc committees would have no input from City Council, which creates more confusion and duplicates the current efforts of Council with the Community Redevelopment Committee. He said he cannot support taking the responsibilities encumbered to him as a Councilmember and shifting them to an advisory committee and he cannot move forward with this ordinance as written.

Councilman McCall said the Community Redevelopment Committee chaired by Councilwoman Barnes is an ad hoc committee comprised of members of Council; whereas, the Aesthetics Committee is an advisory committee to Council comprised of city residents. He suggested adding language to the ordinance in order to accomplish the Mayor's goals with the Aesthetics Committee and to clear up Councilman Braddock's concerns of the committee having too much leeway and to help eliminate duplication and confusion. Councilman McCall made a motion to amend Section 2-133 (c) and (d) to add language to the ordinance that states the advisory committee will work with and through the Community Redevelopment Committee of Council as well as the City Manager, and to amend Section 2-134 (e) to add language to the ordinance to state the ad hoc committees can be formed with the consent of City Council and upon recommendation of the Community Redevelopment Committee. Councilwoman Moore seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Moore asked Mr. Davis to explain the difference between this Aesthetics Advisory Committee and the Community Redevelopment Committee. Mr. Davis said the Community Redevelopment Committee is a committee comprised of three Councilmembers that will be working with staff liaisons. This committee is charged with bringing forth policies, ideas and information before Council for Council to vote and for staff to execute plans. The Aesthetics Committee will be comprised of citizens appointed by Council. This will be an advisory committee to Council and would work in conjunction with other committees. Councilwoman Moore asked if the Aesthetics Committee would have any voting rights and Mr. Davis responded no, they are an advisory committee and would only have the ability to make recommendations to Council.

Mayor Ervin clarified the three Council committees do not have any voting authority. Council committees can work with the advisory committees and can make reports to Council.

Pro tem Jebaily said three Council Committees were established from the Planning Retreat meeting, each of these committees is comprised of three members of Council. He said it is his understanding that anything these committees come up with will only be in the form of a recommendation to Council. Three members of Council cannot make a decision on anything.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the amendment.

Councilman McCall made a motion to pass Bill No. 2021-21 on first reading, as amended and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to pass Bill No. 2021-21, as amended.

Bill No. 2021-22 – First Reading



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An Ordinance to amend Chapter 2 of the City of Florence Code of Ordinances by adding additional sections to Article III to establish the Resilience and Sustainability Advisory Committee.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to pass Bill No. 2021-22 on first reading and Councilman McCall seconded the motion.

Councilman McCall made a motion to amend Section 2-126 (b) and (c) to add language to the ordinance that states the advisory committee will work with and through the Community Redevelopment Committee of Council as well as the City Manager, and to amend Section 2-127 (e) to add language to the ordinance to state the ad hoc committees can be formed with the consent of City Council and upon recommendation of the Community Redevelopment Committee. Councilwoman Moore seconded the motion.

Councilman Braddock said the three Council committees will require reestablishment after the next election in two years and asked what effect it will have on the ordinance if the committees are not reestablished. Councilwoman Barnes also asked if this would make the Council Committees permanent or if they would remain ad hoc. Mr. Peterson approached the podium and said action taken on these ordinances will not change the formation of the Council committees established at the last meeting.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the amendment.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to pass Bill No. 2021-22 on first reading, as amended and Councilman McCall seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to pass Bill No. 2021-22, as amended.

Bill No. 2021-23 – First Reading

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 2 of the City of Florence Code of Ordinances by adding additional sections to Article III to establish the Public Safety Citizen’s Review Board.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to pass Bill No. 2021-23 on first reading and Councilman Schofield seconded the motion.

Mr. Davis reported this ordinance establishes an independent Public Safety Review Board that will be empowered to consider larger policy issues relative to the public safety departments and to hear specific concerns from the public. This Bill is sponsored by Councilman McCall.

Mayor Ervin said there is a citizen present to discuss this matter and recognized Ms. Brenda Dutcher. Ms. Dutcher expressed some concerns on the formation of this committee and asked what warranted the development of such a committee, how much input will civilians have on policies and procedures and will the grievances filed and their outcomes become public knowledge.

Councilman Braddock spoke, saying this committee will give the public a platform to address an issue and have their voice heard in the event something bad happens, potentially mitigating a negative reaction in the community.

Councilman McCall said he has been working on the establishment of this committee since he was elected in November and he has met with Chief Heidler on several occasions since its inception. He spoke on trust between minorities and law enforcement and said this is a step in the right direction to



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build trust between the two. He said the independent review board is non-intrusive and serves to give the community a voice.

Ms. Dutcher asked again if the grievances and names of parties involved would become public information. She also asked what the criteria is to serve on the Board.

Mr. Davis said the meetings will be made public, but there is an executive session portion to the meetings in which no information will be made public. Mr. Davis said it is not the city's intent to publicize an officer's name. The review the board will present findings, along with any recommendations, to the city manager.

Mr. Osterman said this Board will benefit the city by providing him access to internal information, as well as external information, which will allow him to make a more informed decision. He said the Board does not have the ability to mandate punishment or exoneration, that authority lies with himself and Chief Heidler; however, the Board does allow the public to have their case heard by their peers.

Mayor Ervin thanked Ms. Dutcher for her appearance.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to pass Bill No. 2021-23.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2021-16

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Council to execute a Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) subrecipient agreement between the City of Florence and the South Carolina Disaster Recovery Office to fund an infrastructure improvement project that will mitigate the impact of future disasters.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-16 and Councilman McCall seconded the motion.

Mr. Dudley reported city staff made application for CDBG-Mitigation grant funds for three projects through the South Carolina Office of Resilience, Disaster Recovery Division and was awarded funds for two stormwater infrastructure projects, totaling \$4,048,811. The two projects that were awarded funding are the McQueen Street Infrastructure Project and the Cedar Street Infrastructure Project.

The scope of work for the McQueen Street Project involves the upgrade of stormwater infrastructure (pipe, inlets, and junction boxes) in the vicinity of McQueen Street to include stream restoration (daylighting) of a portion of Doe Branch. The project extends from the 400 block of North McQueen south to Timrod Park and includes infrastructure throughout the stormwater capture area for the McQueen Street trunk line. The scope of the Cedar Street Project involves the upgrade of stormwater infrastructure (pipe, inlets, and junction boxes) in the vicinity of West Cedar Street, which includes a commercial corridor (South Irby Street) and sections of the Timrod Park Neighborhood. The two projects work synergistically to improve drainage and upgrade failing infrastructure throughout the catch basin associated with Doe Branch and the McQueen Street trunk line.

Pro tem Jebaily asked if these projects are in addition to the projects to be completed with the stormwater bond to which Mr. Dudley said that is correct, these grants are a great opportunity to get extra projects completed.



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Council voted unanimously (7-0) to adopt Resolution No. 2021-16.

Resolution No. 2021-17

A Resolution to proclaim the month of June as Homeownership Month in the City of Florence.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-17 and Councilman McCall seconded the motion.

Mr. Dudley reported on June 1, 2021, the President proclaimed the month of June as National Homeownership month. Homeownership month provides an opportunity for all citizens to recognize that homeownership is becoming more difficult to realize and sustain.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to adopt Resolution No. 2021-17.

Resolution No. 2021-18

A Resolution to amend a Conditional Grant Agreement dated November 22, 2013 between the City of Florence and New Florence Investment, LLC.

Councilman Schofield made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-18 and Councilman McCall seconded the motion.

Mr. Yokim reported the original capital investment from this project was expected to be \$10-11 million; however, the tax value of the new investment is approximately \$3 million. When the grant agreement was initially formatted, it was in the amount of \$850,000, which was the amount equal to the estimated total of 85% of the property taxes paid by the developer over the first seven years following the completion of the project. The total investment was not as much as originally anticipated. As a result, the payback period will need to be increased from seven years to eighteen years to make the grant work. The investor has agreed not to appeal the assessment by the County Assessor during the remaining life of the current TIF in exchange for this amendment.

Council voted 6-0 to adopt Resolution No. 2021-18 (Councilwoman Moore was not present for the vote).

Resolution No. 2021-19

A Resolution and Conditional Grant and Development Agreement to provide an incentive for the development of a project located within an Overlay District.

Mayor Ervin said staff has requested that this item be deferred. Without objection, this item was deferred.

Resolution No. 2021-20

A Resolution to designate ten (10) on-street parking spaces located on the north side of the 400 block of West Evans Street along the frontage of the McMillan Federal Building as “U.S. Marshals Parking Only”.

Councilman Schofield made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-20 and Councilman McCall seconded the motion.

Mr. Clint Moore, Assistant City Manager of Development, reported the U.S. Marshals Florence, SC office made a request to designate 10 of the newly constructed parking spaces associated with the West



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Evans Streetscape project as “U.S. Marshals Parking Only.” The West Evans Streetscape Project designated a total of 20 spaces in front of the McMillan Federal Building along West Evans Street, with 10 spaces along the north of West Evans and 10 spaces along the south. The 10 in question are the parking spaces on the north of West Evans, directly in front of the Federal Building. Mr. Moore further elaborated that a separate Resolution will need to be considered by Council to establish the parking regulations for the additional spaces along the south side of West Evans. By ordinance, 2-hour parking was established for the 100 and 200 blocks of West Evans Street, as well as the 100 blocks of North and South Dargan Street. CDM Smith recently conducted a parking study for downtown Florence in 2016 which recommended establishing on-street parking to facilitate the development and growth of downtown.

Councilwoman Moore spoke on limited parking downtown and said there is not enough handicap spaces. Mr. Moore said on-street handicap spaces are difficult to accommodate due to the age of the street, grading, etc., but they are typically offered on-site.

Councilwoman Barnes said she has similar concerns on limited parking downtown. She asked if the spaces would be limited to a specific timeframe or if there would never be any public parking there. Mr. Moore responded the request is to fully limit the parking to U.S. Marshals Only.

Pro tem Jebaily said downtown parking is precious and he does not think these spaces should be turned over. He said the city has worked hard over many years to develop a comprehensive, thoughtful approach to parking. These spaces will essentially become a no parking zone, the Marshal service will not even be utilizing the spaces. He said he respects the request, but he has a duty to the citizens, and he encourages staff to explore the potential for these spaces to be handicap. Mr. Moore did note that the sidewalks and sidewalk access within the corridor have all been built to ADA standards but it is difficult to meet ADA standards for on-street parking which is why they are typically established off the street. Currently downtown handicap parking is offered in all the surface lots and parking decks and there are some located in the 200 block of West Evans Street. Mr. Moore said staff can investigate ways to accommodate more.

Councilman Braddock said the Marshals have asked the city to designate the parking, but what will happen when they are told no. Mr. Osterman approached the podium to respond. He said the Marshals’ request is based on security concerns for the Federal Building. He said he can continue conversations with them with the concerns that have been brought up and try to resolve all issues and go from there. Councilman Braddock questioned the use of eminent domain or any actions they can take. Mr. Peterson spoke, saying he’s never seen a situation in which the federal government has used eminent domain for this sort of request but that does not mean it doesn’t exist. He said their request is not because the Marshals need parking, it is because they view it as a security risk to allow parking that close to a federal court building.

Councilman Schofield said he understands the city needs more parking spaces and more handicap spaces downtown, but he sides with the Marshals on this matter. He said it is not a good idea to allow people to park in front of the building that could potentially have a lethal threat to the building.

Councilman McCall proposed only restricting the parking Monday through Friday, from 9am-5pm. He made a motion to defer this matter so that may take the suggestion to the Marshals for consideration and Councilwoman Moore seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously to defer Resolution No. 2021-20.



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Resolution No. 2021-21

A Resolution to honor basketball legend Pearl Moore on her induction into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Councilman McCall made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-21 and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion.

Mr. Scotty Davis reported that Pearl Moore is a four-time All American and the all-time career-scoring leader for women's college basketball. When at Francis Marion University, she averaged 30.6 points per game. She is a Florence native and graduate of Wilson High School.

Pro tem Jebaily and Councilwoman Barnes both expressed their enthusiasm towards this Resolution.

Councilwoman Moore said Pearl Moore is only the third South Carolinian to be inducted into the Naismith Hall of Fame.

Mayor Ervin said she was part of Council when the Pearl Moore Basketball Gymnasium came to fruition. She said Pearl Moore has made history with her accomplishments and with the induction to the hall of fame, but she also made history by being the only government building in the city named after a female.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to adopt Resolution No. 2021-21.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Mr. Jerry Dudley, Planning Director

Mr. Dudley gave an update on an amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance regarding the Commercial Reuse District. He said at the April City Council meeting, Council deferred a rezoning request for property located on Oakland Avenue and Maxwell Street. At the request of Council, Planning Commission studied sections of the Unified Development Ordinance in regard to the Commercial Reuse District. During this time staff also began researching and putting together some suggestions for potential amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance and these suggestions were presented as a draft amendment at the June Planning Commission meeting in which Planning Commission ultimately decided to defer. There were concerns among Planning Commission members on protection among surrounding residential uses and unintended consequence with putting rules into place. The amendment will go before Planning Commission again next month.

Councilwoman Moore expressed frustration with all the amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance. Mr. Dudley said any zoning code is going to evolve over time and will require amendments.

Councilman McCall said he was under the impression that the intent was to find a way for this existing nonconformity to comply with code. Mr. Dudley said spot zoning or zoning for one property is not allowed. Once amendments are adopted, the code would apply to any similar situation moving forward.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Judicial Review Ad Hoc Committee



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Mr. Davis reported Council traditionally appoints a Judicial Review Ad Hoc Committee to make recommendations on the appointments of city judges. He said the Mayor typically appoints members of Council to this committee. Current serving judges have all indicated their desire to continue serving.

Without objection, Mayor Ervin appointed Councilman McCall, Councilman Schofield, and Councilwoman Moore to the Judicial Review Ad Hoc Committee.

Community Redevelopment Committee

The Community Redevelopment Committee is chaired by Councilwoman Barnes. Without objection, Councilwoman Barnes appointed Councilman McCall and Councilwoman Moore to the committee.

Marketing and Public Relations Committee

The Marketing and Public Relations Committee is chaired by Councilman McCall. Without objection, Councilman McCall appointed Councilman Braddock and Pro tem Jebaily to the committee.

Business Development Committee

The Business Development Committee is chaired by Pro tem Jebaily. Without objection, Pro tem Jebaily appointed Councilwoman Barnes and Councilman Schofield to the committee.

Councilwoman Barnes made an announcement on an upcoming event. On June 26, 2021 there will be a community clean-up. The event will begin at First Baptist Church at 7:00 a.m. and any volunteers are welcome.

ADJOURN

Without objection, the June 14, 2021 Regular meeting of City Council was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Dated this 12th day of July 2021.

Casey C. Moore, Municipal Clerk

Teresa Myers Ervin, Mayor