

MINUTES

ORDINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

5:30 P. M., FEBRUARY 11, 2021

*IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE MEETING OF THE ORDINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE WAS CONDUCTED ELECTRONICALLY. THE MEETING WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AS A LIVE STREAM VIA ZOOM (PER THE AGENDA).

Jeanine Faegre, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Charleston City Council Committee on Ordinance and Rules to order at 5:30p.m., FEBRUARY 11, 2021.

Committee Members Present:

Jeanine Faegre, Chair

Bobby Reishman, Vice Chair

John Kennedy Bailey (arrived after approval of the minutes)

Bobby Haas

Keeley Steele

Absent:

Courtney Persinger

Robert Sheets

1. Approval of Previous Minutes – Councilmember Reishman moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 1-13-2021. Councilmember Haas seconded. There was no objection and the minutes were approved.

2. Resolution No. 425-21 – Authorizing the filing with the City Clerk of the 2021 Charleston Fire Department Policies and Procedures Manual, and approving said Manual along with a process for future amendments.

City Attorney, Kevin Baker, added that this process had been going on for some time, since around 2013. He has been working on this with the Fire Department since his appointment, particularly with Trevor Dysart and Chad Jones. The procedures have been updated to reflect how the CFD utilizes TeleStaff Software as well as new positions and title changes and updates to antiquated language. Similar to the CPD's procedures, changes can now be approved by the Fire Chief, City Attorney, and Mayor and will be filed with the City Clerk. Councilmember Steele confirmed with Baker that this is generally how the CPD operates.

With no further discussion, Councilmember Reishman made a motion to approve the bill. Councilmember Steele seconded. With the yeas being unanimous, Resolution No. 425-21 was approved.

3. Bill No. 7895 – - A BILL to amend and reenact Section 54-41 of the Municipal Code of the City of Charleston, as amended, relating to updating the names of the fire department's divisions.

Baker added that the bill came out of the same process of going through all of the CFD policies and procedures. They noticed that the City Code still referred to the Fire Suppression Division and the Emergency Medical Services Division which is now the Fire and EMS and Rescue Operations Division. The bill will update the Code to make it consistent with the current practice.

With no further discussion, Councilmember Reishman made a motion to approve the bill. Councilmember Haas seconded. With the yeas being unanimous, Bill No. 7895 was approved.

Councilmember Reishman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Haas seconded. Meeting adjourned.