



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Town Council Chambers, Moncks Corner Municipal
Complex, 118 Carolina Avenue
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

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:

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

Absent:

Rebecca T. Ellison, Recreation Director

INVOCATION

The 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 Chadwick Sweatman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 2022 Comprehensive Plan Workshop: April 19, 2022

Motion made by Councilmember Law, to approve the special meeting minutes of April 19, 2022, 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. Regular Meeting of Council: April 19, 2022

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 19, 2022, seconded by Councilmember Sweatman. 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 was excited to report that construction on the Home Telecom Miracle League Field is moving along well. We continue to monitor progress and have been videoing each phase of the project. A video of the progress was shown. Mayor Locklear added that they will continue to provide updates.

4. Administrator's Report: Jeffrey V. Lord

Applications are going out for the Business Assist Program offered through the ARPA Funds. Committee members are needed for this program. He has already received some names for the committee, but if anyone has any other recommendations, please let him know. He would really like to have this on next month's agenda.

Administrator Lord asked Acting Police Chief Steve Young to introduce three new officers recently added to the agency. He introduced the following:

- Curt L. Crouch, Certified Police Officer. Officer Crouch comes to the Town from a local agency with 25 years 'of law enforcement experience and will be working as a SRO at the Berkeley Middle School. During his career he served as a detective, field training officer, negotiator, and patrol officer. He is also a high school wrestling official and has coached high school wrestling for over 15 years.
- Trevar G. Hemphill, Uncertified Police Officer. He came to us from the Columbia area with 12 years' correctional experience. He will soon begin his academy training. He has a bachelor's degree in sports management. His desire is to work as an SRO so that he can use his experience to mentor students.
- David L. Garcia, Uncertified Police Officer. He will soon begin his academy training. He came to the Town from the Myrtle Beach area and has experience working in a correction facility. He was inspired to enter law enforcement by his grandfather who is a retired NYPD Detective.

NEW BUSINESS

5. **Financial Participation Agreement & Contract between the Town of Moncks Corner and the SCDOT - Mast Arms Project #P041076**

Administrator Lord explained that Council approved this project 2 years ago. The total cost of the project is \$634,347, the SCDOT's maximum funding amount for the project is \$427,473. The Town's share of the funding is \$206,874. Funds were not budgeted. The project will be funded out of Fund 82, Abatements and Improvements.

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, to approve funding of the above referenced project in the amount of \$206,874 out of the Abatements and Improvements Fund 82. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Sweatman. Motion was approved unanimously as follows:

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

6. **Procurement Request:** Replacement of Town Security Cameras

Administrator Lord explained that a few months ago, we learned from SLED that there's a new policy in place. A 2019 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) prohibits US government agencies and grant and loan recipients from using specific covered telecommunications equipment and services. We found that all our Surveillance systems brands (Hikvision- Dahua) are listed in this prohibited list (FCC 20-176)

We started searching for a solution and contacted a few vendors to provide an estimate to replace all the surveillance systems in our buildings and the recreation.

After reviewing the bids, we received from different vendors and different brands, we recommend the UBIQUITI UNIFI PROTECT System from Compuzone Computers

Staff recommends approval of the bid from Compuzone Computers for purchase of hardware only for \$64,155.57 and authorize \$21,000 to cover in-house installation from APRA Funds.

Motion made by Councilmember Sweatman, to approve funding of the above referenced project in the amount of \$64,155.57 and authorize \$21,000 to cover in-house installation with funding out of the ARPA Funds. Motion was 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.

- 7. Ordinance First Reading:** Consider an application to rezone property adjacent to 319 W. Main Street, TMS 142-00-01-005 & -037, from R-1, Single Family Residential to Conditional R-2, Single Family Residential

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

Discussion: Councilmember Sweatman expressed concerns of approving this request and still has a lot of questions. He added that his vote could change when this comes before Council for second reading.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis – Yes

Councilmember Kitts – No

Councilmember Law – No

Councilmember Lloyd – No

Councilmember Sweatman – Yes

Councilmember Ware – No

Motion to approve this ordinance for first reading failed 2-4.

OLD BUSINESS

- 8. Second Reading & Public Hearing:** Consider an application to rezone property at 209 Metts Street, TMS 142-11-01-025, from R-2, Single Family Residential, to C-2, General Commercial

Public Hearing: There were no comments from the public.

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to approve for first reading. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Kitts. Motion was approved unanimously as follows:

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

PUBLIC INPUT:

John O. Williams of Pinopolis thanked Council for their decision of the rezoning of property adjacent to 319 W. Main Street, TMS 142-00-01-005 & -037, from R-1, Single Family Residential to Conditional R-2, Single Family Residential. They are committed to do what the Town wants. He requested assistance from the Town when going back to the drawing board to come up with a product that would satisfy the Town.

Councilmember Ware responded that his decision wasn't taken lightly. He gave it a lot of thought and just couldn't see 50' wide lots like this. He is not against a development in this area but would like to see the lots a little larger.

Councilmember Law responded that this was also a tough decision for him. He added that he is not against a development in this location but would like to see a plan that will work.

Ben Coker of Pinewood Drive thanked Council for their decision and added that he did not feel that this is the right location.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Council may take action regarding matters discussed

9. Discussion: Personnel Matters - Court Department

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters pertaining to the Court Department. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Law and was approved unanimously as follows:

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

Out of Executive Session and Reconvene to the Regular Meeting:

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

Mayor Locklear had nothing to report out of executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, seconded by Councilmember Law to adjourn the regular meeting of Council. Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 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

June 21, 2022
DATE