



TOWN OF MONCKS CORNER REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Town Council Chambers, Moncks Corner Municipal
Complex, 118 Carolina Avenue
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 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
Susan B. Gilmore, Special Events Manager
R. Logan Faulkner, Public Service Director
Robert L. Gass, III, Fire Chief
Joseph S. Powell, Battalion Chief
Stephen G. Young, Police Chief
Lee W. Mixon, Jr., Police Captain
Justin S. Westbrook, Community Development Director
Rebecca Vetter, Business Development Manager
Mohamed A. Ibrahim, Technology Manager

Absent: Justine H. Lovell, Finance Director

Rebecca T. Ellison, Recreation Director

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 DeWayne G. Kitts.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Recognition: Firefighters Above & Beyond Award

Fire Chief Robert Gass recognized Firefighter Emmett Dangerfield and Firefighter Brett Willis for their service above and beyond. They were faced with an unusual situation involving a military veteran, who was suffering from PTSD, on the edge of suicide and was carrying a pistol. These two firefighters handled the situation in a professional and calm manner. Their quick thinking and response ended the evening without any confrontation, and everyone went home safely. Chief Gass and Battalion Chief Joseph Powell presented plaques to Firefighter Dangerfield and Firefighter Willis in recognition of their service. Mayor Locklear and Town Council expressed their appreciation for their outstanding service.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Minutes: Regular Meeting of Council - August 15, 2023

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 15, 2023. Motion was seconded by Council Member Law and approved unanimously as follows:

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

REPORTS

3. Mayor's Report: Michael A. Locklear

Mayor Locklear reported that everything was going well in the Town of Moncks Corner.

4. Administrator's Report: Jeffrey V. Lord

Administrator Lord was excited to report that the recreation fall ball season has begun. The Miracle League will begin its second season in October. He invited everyone to come out on Mondays and Tuesdays and watch the participants play. Council Member Kitts asked if volunteers were needed at the Miracle League Field. Administrator Lord responded yes. Anyone or any organization who is interested in volunteering would be greatly appreciated. Council Member Kitts responded that they were going to try to get the Berkeley High School Baseball Team to assist on Mondays. Mayor Locklear added that watching the children play at the Miracle League Field was a rewarding experience.

Administrator Lord also reported that the renovations to the police squad room are finally complete.

NEW BUSINESS - There was no new business to be brought before Council.

OLD BUSINESS

5. **Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 2023-08**

Consider a Zoning Map Amendment request for 0.788 acres located on Hutchinson Lane (142-04-01-033), from R-2 (Single Family Residential) to CZ R-2 (Conditional Zoning - Single Family Residential).

Public Hearing: There were no comments from the public.

Motion made by Council Member Law to approve a zoning map amendment request for 0.788 acres located on Hutchinson Lane (TMS#142-04-01-033), from R-2 (Single Family Residential) to CZ R-2 (Conditional Zoning - Single Family Residential). Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis. Motion to approve was unanimous as follows:

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

6. **Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 2023-09**

Consider a Text Amendment to Article 13 of the Zoning Ordinance, to create standards for a multi-face sign within the C-1 zoning district.

Public Hearing: There were no comments from the public.

Motion was made by Council Member Sweatman to approve text amendments to Article 13 of the Zoning Ordinance to create standards for multi-face signs within the C-1 zoning district. Motion was seconded by Council Member Law. Motion to approve was unanimous as follows:

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

7. **Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 2023-10**

An Ordinance to raise revenue and adopt a budget for the Town of Moncks Corner, SC, for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024.

Public Hearing: There were no comments from the public.

Motion to raise revenue and adopt a budget for the Town of Moncks Corner, SC, for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, was made by Council Member Kitts. Motion was seconded by Council Member Law and approved unanimously as follows:

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

PUBLIC INPUT:

Thomas Hamilton of 205 West Main Street mentioned that he was the commander of the American Legion twice and it touched his heart for what the firefighters did to help this veteran. He added that he was running for the office of Mayor to get the firefighters better pay. He added that whoever did the Town's website did a great job. He expressed concerns about the Mayor's pay, the percentage it has increased over the years and the process of how it was implemented. Mayor Locklear interrupted Mr. Hamilton and expressed concerns of him using public input as a time to campaign. Mayor Locklear added that the salary of Mayor is public information and is posted on the website at \$29,646.00.

There were no other comments from the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

8. Discussion: Negotiations related to a proposed contractual agreement

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

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

Out of Executive Session and Reconvene:

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 Ware and unanimously approved as follows:

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

Mayor Locklear had nothing to report out of executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Council Member Sweatman, seconded by, Council Member Kitts to adjourn the regular meeting of Council. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. Motion was approved unanimously as follows.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Council Member Law, Council Member Lloyd, Council Member Kitts, 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 posted on the Town Website at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Minutes Approved and Adopted:

Marilyn M. Baker/Clerk to Council

October 17, 2023

DATE