



# TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Town Council Chambers, Moncks Corner Municipal  
Complex, 118 Carolina Avenue  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM

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## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Town Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas J. Hamilton, Jr. at 6:00 p.m.

#### Present:

Mayor Thomas J. Hamilton, Jr.  
Mayor Pro-Tem David A. Dennis, Jr.  
Council Member James N. Law, Jr.  
Council Member Latorie S. Lloyd  
Council Member Chadwick D. Sweatman  
Council Member James B. Ware, III

#### Staff Present:

James E. Brogdon, Town Attorney  
Jeffrey V. Lord, Town Administrator  
Marilyn M. Baker, Administrative Services Director/Clerk to Council  
Justine H. Lovell, Finance Director  
R. Logan Faulkner, Public Service Director  
Robert L. Gass, III, Fire Chief  
Lee W. Mixon, Jr., Police Captain  
Justin S. Westbrook, Community Development Director  
Mohamed A. Ibrahim, Technology Manager

#### Absent:

Council Member DeWayne G. Kitts  
Elizabeth B. Rentz, Recreation Director  
Rebecca Walker, Business Development Manager

### INVOCATION

The invocation was delivered by Pastor Jeff Roper of Pinopolis Community Church.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Mayor Thomas Hamilton, Jr.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 1. Regular Meeting Minutes: August 20, 2024

Motion was made by Council Member Law to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 20, 2024. Motion was seconded by Council Member Sweatman and approved unanimously as follows:

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

**2. Budget Workshop Minutes: August 20, 2024**

Motion was made by Council Member Law to approve the Budget Workshop minutes of August 20, 2024. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ware and approved unanimously as follows:

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

**3. Budget Workshop Minutes: August 26, 2024**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to approve the Budget Workshop minutes of August 26, 2024. Motion was seconded by Council Member Lloyd and approved unanimously as follows:

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

## REPORTS

**4. Mayor's Report: Thomas J. Hamilton, Jr.**

Mayor Hamilton expressed his condolences to the J. D. Weise Family in the loss of their son. He asked that everyone continue to remember them in their prayers.

He reported the following:

Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> – He attended the Berkeley High School open house where he met every teacher and thanked them for what they do.

Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> - He volunteered with the MCPD to help with the habitat houses on Hutchison Drive.

Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> – He spoke at a service put on by “Wake up Carolina” at Unity Park to remember lost loved ones and bring awareness to drug overdose.

Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> – He spoke to the 3 levels of the Berkeley High School STED Classes, they consist of the MSD, MLD and Cross Cat programs. He added that he really enjoyed all 3 of these groups where he talked about a range of different subjects.

- He then spoke to a leadership class made up of Juniors and Seniors and talked about his journey and what got him involved in government.
- He spoke about what he would like to see in a young job applicant and what he feels makes a good worker.
- He also talked about when you are in a leadership role, you do not know it all and to be successful you must be able to listen and even take criticism.

Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup> – He attended the summer night market at Unity Park where there was some great music and wonderful vendors. Councilman Dennis was also in attendance.

Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> - He attended the Girls-Boys State Banquet at the American Legion Post 126 where he spoke to these fine young ladies and gentlemen. He added that this is an amazing program.

Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> – He attended the ribbon cutting for the Angel Wings Foundation an organization to help young ladies that are in the foster care system. Councilwoman Lloyd and Councilman Dennis were in attendance.

Most of the week of September 8<sup>th</sup> - He reported that he was sick with Covid. He thanked everyone who offered prayers, asked if he needed anything and offered to bring him lunch to his home. He added that we have a great community.

Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> - Music on Main – featured the Custom Four and Friends. He invited everyone to come out on Mondays at the Unity Park through October 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### FUTURE EVENTS:

Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> – The Night Market will be held at Unity Park from 6 – 9 p.m. Enjoy live music, food and vendors. Shop downtown.

Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> – The Recreation Department will partner with Tidal Wave for a charity day event. 100% of the donations collected in the bucket will go to benefit the Miracle League Program. In addition 50% of paying customers will also go to benefit the Miracle League Program.

Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> – The Town of Moncks Corner together with MUSC Children's Health and the SC Department of Public Health will hold a Berkeley Child Safety Fair at the Market Pavilion from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – The Berkeley County Coroner's Office will host a candlelight memorial service to remember lives lost and affected by gun violence. The event will be held at Pointe North Church located at 110 Bi-Lo Drive, Suite C. from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> – The Town will hold a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the All-Inclusive Playground.

Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – The Moncks Corner Police Department will hold a "National Night Out" at the Market Pavilion From 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> – The Town of Moncks Corner will hold their 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Festival on Main Street from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. There will be Trunk or Treat, a costume contest, music, games, haunted house and more.

#### **5. Administrator's Report:** Jeffrey V. Lord

Administrator Lord reported the following:

We have been in the process of preparing for the new FY 2025 budget year. He also added that it's been a tough week this week. The community really came out and put their arms around the J.D. Wiese Family and offered their support during this tough time. We will continue to offer our support to this family.

## NEW BUSINESS

6. **Resolution:** Committing the Town of Moncks Corner to providing a local match for a Municipal Association of South Carolina Hometown Economic Development Grant.

Administrator Lord reported that the Town is eligible to apply for an economic development matching grant this year. The Town has received funding in the past for the design of the Miracle League Field. There is a waiting period of two years between each application. The grant is a \$25,000 grant with a local match of at least \$3750. This grant will fund a downtown parking study.

Motion was made by Council Member Law to approve the MASC Hometown Economic Development Grant Resolution. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis and approved unanimously as follows:

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

7. **Consideration:** Task Order 1 Proposal for California Branch Mitigation Study

Administrator Lord explained, the Town asked Seamon Whiteside, our stormwater consultants, for a proposal for professional engineering services to complete a flood mitigation study of California Branch. This scope of their proposal includes tasks needed to complete site surveying and assessment, existing conditions hydrologic and hydraulic analysis, alternative conditions analysis, and project recommendations.

The total of all tasks is \$110,000.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to approve Task Order 1 Proposal for the California Branch Mitigation Study. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ware and approved unanimously as follows:

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

8. **Consideration:** Task Order 2 Proposal for Stormwater Inventory and Mapping Engineering Services

Administrator Lord explained that the Town asked Seamon Whiteside, our stormwater consultants, for a proposal for professional engineering services to complete the inventory and mapping of our stormwater system. This scope of their proposal includes project management, field investigations, surveys and GIS mapping. They will also, develop ArcGIS online (AGOL) web mapping applications for the Town to view and access the Town's stormwater and drainage asset data. These mapping applications will allow Town personnel to track progress as well as view and access data.

The total of all tasks is \$325,000.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to approve Task Order 2 Proposal for Stormwater Inventory and Mapping Engineering Services. Motion was seconded by Council Member Sweatman and approved unanimously as follows:

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **10. Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 2024-08**

An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 2023-08 and the Budget attached thereto and to adjust certain revenues and expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2024.

**Public Hearing:** There were no comments from the public.

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

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

### **11. Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 2024-09**

An Ordinance to raise revenue and adopt a Budget for the Town of Moncks Corner, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025.

**Public Hearing:** There were no comments from the public.

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

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

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

There were no comments from the public during public input.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

### **12. Discussion:** Contractual negotiations related to the purchase of property for economic development.

Motion was made to go into executive session by Council Member Law to discuss Contractual negotiations related to the purchase of property for economic development. Motion was seconded by Council Member Sweatman and approved unanimously as follows.

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

**Out of Executive Session and Reconvene to the Regular Meeting:**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to come out of executive session and reconvene to the regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Lloyd and approved unanimously as follows.

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

**Land Purchase:** Heatley Street Property TMS#142-07-02-006, 007, 008

Motion was made by Council Member Law authorizing Administrator Lord to negotiate the purchase of property located on Heatley Street, TMS#142-07-02-006, 007, 008 in the amount of \$125,000. Motion was seconded by Council Member Sweatman and approved unanimously as follows.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion was made by Council Member Law, seconded by Council Member Sweatman to adjourn the regular meeting of Council. Motion was approved unanimously as follows.*

*Voting Yea: Mayor Hamilton, Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Council Member Law, Council Member Lloyd, Council Member Sweatman, Council Member Ware*

*The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.*

*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 the Town Website at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.*

*Minutes Approved and Adopted:*

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Marilyn M. Baker/Clerk to Council

October 15, 2024  
DATE