

June 13, 2019  
Charleston, SC

A meeting of Charleston County Council's Public Safety Committee was held on June 13, 2019, in the Beverly T. Craven Council Chambers, Second Floor of the Lonnie Hamilton, III Public Services Building, located at 4045 Bridge View Drive, North Charleston, South Carolina.

The following committee members were present: Teddie Pryor, Chairman, who presided, Henry Darby, Anna Johnson, Jenny Costa Honeycutt, and Council Chairman Summey, who serves on all committees. The following County Councilmembers who are not members of this committee and, therefore, unable to vote on items before this committee, were present: Brantley Moody, Victor Rawl, Herb Sass, and Dickie Schweers.

County Administrator Jennifer Miller and County Attorney Joe Dawson were also present.

Ms. Johnson moved approval of the Public Safety Committee Minutes of December 6, 2018 and May 30, 2019, seconded by Mr. Summey, and carried.

The Chairman stated that next item on the agenda was a proposal from Ms. Johnson regarding regulation of activities at public boat landings.

Ms. Johnson stated that there had been numerous complaints over the years regarding unsafe activities such as loitering, drug use, and discharge of firearms at public boat landings, specifically Martin's Boat Landing. She stated that she had been working with the County Attorney's Office to draft amendments to the ordinance regulating parking rules and restrictions of commercial use of public boat landings and ramps to add the consumption of alcoholic beverages at public boat landing to the list of offenses, to prohibit the operation of all-terrain vehicles at a public boat landing, and to make unlawful the discharge of firearms at public boat landings except as permitted by law and made a motion to recommend that Council approve and give first reading to such ordinance. Mr. Summey seconded the motion.

Mr. Schweers stated that while he was not a member of this committee, he wished to voice concerns. He stated that he recalled the discussion about the problems at Martins Boat Landing in the past and that he was fine with the portions of this proposed ordinance regarding the discharge of firearms and driving ATV's at the boat landings, but he saw nothing wrong with having a beer while fishing at the piers at some public boat landings and requested that the ordinance be amended to be understanding of traditions in local culture. Ms. Johnson did not accept the amendment.

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion to approve the requested ordinance, which passed.

There being no further business to come before the Body, the Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned.

Kristen L. Salisbury  
Clerk of Council