

MINUTES

ORDINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

6:30 P. M., DECEMBER 1, 2025

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 6:30 p.m., December 1, 2025.

Committee Members Present:

Chad Robinson, Chair
Frank Annie
Becky Ceperley
Harper Gardner
Joseph Jenkins
Emmett Pepper

Absent:

Patrick Salango, Vice Chair

Other Councilmembers Present:

Caitlin Cook
Chelsea Steelhammer

1. Approval of Previous Minutes –

Councilmember Annie motioned to approve the previous minutes from 5-19-2025. Councilmember Ceperley 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. 8061 - A BILL to amend the Municipal Code relating to prohibiting the use of fireworks in any City park or on City-owned property without approval.

As the bill's primary sponsor, Councilmember Cook addressed the Committee from the audience. Councilmember Cook stated that they have consistently heard from constituents about fireworks in public parks. The matter is a safety concern as well as a protection of the investments the City has made into the various turfed fields.

Councilmember Jenkins added that he is also a sponsor since a citizen in his Ward also discussed the issue with him. Fireworks have always been a concern in Danner Meadow as it is closely surrounded by homes.

Councilmember Cook added that the availability of fireworks are easier to acquire and the fireworks themselves are bigger than was previously available.

Councilmember Pepper spoke in support of the bill. He confirmed with the Committee the dates and times it is legal to set off fireworks.

Councilmember Ceperley motioned to approve Bill No. 8061. Councilmember Annie seconded the motion. With those being present having voted unanimously in the affirmative, Chair Robinson declared Bill No. 8061 as approved.

The Committee briefly discussed the possibility of looking into depilated structures, Council Rules and attendance requirements in the future.

Councilmember Jenkins motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.