



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Town Council Chambers, Moncks Corner Municipal
Complex, 118 Carolina Avenue
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the 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.
Council Member DeWayne G. Kitts
Council Member James N. Law, Jr.
Council Member Latorie S. Lloyd
Council Member Chadwick D. Sweatman
Council Member 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
Rebecca T. Ellison, Recreation Director
R. Logan Faulkner, Public Service Director
Mohamed A. Ibrahim, Technology Manager
Joseph S. Powell, Battalion Fire Chief
Justin S. Westbrook, Community Development Director
Stephen G. Young, Police Chief

Absent: Robert L. Gass, III, Fire Chief

INVOCATION

Invocation was delivered by John S. West, Town Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Council Member James B. Ware

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. **Municipal Elected Officials Honor Roll:** Presented by Ashley Kellahan, Field Services Manager from the Municipal Association of SC

Ashley Kellahan congratulated Moncks Corner Mayor Locklear and Town Council Members for their commitment and participation in the Advanced MEO Institute. The Town of Moncks Corner was added to the 2023 South Carolina Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government Honor Roll, which was designed Tuesday, February 7, 2023, during the Hometown Legislation Action Day. The Honor Roll recognizes annually those municipal councils that can count all their sitting members as graduates of the MASC's MEO Institute. She also presented them with an award for their designation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Minutes: Regular Meeting of Council - March 21, 2023

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 21, 2023. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ware and approved unanimously as follows:

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

REPORTS

3. Mayor's Report: Michael A. Locklear

Mayor Locklear reported the following:

- The Miracle League games have begun, everything is going well. We are excited to report that we had approximately 300 people attend opening day ceremonies.
- He spoke at the Kiwanis Club this morning. They donated a check in the amount of \$5000 toward the proposed all-inclusive playground for special needs children. He commented that the Kiwanis have been very good stewards to the Town of Moncks Corner and have given towards the construction of the Miracle League Field. They work very hard for the Town. The Town is grateful for their generosity.

4. Administrator's Report: Jeffrey V. Lord

Administrator Lord reported that the Town has recently employed several new employees. He asked each department supervisor to introduce their new employees.

- Administrator Lord introduced Justin S. Westbrook as the Town's new Community Development Director. Justin comes to the Town from the City of Rockhill, SC, City of Highpoint, NC, Town of Aberdeen, NC and the City of Johnsonville, TN. He has an MBA in planning and has lots of experience to bring to the Town.
- Battalion Chief Joseph "Jay" Powell introduced Bryan L. Reid as the new Battalion Chief for the Town of Moncks Corner Fire Department. Battalion Chief Reid comes to the Town from Charleston Fire Department and Cobb County GA Fire Department. He received his Associates Degrees of Applied Science in

Occupational Health and Safety, Sports Science and is a Certified EMT/Paramedic.

- Police Chief Stephen Young introduced Hannah Poulsen as the new Evidence Custodian/Forensics Technician for the Police Department. Hannah comes to the Town with a bachelor's degree in forensic science, and CSI Certificate from the University of Florida. She recently completed her training and did very well with the Berkeley County Sheriff's Department's Forensics unit. She comes with high regards. Monday she will be going to the Academy to register for her advanced law enforcement certificate.

NEW BUSINESS

5. **First Reading:** Consider an ordinance to annex real property located along Rembert C. Dennis Blvd., TMS# 143-00-00-078 into the corporate limits of the Town of Moncks Corner, to reclassify said property from GC, General Commercial (Berkeley County) to TD, Transitional District (Moncks Corner), and to amend the official zoning map of the Town of Moncks Corner to so reflect.

Motion was made by Council Member Law to approve the above referenced Ordinance for first reading. Motion was seconded by Council Member Sweatman and approved unanimously as follows:

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

6. **First Reading:** Consider an ordinance to amend Article 5 & Article 14 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Moncks Corner.

Administrator Lord explained that this amendment would give the Town a way to allow special events in zones that aren't currently allowed for a limited period of time and without creating a permanent use.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to approve the above referenced Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Council Member Sweatman and approved unanimously as follows:

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

OLD BUSINESS

7. **Second Reading: Ordinance 2023-03**
An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Town of Moncks Corner to enter into an intergovernmental agreement relating to South Carolina local revenue services; to participate in one or more local revenue service programs; to execute and deliver one or more participant program supplements; and other matters relating thereto.

Motion was made by Council Member Kitts to approve the above referenced Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Council Member Law and approved unanimously as follows:

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

PUBLIC INPUT – There were no comments from the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

8. **Discussion:** Negotiations related to a proposed contractual agreement.

Motion was made by Council Member Law to go into executive session to discuss negotiations related to a proposed contractual agreement. Motion was seconded by Council Member Sweatman and unanimously approved as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Council Member Kitts, Council Member Law, Council Member Lloyd, Council Member Sweatman, Council Member 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 Council Member Sweatman and unanimously approved as follows:

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, seconded by Council Member Sweatman to adjourn the regular meeting of Council. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m. Motion was approved unanimously as follows.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Council Member Kitts, Council Member Law, Council Member Lloyd, Council Member Sweatman, Council Member 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

May 16, 2023

DATE