

# MINUTES

## ORDINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

6:00 P. M., JULY 1, 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., July 1, 2024.

### **Committee Members Present:**

Chad Robinson, Chair

Patrick Salango, Vice Chair

Frank Annie

Becky Ceperley

Joseph Jenkins

Sam Minardi

Emmett Pepper

### **Absent:**

### **Other Councilmembers Present:**

Joe Solomon

Bruce King

#### 1. Approval of Previous Minutes –

Councilmember Annie motioned to approve the previous minutes from 5-6-2024. Councilmember Minardi 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. 8037 - A BILL to amend the Municipal Code relating to updating the City Center Private Outdoor Designated Area to include two special event locations; updating the City Center PODA map; explicitly vesting the City Manager with the authority to adjust the active boundary of the Private Outdoor Designated Area in order to account for special event locations; and requiring additional signage relating to the special event locations.—

City Manager Ben Mishoe added that some municipalities have had problems with special events operating within PODAS. The ABC's opinion that for special events, the entire PODA should be shut down. The Legislature has made some changes during their most recent session concerning special events operating within PODAS by creating a special event license, with the special event becoming a PODA retailer. Due to the excellent relationship with the ABC, the City was able to host the first special event PODA in the State with the Bike Bash. Live on the Levee has also been operating under this statute. Mishoe added that sometimes this is cost prohibitive. They have worked with ABC to adjust the map to where the footprint will remain the same, but there will now be two separate special event areas within the Downtown City Center Map. The areas are City Plaza at Slack Plaza and Haddad Riverfront Park. If there is a special event within those areas that do not want to participate in the PODA, the City will have the ability to temporarily shut down that portion of the PODA. During these times, large signs will be placed around the perimeter explaining the boundaries and rules.

Councilmember Pepper confirmed with Mishoe that the Regatta special event is slightly larger than the current PODA footprint. Most other events that will happen within that area will fall directly within that PODA.

Councilmember Jenkins added that practically speaking, this would come down to the types of cups that are being used, since the PODA requires a very specific cup. City Attorney Kevin Baker added that the cups are fairly expensive for vendors. Additionally, some events want their vendors to sell their products inside the event. Mishoe added that since a lot of the special events are run by non-profits, the special license fee of \$500 would be a deterrent.

Councilmember Robinson confirmed that the supply of cups donated to the City by the CVB have all been distributed, and vendors are now responsible for ordering them.

Councilmember Annie moved to approve Bill No. 8037. Councilmember Minardi seconded. With those being present having voted unanimously in the affirmative, the Chair declared Bill No. 8037.

Councilmember Annie motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.