

# MINUTES

## ORDINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

6:00 P. M., FEBRUARY 20, 2024

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 6:00 p.m., February 20, 2024.

### **Committee Members Present:**

Chad Robinson, Chair

Patrick Salango, Vice Chair

Frank Annie

Becky Ceperley

Joseph Jenkins

Sam Minardi

Emmett Pepper

### **Absent:**

Councilmembers also Present:

Beth Kerns

### 1. Approval of Previous Minutes –

Councilmember Pepper motioned to approve the previous minutes from 12-18-2023. 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. Bill No. 8028 – A BILL to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Charleston relating to updating the regulation of vendors. –

City Attorney, Kevin Baker, added that the City Collector's Office believed that the requirements for vendors could be simplified. The bill redefines how vendors are organized by removing the itinerant vendor classification, and removed the business license requirement. Instead, there is a vendor license requirement, which will reduce the overall fees from \$40 to \$20/annually. The new split for vendors is based on where that vendor will be operating. The Street Vendor Permit allows for vendors to be on a public right of way, involved in events and on private property, etc. An Event Vendor Permit is allowed during specific, city approved events, such as Festival. The Private Property Vendor License allows for vendors to set up on private property, such as on the parking lot of a business.

Councilmember Pepper wanted clarification that line 519, stating that vendors were not allowed to be on the street between 4-6am, applied to all vendors. Baker replied that was current Code. Pepper asked would that apply to Regatta vendors that were parked in those locations overnight. Baker replied that applied to the public right of ways, and would not affect Regatta vendors.

Councilmember Jenkins asked if licenses were required for Private Property vendors, and would that apply to someone who sold something on Ebay. Baker replied that was not the intent, and would not apply in those instances. Councilmember Jenkins suggested adding an "and" to line 256 as a way to clarify those being separate. Baker replied that could be changed clerically.

From the audience, Councilmember Kerns spoke in favor of the bill. She added that this would bring back vendors who were put off from the many fees and licenses previously required.

Councilmember Pepper moved to approve Bill No. 8028 with the mentioned technical cleanup. Councilmember Annie seconded. With those being present having voted unanimously in the affirmative, the Chair declared Bill No. 8028 as approved.

Councilmember Annie motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.