

MINUTES

ORDINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

6:00 P. M., MAY 6, 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., May 6, 2024.

Committee Members Present:

Chad Robinson, Chair

Patrick Salango, Vice Chair

Frank Annie

Becky Ceperley

Joseph Jenkins

Sam Minardi (arrived after approval of previous minutes)

Emmett Pepper

Absent:

Other Councilmembers Present:

Chelsea Steelhammer

Joe Solomon

Beth Kerns

Bruce King

1. Approval of Previous Minutes –

Councilmember Jenkins motioned to approve the previous minutes from 4-1-2024. 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. 8030 Committee Substitute - A BILL to amend the Municipal relating to updating requirements and penalties associated with bicycle riders and motorized vehicles –

City Attorney, Kevin Baker, added that the Committee Substitute removes the general penalties section (so they will stay the same in Code), and adds two sections related to bicyclists and pedestrians that do not have jail time penalties. The penalties match what are already in place for scooters. It still removes antiquated language, and adds language for safely passing a bicyclist. The Committee Substitute also clarifies that an operator of a vehicle who violates the Code is subject to the general penalties section.

Councilmember Ceperley confirmed with Baker that Section 114-3 was removed from the bill, but is still extant in City Code.

Councilmember Robinson confirmed with Baker that the changes are a modernization to current Code as it will be more in line with State Code.

Councilmember Ceperley confirmed with Baker that the requirements to license and register bicycles have been removed. Baker added that he could not confirm that this was ever enforced.

Councilmember Jenkins confirmed with Baker that there is a national database of bicycle serial numbers that would serve the purpose of registering a bicycle more efficiently.

Councilmember Pepper spoke in favor of the bill and agreed with the changes that were made.

Councilmember Annie moved to approve Bill No. 8030 Committee Substitute. Councilmember Minardi seconded. With those being present having voted unanimously in the affirmative, the Chair declared Bill No. 8030 Committee Substitute as approved.

Councilmember Annie motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Minardi seconded. Meeting adjourned.