



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Town Council Chambers, Moncks Corner Municipal
Complex, 118 Carolina Avenue
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 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 James N. Law, Jr.
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
Justine H. Lovell, Finance Director
Rebecca T. Ellison, Recreation Director
Susan B. Gilmore, Special Events Manager
R. Logan Faulkner, Public Service Director
Robert L. Gass, III, Fire Chief
Justin S. Westbrook, Community Development Director
Rebecca Vetter, Business Development Manager
Stephen G. Young, Police Chief
Lee W. Mixon, Jr., Police Captain

Absent: DeWayne G. Kitts, Council Member

Latorie S. Lloyd, Council Member

Mohamed A. Ibrahim, Technology Manager

INVOCATION

Invocation was delivered by Pastor Jonathan Quinn of Beautiful Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Mayor Pro-Tem David Dennis, Jr.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. **Special Recognition:** State Champions - St. John's Christian Academy Varsity Boys Basketball Team

Recreation Director Becky Ellison read a Proclamation honoring the St. John's Christian Academy Varsity Boys Basketball Team. Mayor Locklear presented them with a plaque and congratulated them for their outstanding achievement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. **Minutes:** Regular Meeting of Council - June 20, 2023
Motion made by Council Member Law to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 20, 2023. Motion was seconded by Council Member Sweatman and approved unanimously as follows:

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

REPORTS

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

Mayor Locklear commented that he was so lucky to be the Mayor of Moncks Corner and that it was also a great time to be Mayor. Things are growing and everything is moving in the right direction, it is exciting to see. He then announced that he would be filing for re-election for another term for the Office of Mayor for the November election. David Dennis and James Law, Jr. also announced that they will also be running for another term as well.

Mayor Locklear proudly reported that Moncks Corner has another team that are now State Champions. This year Moncks Corner was proud to host the DYB Ozone State Tournament where 24 teams from around the State competed at our complex. Recreation Director Becky Ellison introduced Moncks Corner's first ever, DYB Baseball 11/12 Ozone State Champions. They will be going on to play in the World Series at Ruston Louisiana and represent the State of South Carolina. They came up short on the first game against Greer and won 6 straight games afterwards. She added that Moncks Corner was very proud of this team. Head Coach is Landy Cox, Assistant Coaches are Doug Floyd and Ryan Owens. Players are Landyn Cox, Dougie Floyd, Carson Hainline, Carter Hainline, Layne Lucas, Caleb Morris, Davis Owens, Layton Oliver, Mason Prince, Jaxson Stackley, Nicholas Stephens, and Ansel Todd. Director Ellison also reported that our DYB Baseball AAA Minors 9/10 will be playing tonight at 7:30 and are currently undefeated. They are playing against Greer in Clemson, SC. Our hope is to have two teams going on to the World Series. Coach Landy Cox thanked Director Ellison and Deputy Rec Director Libya Rentz and their staff for all their hard work and doing such a great job with putting on the Tournament. He added that there has been so much improvement with our young people in the last 10-15 years in Moncks Corner. He also thanked Mayor Locklear and Council for everything they have done for the children over the past few years. He added that it means a lot. Mayor Locklear and Council thanked them and wished them luck.

4. Administrator's Report: Jeffrey V. Lord

Administrator Lord added that this is the 5th Championship the Town has seen in the last few years. It is awesome to see.

Finance Director Justine Lovell introduced Matthew Li as the Town's Accounts Payable Clerk. He recently graduated from North Central College and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting. He moved to Hanahan in 2023. He was a contract employee working with Town of Mt. Pleasant before coming to the Town of Moncks Corner. Mayor Locklear welcomed him to the Town.

NEW BUSINESS

5. First Reading: Consider a Zoning Map Amendment request for 0.32 acres located at 105 McKnight Street (142-07-03-037), from C-1 (Office & Institutional District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential).

Motion made by Council Member Law to approve a zoning map amendment request for 0.32 acres located at 105 McKnight Street (142-07-03-037), from C-1 (Office & Institutional District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential). Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis and approved unanimously as follows:

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

6. First Reading: Consider an Annexation & Zoning Map Amendment request for 15.29 acres located near Ginn Road & Perry Hill Road (142-14-00-024 & 142-14-00-025), Conditional Zoning - R-3 (Single Family Attached).

Council Member Law recused himself from voting due to being the listing agent for this property.

Mayor Locklear called for the question. Motion was made by Council Member Ware to deny. Motion was seconded by Council Member Sweatman. Motion to deny was unanimous as follows:

Voting to Deny: Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Council Member Sweatman, Council Member Ware.

7. First Reading: An ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 2022-08 and the budget attached thereto and to adjust certain revenues and expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2023.

Motion to amend Ordinance No. 2022-08 and the budget attached thereto and to adjust certain revenues and expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2023 was made by Council Member Law. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ware and approved unanimously as follows:

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

OLD BUSINESS

8. **Old Business:** There is no old business to be brought before Council.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Tom Hamilton of 205 West Main Street, Moncks Corner stated that he opposed the Perry Hill Tract annexation and expressed his appreciation to Council for denial. He also expressed concerns of Moncks Corner growing too rapidly. He added that he also announced yesterday that he is running for the Office of Mayor for Moncks Corner. He expressed concerns of development plans for downtown, rapid growth and development throughout Moncks Corner, condition of existing parks, need for recreation improvements and the way Council is running the Town.

Tige Moran of 508 Fern Tree Drive, Summerville, SC and owner of one of the properties that was denied for annexation near Ginn Road and Perry Hill Road, asked for Council's reconsideration of their decision not to annex his property. He expressed concerns of issues with trying to sell his property with the location of his land and the development of other properties surrounding his property.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. **Discussion:** Personnel matters related to recruitment and retention

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters related to recruitment and retention. Motion was seconded by Council Member Law and unanimously approved as follows:

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

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

Employee COLA increase and position reclassification:

Motion was made by Council Member Ware to approve a cost-of-living increase of 5% and reclassification of some positions as presented by staff. Motion was seconded by Council Member Sweatman and approved unanimously as follows:

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

Mayor Locklear thanked Council for their decision tonight to take care of Town staff. He added that their hard work doesn't go unnoticed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Council Member Law, seconded by, Council Member Sweatman to adjourn the regular meeting of Council. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m. Motion was approved unanimously as follows.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Council Member Law, Councilman 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

August 15, 2023

DATE