



# REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Town Council Chambers, Moncks Corner Municipal  
Complex, 118 Carolina Avenue  
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022 at 6:00 PM

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## 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.  
Council Member DeWayne G. Kitts  
Council Member James N. Law, Jr.  
Council Member Latorie Lloyd  
Council Member Chadwick D. Sweatman  
Council Member 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  
Rebecca T. Ellison, Recreation Director  
R. Logan Faulkner, Public Service Director  
Robert L. Gass, III, Fire Chief  
Mohamed A. Ibrahim, Technology Manager  
Ehrichs B. Ollic, Police Chief

### INVOCATION

The invocation was delivered by Jonathan D. Quinn, Pastor of Beautiful Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

- 1. Public Service Award:** Presented to Sergeant Robert W. Thomas by the VFW Post 9509 RC Woodberry, commander of VFW Post 9509 presented Sergeant Robert Thomas with the Public Service Award. Officer Thomas served active duty in the military for 4 years and in the National Guard and as a Police Officer for 16 years. He was honored for his leadership and outstanding service as a public servant.

**2. Resolution:** Berkeley Beta Club State Champions

Mayor Locklear and Recreation Director Becky Ellison presented the Berkeley High School Beta Club with a Resolution honoring them for their outstanding performance at the State Convention held in Myrtle Beach, SC February 3-6 under the leadership of lead teacher Brittany Colley and sponsors Kathy Jones and Jeremy Colley. As a result of their outstanding performance, they advanced to compete this summer at the National Convention that will be held in Nashville Tennessee. The Beta Club consist of 125 members grades 9 – 12. 84 students attended the State Convention and competed in over 60 academic, art and talent competitions against students from around the State. 73 students qualified for the National Convention. Mayor Locklear, Town Council and Director Ellison congratulated them on their outstanding achievement and wished them well as they advance to the National Convention.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**3. 2022 Comprehensive Plan Discussion:** Mark Brodeur, Berkeley Charleston Dorchester Council of Governments.

Mark Brodeur presented a PowerPoint presentation for the 2022 Comprehensive Plan. He explained that a full new Comp Plan is due every ten years, with an update every five years. The Comp Plan is a statement of where the Town wants to be in the next ten years and provides the foundation upon which every other decision is based. The anticipated date for adoption is between mid-October to November of this year.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**4. Presentation of the Order of the Palmetto to John S. West by Senator Larry Grooms:**

Senator Larry Grooms and Mayor Michael Locklear presented John S. West with the Order of the Palmetto, awarded to him by Governor Henry McMaster. The Order of the Palmetto is the State of South Carolina's highest civilian honor presented in recognition of a lifetime of extraordinary achievement, service, and contribution on a national or statewide scale. Mr. West has had an enduring impact on the State of South Carolina with long service in municipal, utility, and legal sectors along with his service in innumerable regional and statewide commissions, committees, and professional organizations. Senator Grooms and Mayor Locklear thanked Mr. West for his service and congratulated him on receiving this outstanding award.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**5. Regular Meeting Minutes:** February 15, 2022

Motion made by Council Member Law, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 15, 2022, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis. 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.

## **REPORTS**

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

Mayor Locklear reported that the walking trails around the recreation fields will be completed this week. Bids will be presented tonight for consideration for the Miracle League Field Construction. A Groundbreaking Ceremony will take place, then construction will finally be on its way.

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

Administrator Lord reported. Last week the department heads began the process of filling out a questionnaire on office space needs, including parks and recreation. Council discussed during the planning workshop last year that they would like to have a space needs analysis conducted on Town facilities and to have a parks and recreation public survey done to find out what the public interest was. The plan is to have a community survey ready soon to be mail out randomly and to include a survey on the website for anyone who would like to participate.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**9. Consideration:** Approval of bids for the Miracle League Field

Administrator Lord reported that a total of 5 bids were received concerning the construction of the Miracle League Field. Each of the sealed bids were publicly opened and read aloud. Bids ranged from a low base bid of \$1,396,330 to a high base bid of \$1,945,000 with various alternates. The low bid was submitted by Construction Services Group, Inc. (CSG) located in Charleston, SC. It is recommended to include Alternate Number 3 which is the addition for Sod. This would bring the total to \$1,407,980. He added that the Town has worked previously with CSG on the construction of Fire Station II and the New Public Service Building. Staff recommends awarding the bid to CSG.

Motion made by Council Member Law, to award the contract for the Miracle League Field to CSG in the amount of \$1,396,330 and include Alternate Number 3 for the Sod for a total of \$1,407,980. Motion was seconded by Council Member Sweatman. 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.

**10. Ordinance for First Reading by Title Only:** An Ordinance to Consider amendments to Articles 5, 6, 7 & 12 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Community Development Director Doug Polen added that Staff is constantly working to ensure that the Zoning Ordinance is updated for clarity and to meet the changing needs of the Town. He added that the most important change in this ordinance is the traffic analysis. The idea is to make sure traffic doesn't have a negative impact on residents.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**11.** There was no old business to be brought before Council.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

There were no comments from the public.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, seconded by Council Member Law to adjourn the regular meeting of Council. Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 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:

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Marilyn M. Baker/Clerk to Council

April 19, 2022  
DATE