

The Town of Summerville Planning Commission Meeting
Minutes
June 15, 2020

This meeting of the Town of Summerville Planning Commission was held in Town Council Chambers and was attended by Commission Members, Jim Reaves, Chairman; Kevin Carroll; Jonathan Lee; Charlie Stoudenmire; Betty Profit; and Elaine Segelken. Tom Hart was unable to attend. Staff in attendance included Jessi Shuler, AICP, Director of Planning; Tim Macholl, Zoning Administrator; and Russ Cornette, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer. The public was encouraged to view the meeting via the live-stream and submit any comments in advance of the meeting through email or by phone.

Jim Reaves, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

The Chairman asked if there were any edits or additions to the minutes from the meeting on May 18, 2020. Mr. Carroll made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, and Ms. Profit made the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearings:

The first public hearing opened at 4:02 PM and was for the proposed amendments to the Summerville Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 8, Section 8.3.3.B.3, Preservation During Construction: Barriers Required. Mr. Reaves introduced the item and asked Ms. Shuler to provide a brief synopsis. Ms. Shuler explained that this amendment was initiated by Council to give people the ability to use something other than just chain-link fencing for tree protection, but that it does still require Town staff to approve the materials used. The amendment has already received first reading.

Hearing no requests from the public to offer any comments and having no comments submitted in advance, this public hearing was closed at 4:03 PM.

The second public hearing opened at 4:04 PM and was for proposed amendments to the Summerville Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 5, Section 5.6.9, Alley, Chapter 10, Section 10.2.1.A, Applicability, Section 10.4.2.A, Monument Signs, Section 10.7.2.C, Temporary Banners: Maximum Area, and Section 10.8, Signs That Do Not Require A Permit. Mr. Reaves introduced the request, and Ms. Shuler explained that these were all additional changes, additions, or clarifications that staff noticed were needed in the continued application of the UDO.

Hearing no requests from the public to offer any comments and having no comments submitted in advance, this public hearing was closed at 4:05 PM.

The third public hearing opened at 4:05 PM and was for a proposed road name change to a section of Parsons Road (from W. Richardson Avenue to the intersection with the new section of road to be built connecting to N. Maple Street). Mr. Reaves introduced the request, and Ms. Shuler briefly explained that this was needed as a result of the N. Maple Street project, and that the Dorchester County Planning Commission would be holding a public hearing as well, since this section of road also has properties that are not within the Town limits. Little Parsons Court was to be considered as the new name.

Hearing no requests from the public to offer any comments and having no comments submitted in advance, this public hearing was closed at 4:05 PM.

Old Business

There were no items under Old Business.

New Business:

The first item under New Business was New Street Names for the Community Road Townhomes development. Ms. Shuler stated that two road names were needed. Mr. Lee made a motion to approve Parkington Lane and Rosefield Court, and Mr. Carroll made the second. The Commission members agreed that they preferred Lane to Circle, and the motion passed unanimously.

The second item under New Business was the proposed amendments to the Summerville Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 8, Section 8.3.3.B.3. Preservation During Construction: Barriers Required. Mr. Lee made a motion to recommend approval to Town Council with Mr. Carroll making the second. The motion passed unanimously.

The third item was the proposed amendments to the Summerville Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 5, Section 5.6.9. Alley; Chapter 10, Section 10.2.1.A, Applicability, Section 10.4.2.A, Monument Signs, Section 10.7.2.C, Temporary Banners; Maximum Area, and Section 10.8, Signs That Do Not Require A Permit. Ms. Segelken made a motion to recommend approval to Town Council with Mr. Lee making the second. Following no discussion, the motion carried.

The fourth item was the proposed road name change to a section of Parsons Road (from W. Richardson Avenue to the intersection with the new section of road to be built connecting to N. Maple Street). Ms. Segelken made a motion to approve the road name change to Little Parsons Court with Mr. Carroll making the second. Mr. Reaves informed the Commission members that "Little" was added to Parsons because having two roads with only the suffix being different (Rd. vs. Ct.) was no longer allowed. Following the discussion, the motion carried.

Miscellaneous:

The first item under Miscellaneous was the Comprehensive Plan & Master Transportation Plan Update. Ms. Shuler informed the Commission that the CPAC meeting held virtually on June 9th went well, and she had emailed the video recording of the meeting to all of the Commission members. She explained that staff was finishing up reviewing the Implementation Chapter, which would then go to the Commission members and CPAC for review. She also mentioned that staff was working with the consultant to determine the best option for public input given the current circumstances with COVID-19. Mr. Lee asked if she could email out the possible options to the Commission members for comment, and Ms. Shuler confirmed that she would.

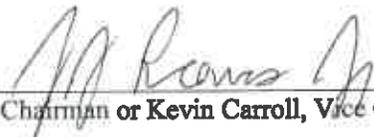
Adjourn

With no further business for the Commission, Mr. Lee made a motion to adjourn with Mr. Carroll making the second. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: August 18, 2020

Jessi Shuler, AICP
Director of Planning

Approved: 
Jim Reaves, Chairman or Kevin Carroll, Vice Chairman