



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Town Council Chambers, Moncks Corner Municipal
Complex, 118 Carolina Avenue
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022 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 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
David R. Brabham, Jr., 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

Absent:

Councilmember Chadwick D. Sweatman

INVOCATION

Invocation was delivered by John S. West, Town Attorney. Pastor Johnny Bihlear of Crossover Church was unable to attend.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Proclamation:** In Recognition of the Customs Four and Friends
Mayor Locklear and Town Council recognized the Customs Four and Friends with a Proclamation honoring them for partnering with the Town by volunteering their time to perform at "Music on Main" and for their many years of service to the community. The Custom Four and Friends were organized in 1958. Accepting the Proclamation were

original band members, Gene Cribb and Truman Metts and the family of former band members Jack Cribb and Michael Bell. Also accompanying Gene Cribb and Truman Metts were their family members. Mayor Locklear and Town Council thanked them for their dedicated service to the community.

2. **Exceptional Duty Award:** Police Officer Joseph P. Denton
Chief David Brabham presented Police Officer Joseph P. Denton with an Exceptional Duty Award acknowledging his positive contributions and continued dedication to the citizens of the Town of Moncks Corner. He was instrumental in police incidents that occurred on August 8th, October 29th and November 23rd. Chief Brabham stated that Officer Denton went above and beyond to address the needs of the community and to treat victims with care, respect and ensure that they receive high quality of service. These actions show dedication to the Moncks Corner Police Department as well as the citizens of the Town of Moncks Corner. By performing his duty, Officer Denton has brought meritorious credit upon himself, and the Moncks Corner Police Department. He serves as a roll model for other officers. Mayor Locklear and Town Council thanked him for his service.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. **Minutes:** Joint Workshop of Town Council and the Planning Commission - November 15, 2022

Motion made by Councilmember Law to approve the Joint Workshop minutes of November 15, 2022, seconded by Councilmember Ware. Motion was approved unanimously as follows:

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

4. **Minutes:** Regular Meeting of Council November 15, 2022

Motion made by Councilmember Law to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 15, 2022, seconded by Councilmember Ware. Motion was approved unanimously as follows:

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

REPORTS

5. **Mayor's Report:** Michael A. Locklear

Mayor Locklear reported that the Miracle League Field project is finally complete. This was a 6-year process. It is a very nice facility. He invited everyone to come out and see the children play. He added that the months of November and December have been very busy months for the Town with Celebrate the Season, parade, and the Christmas Tree Lighting events. He commended staff for pulling it all together.

6. **Administrator's Report:** Jeffrey V. Lord

Administrator Lord announced that this meeting will be the last meeting for Community Development Director Doug Polen. He added that he appreciates everything he has done for the Town. He will be missed. Mayor Locklear added that he is sad to see him leave but wished him all the best. Doug will be joining the Town of Irmo as Assistant Administrator.

NEW BUSINESS

7. **First Reading:** An Ordinance to amend Chapter 10, Section 10-46 of the Town of Moncks Corner Code of Ordinances pertaining to Business License and Seasonal Activities

Motion was made by Councilmember Law to approve the proposed amendment to Chapter 10. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ware and approved unanimously as follows:

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

8. **Resolution:** Deductible Resolution with SCMIRF for General Liability, Public Officials and Auto Liability.

Administrator Lord explained that premiums have increased considerably due to an increase in claims over the past three years. He requested Council's consideration of increasing the deductible from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to help reduce the premium costs. By increasing the deductible, the Town will realize a savings in premiums of approximately \$59,733.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to approve the deductible Resolution. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Law and approved unanimously as follows:

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

9. **First Reading: No Action Taken - This ordinance was taken off the agenda.**
Consider a recommendation to rezone 15.75 acres located at 105 Heatley Street, TMS 142-00-01-012, from R-2, Single Family Residential, to R-2, Single Family Residential with Conditions and C-2, General Commercial

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business brought before Council.

PUBLIC INPUT – There were no comments from the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

10. **Discussion:** Matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location of businesses in Moncks Corner.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to go into executive session to discuss matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location of businesses in Moncks Corner. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ware and unanimously approved as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Councilmember Kitts, Councilmember Law, Councilmember Lloyd, 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 Ware and unanimously approved as follows:

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

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

Mayor Locklear wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, seconded by Councilmember Ware to adjourn the regular meeting of Council. Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m. Motion was approved unanimously as follows.

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

January 17, 2023

DATE