



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Town Council Chambers, Moncks Corner Municipal
Complex, 118 Carolina Avenue
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022 at 6:00 PM

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.
Councilmember DeWayne G. Kitts
Councilmember James N. Law, Jr.
Councilmember Latorie S. Lloyd
Councilmember Chadwick D. Sweatman
Councilmember James B. Ware, III

Staff Present:

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

Absent:

Jeffrey V. Lord, Town Administrator
Stephen G. Young, Acting Police Chief

INVOCATION

The invocation was delivered by Pastor Henry Simmons of Berkeley Baptist Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. **2021 Annual Financial Audit:** Brenda Carroll, Audit Partner of The Baird Audit Group, LLC

Brenda Carroll of Lawhorn-Baird, CPA Group, LLC gave Council an overview of the Town's FY 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The Town received an unmodified opinion on the financial statements, which is the best the Town can receive. She added that this is the fifth year the Town has contracted with Baird Audit Group, she thanked Council for allowing them to conduct the audit. She added that this is the fourth year a ACFR was completed for the Town. The ACFR gives a much more comprehensive report of the Town's overall financial position.

The Town received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting through the Governmental Finance Officers Association for FY 2020. We will be applying for it again for the FY 2021.

Mayor Locklear commended Jeffrey Lord, Town Administrator, Justine Lovell, Town Finance Director, Marilyn Baker, Clerk to Council and Department Heads for a job well done. Mayor Locklear also commended staff for all their hard work.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. **Regular Meeting Minutes:** May 17, 2022

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 17, 2022, seconded by Councilmember Sweatman. Motion was approved unanimously as follows:

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

3. **Special Meeting Minutes:** 2022 Comprehensive Planning Workshop - May 17, 2022

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, to approve the special meeting minutes of May 17, 2022, seconded by Councilmember Law. Motion was approved unanimously as follows:

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

REPORTS

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

Mayor Locklear reported that the Miracle League Field was coming along as scheduled. Everything looks really good.

The Town has three Allstar Teams going to State. We are very excited for them.

Our annual 4th of July Celebration will be held on Saturday, July 2nd this year. Looking forward to a great time of celebration.

5. Administrator's Report: Jeffrey V. Lord

Administrator Lord was absent from this meeting. There was nothing to add.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Municipal Court Judge Appointment: Shaheena R. Bennett

Motion was made by Councilman Law, seconded by Councilman Sweatman to appoint Judge Shaheena R. Bennett to serve as Chief Municipal Court Judge of the Town of Moncks Corner Municipal Court. Her term will expire January 2026. Motion was approved unanimously as follows:

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

OLD BUSINESS

7. Old Business: There was no old business to be brought before Council.

PUBLIC INPUT

Keith Gourdine of the Berkeley County Historical Society shared with Town Council information regarding the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolutionary War. South Carolina created the SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission known as SC250. The mission of the SC250 is to celebrate and promote South Carolina's role in the American Revolution by educating, engaging, and inspiring South Carolinians and visitors. The SC250 Commission is seeking partnerships with counties and municipalities to further its mission. As a part of this effort, a partnership has been formed by a local committee called the Berkeley County 250 Committee. The Berkeley County 250 Committee is made up of local individuals who will focus on important events, people, and places during the Revolutionary Era within Berkeley County. The Berkeley County 250 Committee will promote, observe, and celebrate Berkeley County's role in the American Revolution by educating, engaging and inspiring South Carolinians and visitors. He encouraged Council's support in this effort. He also added that he had information and a map of where Moncks Corner originally was founded. He shared this information with everyone. Mayor Locklear and Council thanked Mr. Gourdine for the information provided and encouraged him to reach out to Doug Polen, the Town's Community Development Director for further assistance.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Sweatman to adjourn the regular meeting of Council. Meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m. Motion was approved unanimously as follows.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Councilmember Kitts, Councilmember Law, Councilmember Lloyd, Councilmember Sweatman, Councilmember 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:

Marilyn M. Baker/Clerk to Council

June 21, 2022
DATE