



## City Council Meeting Summary for March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### Work Session:

**Discussion of Emergency Ordinance:** Recent changes to the Governor's State of Emergency include lessening restrictions on businesses (particularly restaurants) and gatherings. Folly Beach's Emergency Ordinance will remain in place along with a permanent mask ordinance. Current items covered by the Emergency Ordinance include public meeting and operational changes to allow City business to be more easily conducted virtually.

**Shipping Containers:** In 2019 a committee met to develop regulations for shipping containers used in construction on Folly. The recommendations were postponed due to COVID. If Council approves the new policies, shipping containers could still be used in construction. However, they would have to be properly engineered (even as temporary or accessory uses), stripped down so that all commercial markings removed, and finished in an appropriate manner. These recommendations will be drafted as ordinance amendments and presented to the Planning Commission in the coming months.

### Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Goodwin reminded the audience that, as COVID restrictions become fewer, everyone should maintain vigilance to stay safe and healthy. Spring holidays like Saint Patrick's Day and Easter are coming up fast. Please be aware of large crowds and encourage responsible behaviors.

### Staff Reports:

**Eric Lutz, Public Works Director:** Mr. Lutz reviewed projected overages in the Temporary Labor budget for his department and corresponding savings in other line items.

**Aaron Pope, Administrator/Lee Gessner, Finance Director:** Mr. Pope and Mr. Gessner presented the budget process schedule for 2021. As planned, the Council will hold budget work sessions in April and May. Both first reading and second reading will be in June.

**Colleen Jolley, Community Coordinator:** Ms. Jolley presented a proposed schedule that allocates blocks of time for the City's recreational offerings and free play. The City will be transition to a reservation system for use of the tennis and basketball courts.

### Personal Appearances:

**Mashall DePass, representing the Eastern Surfing Association** presented a request for the City to approve the 2021 surfing contest schedule. The request was approved.

**Micheal Ross of Southeast Finishes, LLC** requested a weekend work permit to for March 13, March 20, and March 27 at 1723 East Ashley. Mr. Ross was not present and the item was postponed.

**Ryan Stuart Burns of Mixed Bag Productions, Inc.** requested a filming permit at the Lighthouse Inlet Preserve. Council approved this request.

**Angie Carson of the Folly Beach Art Village**, requesting permission for Spring hours (5-9pm) and Winter hours (4-8pm) on Wednesday and Sundays 12-4pm for the market at the Washout. The market was approved with a maximum of 16 vendors (as opposed to the 8 allowed with no special approval).

**Old Business:**

**Ordinance 03-21:** Passed 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. This ordinance allows berms to be used as an erosion control device and constructed within the critical line buffer. Berms must be designed by a certified professional and planted.

**Ordinance 05-21:** Passed 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. This ordinance clarifies that lot area and max square footage formulas are calculated based on high ground area.

**Ordinance 06-21:** Passed 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. This ordinance makes the mask provisions of our Emergency Ordinance permanent until the statewide State of Emergency Expires.

**Ordinance 07-21:** Passed 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. This ordinance prohibits smoking and the use of all types of smoking materials on the beach and at beach accesses.

**New Business:**

**Ordinance 11-20 (Seventh Amendment):** Passed. This amendment to the Emergency Ordinance removes mandatory restrictions on restaurants and gatherings. Virtual City Hall and public meetings remain in effect.

**Ordinance 09-21:** Passed 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. This ordinance would require all annual franchise fees to be paid prior to the business license renewal deadline.

**Ordinance 10-21:** Remanded to the Planning Commission for a public hearing at their April meeting. This ordinance would amend the flood code to increase the freeboard elevation to compensate for lower flood elevations across the island.

**Ordinance 11-21:** Remanded to the Planning Commission for a public hearing at their April meeting. This ordinance would amend various portions of the zoning ordinances to increase the freeboard elevation to compensate for lower flood elevations across the island.

**Ordinance 12-21:** Remanded to the Planning Commission for a public hearing at their April meeting. This Ordinance would amend the zoning map to change 204 East Ashely to Downtown Commercial from Residential Two Family. The property is currently used as overflow parking and storage for Berts Market.

**Ordinance 13-21:** Remanding to the Planning Commission for a public hearing at their April meeting. This Ordinance would rezone 204 East Ashely to Downtown Commercial from Residential Two Family. The property is currently used as overflow parking and storage for Berts Market.

**Resolution 09-21:** Passed. This resolution proclaims April to be Donate Life Month to honor and encourage organ donation in South Carolina.

**Resolution 10-21:** Passed. This resolution gives the administration authority to sign a new 40-year contract with Charleston Water Systems.

**Resolution 11-21:** Passed. This resolution awards \$1,000 to the Civic Club for Folly Fam Camp based on the recommendation of the Community Promotions Committee.

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