



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Town Council Chambers, Moncks Corner Municipal
Complex, 118 Carolina Avenue
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Town Council was called to order by Mayor Michael Locklear at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Michael A. Locklear
Mayor Pro-Tem David A. Dennis, Jr.
Councilmember DeWayne G. Kitts
Councilmember James N. Law, Jr.
Councilmember Latorie S. Lloyd
Councilmember Chadwick D. Sweatman
Councilmember James B. Ware, III

Staff Present:

John S. West, Town Attorney
Jeffrey V. Lord, Town Administrator
Marilyn M. Baker, Administrative Services Director/Clerk to Council
Justine H. Lovell, Finance Director
Stephen G. Young, Interim Police Chief
Rebecca T. Ellison, Recreation Director
R. Logan Faulkner, Public Service Director
Douglas R. Polen, Community Development Director
Robert L. Gass, III, Fire Chief
Mohamed A. Ibrahim, Technology Manager

INVOCATION

Invocation was delivered by Reverend Leon Brown of Moncks Corner Baptist Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Councilmember Law.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Minutes:** Joint Workshop of Town Council and the Planning Commission - December 20, 2022

Motion made by Councilmember Law to approve the Joint Workshop minutes of December 20, 2022, motion seconded by Councilmember Ware. Motion was approved unanimously as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Councilmember Kitts, Councilmember Law, Councilmember Lloyd, Councilmember Sweatman, Councilmember Ware.

2. Minutes: Regular Meeting of Council - December 20, 2022

Motion made by Councilmember Ware to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 20, 2022, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis. Motion was approved unanimously as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Councilmember Kitts, Councilmember Law, Councilmember Lloyd, Councilmember Sweatman, Councilmember Ware.

REPORTS

3. Mayor's Report: Michael A. Locklear

Mayor Locklear reported that Captain Stephen Young will be serving as the Town's Interim Police Chief until a replacement is named. Chief David Brabham's term will end at the end of January.

He reported that the Town had a great year in 2022. Our biggest event of the year was the grand opening of the Miracle League Field. It was an exciting time, and the project was finally complete.

The Town will hold the first annual St. Patrick's Day Festival "Let The Shenanigans Begin" on Saturday, March 18th on Main Street from 12 – 4 p.m.

4. Administrator's Report: Jeffrey V. Lord

Administrator Lord asked our Special Events Manager, Susan Gilmore to explain a little more about our St. Patrick's Day Event. Susan reported that we will have several activities that day, including live music, food trucks, and corn hole games to name a few. Main Street will be shut down from Behrman Street to Factory Street. We are looking forward to a great time.

Administrator Lord reported that business license renewals went out last week. We began the renewal process last year through a statewide portal. We are expecting more people to transition over to the portal and renew online this year.

He reported that spring sports registration has begun. Fall registration was a record breaker. We will see how spring registration will go.

The hallway at Town Hall is in the process of being painted.

The Town has purchased the property located at 122 Jolly Lane. An evaluation of the building was done, and it is not salvageable. Staff will be bringing back demolition bids for Council's consideration next month.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Resolution No. 2023-01R - Retail Recruitment Training Program

Administrator Lord explained that this is a new retail recruitment training program offered through the Municipal Association and in partnership with The Retail Coach. It is similar to the one the Town already participates in. The cost of the program if

approved, will be \$5,000. Carson Shepherd, our Business Development Manager will be attending. We will receive a \$1500 credit toward her attendance.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to approve Resolution 2023-01R. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Sweatman and approved unanimously as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Councilmember Kitts, Councilmember Law, Councilmember Lloyd, Councilmember Sweatman, Councilmember Ware.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to be brought before Council.

PUBLIC INPUT

There were no comments from the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. Discussion: Personnel matters pertaining to the Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilmember Law to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters relating to the Police Department. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Sweatman and unanimously approved as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Councilmember Kitts, Councilmember Law, Councilmember Lloyd, Councilmember Sweatman, Councilmember Ware.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to go out of executive session and to reconvene to the regular meeting of Council. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Law and unanimously approved as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Councilmember Kitts, Councilmember Law, Councilmember Lloyd, Councilmember Sweatman, Councilmember Ware.

Reconvened: Council reconvened to the regular meeting. Mayor Locklear reported that there was no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Ware to adjourn the regular meeting of Council. Meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m. Motion was approved unanimously as follows.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Councilmember Kitts, Councilmember Law, Councilmember Lloyd, Councilmember Sweatman, Councilmember Ware.

A copy of this meeting's agenda was e-mailed to the Post and Courier, The Berkeley Independent, Live 5 News, Channel 4, Channel 2, and The News Journal Scene. As required, the agenda was posted on the Municipal Complex bulletin board and Town Website at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Minutes Approved and Adopted:

Marilyn M. Baker/Clerk to Council

February 17, 2023

DATE