

# MINUTES

## ORDINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

**5:30 P. M., APRIL 26, 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., APRIL 26, 2021.

### **Committee Members Present:**

Jeanine Faegre, Chair  
Bobby Reishman, Vice Chair  
John Kennedy Bailey  
Bobby Haas  
Robert Sheets  
Keeley Steele

### **Absent:**

Courtney Persinger

### **Councilmembers also Present:**

Joseph Jenkins

1. Approval of Previous Minutes – Councilmember Reishman moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 2-11-2021. Councilmember Haas seconded. There was no objection and the minutes were approved.

2. Bill No. 7897 – A BILL to amend and reenact Section 10-171 of the Municipal Code of the City of Charleston, as amended, relating to updating the urban deer management to be consistent with state law.

The bill's sponsor, Councilmember Jenkins, added that he was contacted by Troy Lanham to request that the City update its Code to reflect the change in State Law regarding cross bows. Previously, it had been only allowed for those with a special license who could not use a full bow. The State law has been changed to allow crossbows during the normal archery hunting season. The City's Urban Deer Hunt will now match the State Code upon passage.

Councilmember Steele wanted to clarify the parameters for allowing cross bows. She added that the only City property that was part of the deer hunt was at Cato Park (it was later corrected by Troy Lanham that Pacific Street was also City owned). Councilmember Jenkins added that it does not change how the permits and tracts are allowed, nor the safety rules already in place. Councilmember Reishman agreed with Councilmember Steele over concerns with the hunt taking place at Cato Park. He clarified that hunters need to have a standard hunting license; cross bows used to be a Class Y license. Councilmember Jenkins added that the State has removed the distinction between a cross bow and a normal bow. Councilmember Faegre clarified with City Attorney, Kevin Baker, that the Urban Deer Hunt is only allowed during November through December at Cato Park. Councilmember Bailey confirmed that there are signs posted at Cato Park during the hunting season.

With no further discussion, Councilmember Reishman made a motion to approve the bill. Councilmember Sheets seconded. With the yeas being unanimous, Bill No. 7897 was approved.

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