



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Town Council Chambers, Moncks Corner Municipal
Complex, 118 Carolina Avenue
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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 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:

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
Mohamed A. Ibrahim, Technology Director
Justin S. Westbrook, Community Development Director
Carter France, Town Planner

Absent: Elizabeth B. Rentz, Recreation Director
Lee W. Mixon, Jr., Police Chief

INVOCATION

Invocation was delivered by Pastor Tony Stephens of Calvary Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Council Member James Law, Jr.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. **Special Recognition:** Public Safety - March 12th Amtrak Train Emergency Response

Mayor Hamilton and Members of Council thanked and recognized the following Emergency Response Personnel for their heroic actions during the March 12th Amtrak Train accident:

Police Department:

- Police Sergeant Austin McCain
- Police Sergeant Robert Thomas
- Police Corporal Kenneth Rhoades
- Police Corporal Robert Hobart
- Police Officer Tommy Harger
- Police Officer John Nall

Fire Department:

- Battalion Chief Joseph "Jay" Powell
- Fire Engineer Justin Parker
- Firefighter Gregory Koehler
- Firefighter Adam Quick
- Fire Chief Robert Gass, III

Those unable to attend:

- Police Captain Antwan Richardson
- Police Evidence Custodian/Forensics Technician Matthew Hoffer
- Fire Captain Kyle Walden
- Fire Engineer Patrick Ollic
- Firefighter Jonnathan Barnhill

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Regular Meeting Minutes: May 20, 2025

Motion was made by Council Member Law to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 20, 2025. Motion was seconded by Council Member Sweatman and approved unanimously as follows:

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

REPORTS

3. Mayor's Report: Thomas J. Hamilton, Jr.

Mayor Hamilton reported that he attended and participated in the following:

May 22nd Judged the student art for multiple classes at Bonner Elementary. He presented the Mayors' Choice Award to a student in each grade.

May 23rd The Berkeley High School Fire Graduation.

June 6th The Fishbowl Ice Cream Shop ribbon cutting ceremony. Several staff members also attended.

June 6th The Jazz and Art event at Unity Park.

June 6th The Dixie Youth Baseball Tournament

June 7th The Bradley Blake Orange Walk. This event was put on to bring attention to gun violence. He thanked the Police Department for cooking for the event.

June 9th thru 13th Police Camp and Recreation Summer Camp. They went to the water park on Tuesday (June 10th) and Urban Air on Thursday (June 12th) with the Police Department. Friday (June 13th) was the last day of Police Camp. They wrapped up the day with the Dunk Tank. He added that the camps are amazing programs. They had 100 children participate.

June 13th The Dixie Youth Baseball Tournament.

June 14th The Juneteenth Festival.

June 14th The Dixie Youth Baseball Tournament. He noted that the Recreation Staff dedicated significant time and effort to preparation for the tournaments, enduring extended hours, considerable stress, and challenging weather conditions, including heavy rainfall. He commended them for their efforts. All the girls' teams are going to the State Tournament. We will know on Wednesday if the boys' teams will make it to State.

June 19th There will be a send off for the Moncks Corner Softball Allstar Teams. The parade will begin at 5:45 p.m. from the Recreation Complex to the Piggly Wiggly on Highway 17-A and will go to Big Mike's Ice Cream Shop for a celebration. He encouraged everyone to come out and support the teams.

Future Events:

June 28th The Town will hold their Independence Day Celebration at the MC Regional Recreation Complex. Events will be held from 6-10 p.m.

4. Administrator's Report: Jeffrey V. Lord

Administrator Lord reported the following:

Ribbon Cutting: The ribbon cutting for the All-Inclusive Playground will be held on Saturday, June 28th at 3 p.m.

Hill/Warren Project: The Hill/Warren project passed the RIA approval. The project will begin on Wednesday.

Foxbank Mast Arm Project: The mast arm project for the US 52 and Foxbank intersection will be completed by the end of the month.

Heatley/Gulledge St Parking: Staff applied for a 2025 State Economic and Infrastructure Development Grant through the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission for proposed downtown parking.

NEW BUSINESS

5. **New Business:** There is no new business to be brought before Council.

OLD BUSINESS

6. **Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 2025-03**

Consider a Zoning Map Amendment (ZA-25-02) request for one (1) parcel (142-04-01-068) totaling approximately 0.49 acres, located at 306 N. Live Oak Drive. The parcel is currently zoned Single Family Residential (R-2) and the applicant is seeking Office & Institutional (C-1).

Public Hearing: There were no comments from the public.

Motion was made by Council Member Law to approve the request for re-zoning. Motion to approve was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis and approved unanimously as follows:

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

PUBLIC INPUT:

There were no comments from the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

7. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to go into executive session to discuss the following:
 - Matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location of businesses.
 - Contractual matters related to Fire Service.

Motion was seconded by Council Member Sweatman and approved unanimously as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Hamilton, Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Council Member Kitts, 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 Law and approved unanimously as follows.

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

Mayor Hamilton announced that there was nothing to report out of executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, seconded by Council Member Ware to adjourn the regular meeting of Council. Motion was approved unanimously as follows.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 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:

Marilyn M. Baker/Clerk to Council

July 22, 2025

DATE