

# MINUTES

## ORDINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

5:00 P. M., DECEMBER 18, 2023

THE MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON IN THE AV ROOM #308 IN CITY HALL.

Chad Robinson, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Charleston City Council Committee on Ordinance and Rules to order at 5:00 p.m., October 2, 2023.

### **Committee Members Present:**

Chad Robinson, Chair

Patrick Salango, Vice Chair

Frank Annie

Becky Ceperley

Joseph Jenkins (arrived at 5:02)

Emmett Pepper

### **Absent:**

Sam Minardi

Councilmembers also Present:

Mary Beth Hoover

### 1. Approval of Previous Minutes –

Councilmember Ceperley motioned to approve the previous minutes from 10-2-2023. Councilmember Annie seconded the motion. With those being present having voted unanimously in the affirmative, the Chair declared the minutes as approved as amended.

2. Resolution No. 911-23 - Declaring that the City of Charleston, City Administration, its City Council, its various Boards and Commissions, and the citizens and businesses of the City of Charleston will strive to utilize native plant species, minimize pesticide usage, operate bird-safe buildings, and seek opportunities to protect the habitats of species of the greatest conservation need as designated by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources. –

Councilmember Pepper added that the resolution sets goals that are not binding. The CLRA has identified properties that are adjacent to existing parks, which they have purchased (such as with Danner Meadow). He realized that there wasn't any sort of guidance as to how to identify park spaces in the future, how to determine if a land is best for a park, etc. Additionally, the City should not be doing anything that would contribute to the extinction of any species. The resolution sets a goal that 75% of all residents are within a half mile walk of a park. The City is currently at approximately 52%. The resolution also sets a goal to set aside 5% of land for parks, 3% natural.

Councilmember Ceperley spoke in favor of the resolution.

Councilmember Ceperley moved to approve Resolution No. 911-23. Councilmember Annie seconded. With those being present having voted unanimously in the affirmative, the Chair declared Resolution No. 911-23 as approved.

3. Bill No. 7991 Committee Substitute - A BILL to amend sections of the Municipal Code relating to city agencies and boards adopting wellbeing and conservation goals for the city.–

Councilmember Pepper added that the bill had previously been approved by the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Councilmember Pepper added that the Comprehensive Plan applies to all City agencies, and the bill makes that clear in the City Code.

Councilmember Ceperley moved to approve Bill No. 7991 Committee Substitute. Councilmember Annie seconded. With those being present having voted unanimously in the affirmative, the Chair declared Bill No. Bill No. 7991 Committee Substitute as approved.

Councilmember Annie motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.