



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Town Council Chambers, Moncks Corner Municipal
Complex, 118 Carolina Avenue
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Town Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas J. Hamilton, Jr. at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Thomas J. Hamilton, Jr.
Mayor Pro-Tem David A. Dennis, Jr.
Council Member Leroy S. Dingle, Jr.
Council Member Latorie S. Lloyd
Council Member Chadwick D. Sweatman

Staff Present:

James E. Brogdon, Town Attorney
Jeffrey V. Lord, Town Administrator
Marilyn M. Baker, Administrative Services Director/Clerk to Council
Justine H. Lovell, Finance Director
James C. Jackson, III, Fire Chief
Antwan L. Richardson, Police Chief
Mohamed A. Ibrahim, Technology Director
Justin S. Westbrook, Community Development Director
Carter France, Town Planner

Absent:

Council Member James N. Law, Jr.
Council Member James B. Ware, III
R. Logan Faulkner, Public Service Director
Elizabeth B. Rentz, Recreation Director

INVOCATION

Pastor David Clanton of The Grove Church was unable to attend. Fire Chief James Jackson delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Council Member Latorie Lloyd.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Regular Meeting Minutes:** May 19, 2026

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 19, 2026. Motion was seconded by Council Member Sweatman and approved unanimously as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Hamilton, Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Council Member Dingle, Council Member Lloyd, Council Member Sweatman.

REPORTS

2. **Mayor's Report:** Thomas J. Hamilton, Jr.

May 21- He attended and spoke at the Berkeley High Fire School Graduation; He presented the Robby Brannon Award to this year's recipient. He thanked the Moncks Corner Fire Department for all their efforts in supporting this class.

May 23 - He attended the Kitfield Community End of School Bash.

May 24 - He attended the Memorial Day Ceremony hosted by the American Legion Post 126. Councilman Dennis also attended.

May 27 - He treated the Community Development Team to lunch at Swig & Swine as a thank you for all their hard work for the Town.

May 29 - He attended the swearing-in ceremony for a new officer with the Police Department.

June 2-5 - He attended the District Championship for our Recreation Softball program. Our 10U, 12U, and 15U teams all advanced to the State Tournament. He thanked the Recreation staff for their dedication. He also thanked Councilman Dennis for attending multiple games.

June 5 – He along with Council Member Lloyd attended the grand opening of the Moncks Corner Baptist Church Soup Kitchen; he presented a proclamation on behalf of Council and himself. He added that this is an all-volunteer effort and is proud to be able to make a monthly donation to help support their mission to feed those in need.

June 6 - He attended the Tri-County Orange Walk for Gun Violence. This annual event raises awareness about gun violence in our community. He expressed his appreciation to the Police Department and staff for co-sponsoring the event and grilling food for the participants. The Fire Department also participated by setting up a table and providing tours of the fire truck.

June 8–12 – Town staff hosted several camps this week. He was able to visit the Recreation Camp, Police Camp, the Berkeley High School Softball and Baseball Camps. He thanked everyone who worked to make these camps possible.

June 11 – He visited Kings Cove to meet with a summer camp group. He also attended a memorial service for Travis Peabody.

June 12–13 – The Town hosted the Recreation Boys Baseball Tournament, he attended both days.

June 15 – He treated our Clerk of Court, her staff and IT employees to lunch at Swig & Swine to express his appreciation for their hard work and service to the Town.

3. Administrator's Report: Jeffrey V. Lord

Fire Safe Designation: Fire Chief Jackson announced that the Moncks Corner Fire Department received the Fire Safe Designation for the third year in a row. He thanked the CR Captain and staff for all they do to make this happen.

Introductions: Police Chief Richardson introduced the following:

- Cassandra Gancarcik, she comes to the Town from Georgia and has three years law enforcement experience. She will be assigned to the traffic unit.
- Patrick Callahan, he comes to the Town with 15 years of experience and will be assigned to patrol.
- Wyatt Helmbrook comes to the Town from Philadelphia with 9 years' experience. He will be assigned to patrol.

FY 27 Budget: Administrator Lord announced that he will be scheduling a budget workshop soon to discuss the upcoming 2027 Budget.

Lacey Park Project: He reported that this project is moving forward. Staff held a pre-con meeting this morning and are expecting a notice to proceed on the 24th of July. The project will take approximately a year to complete.

NRCS Buyout Program: He reported that there will be a public meeting on July 9th at 6 p.m. to answer questions for those affected by Hurricane Debby.

State Tournaments: He announced that the Recreation Department currently has four teams with girls' softball 10-U, 12-U, and 15-U and boys baseball Coach Pitch going to State this year.

NEW BUSINESS

4. First Reading: An Ordinance to amend the Town of Moncks Corner Code of Ordinances to establish regulations for the safe operation of Electric Bicycles (E-Bikes) and Electric Scooter (E-Scooters).

Administrator Lord explained that this ordinance models other ordinances from local municipalities in the surrounding area. He highlighted some of the restrictions listed within the ordinance.

Mayor Hamilton added that he initiated this ordinance due to citizen concerns that were brought to his attention. He added that he wants everyone to be safe.

Motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis. Motion was seconded by Council Member Sweatman.

Motion was approved by unanimous vote as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Hamilton, Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Council Member Dingle, Council Member Lloyd, Council Member Sweatman.

- 5. First Reading:** Consider an Zoning Map Amendment (ZA-26-05) request for two (2) parcels (143-05-00-015 & -068) totaling ~2.032 acres, located on Rembert C. Dennis near Cooper River Blvd. The parcels are requested to be zoned General Commercial (C-2).

Community Development Director Westbrook provided Council with a brief overview.

Motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis. Motion was seconded by Council Member Sweatman.

Motion was approved by unanimous vote as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Hamilton, Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Council Member Dingle, Council Member Lloyd, Council Member Sweatman.

OLD BUSINESS

- 6. Old Business:** There is no old business to be brought before Council.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Walter Brown, of 114 Fennick Drive, expressed concern that approval of the proposed zoning amendment for parcels 143-05-00-015 and 143-05-00-068 may result in the public utilizing Fennick Drive and George Street for ingress and egress instead of using Rembert C. Dennis Boulevard.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 7.** Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to go into executive session to discuss the following:
- Negotiations for the purchase of properties related to economic development and infrastructure improvements.

Motion was seconded by Council Member Lloyd and approved unanimously as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Hamilton, Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Council Member Dingle, Council Member Lloyd, Council Member Sweatman.

Out of Executive Session and Reconvene to the Regular Meeting:

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to come out of executive session and reconvene to the regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Sweatman and approved unanimously as follows.

Voting Yea: Mayor Hamilton, Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Council Member Dingle, Council Member Lloyd, Council Member Sweatman.

Mayor Hamilton announced that there was no action taken during executive session.

8. Property Purchase – 315 East Main Street, TMS#142-07-02-020

Motion was made by Council Member Sweatman to purchase the property located at 315 East Main Street, TMS#142-07-02-020 for a purchase price of \$1.2 million dollars plus all applicable closing costs. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis and approved unanimously as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Hamilton, Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Council Member Dingle, Council Member Lloyd, Council Member Sweatman.

9. Property Purchase – 117 W. Main Street, TMS#142-07-03-001

Recusal: Council Member Sweatman recused himself due to economic interest of a family member.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to purchase the property located at 117 W. Main Street, TMS#142-07-03-001 for a purchase price of \$825,000 plus all applicable closing costs. Motion was seconded by Council Member Lloyd and approved as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Hamilton, Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Council Member Dingle, Council Member Lloyd,

Recused: Council Member Sweatman.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis and seconded Council Member Sweatman to adjourn the regular meeting of Council. Motion was approved unanimously as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Hamilton, Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Council Member Dingle, Council Member Lloyd, Council Member Sweatman.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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

Minutes Approved and Adopted:

Marilyn M. Baker/Clerk to Council

July 21, 2026

DATE