

Ricky Waring, Mayor

Council Members:

Bob Jackson

Walter Bailey

Aaron Brown

Terry Jenkins

Kima Garten-Schmidt

William McIntosh



Town Administrator

Rebecca Vance

Town Clerk

Beth Messervy

Town Attorney

G.W. Parker

Town of Summerville
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL RETREAT - MINUTES
July 16, 2020

ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Waring, Councilmembers Terry Jenkins, Walter Bailey, Aaron Brown, Bob Jackson, Kima Garten-Schmidt, and Bill McIntosh. A quorum was present. Staff was also present. Public and press were duly notified. The meeting was live streamed on the Town's website. The meeting was held at the Lake House Conference Center at Middleton Plantation.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ricky Waring called the Special Called Council meeting to order at 9:05am on Thursday, July 16, 2020.

FIVE POINTS ROUNDABOUT UPDATE

Russ Cornette presented the preliminary plans for 4 options for a roundabout at Five Points intersection. He answered questions from Council regarding the project, as well as how it ties into the West Carolina Avenue speeding issue. Council agreed to put the Five Points Roundabout topic on the agenda for the August Council meeting for full discussion with Council.

Mr. Cornette then addressed the bump outs on West Carolina Avenue that were installed to slow the speed of traffic. The Mayor and several Councilmembers stated that they received multiple calls and emails from citizens that are against the bump out design. Council approved staff to realign the intersections, do a median with striping, and to install a stop sign (2) on West Carolina Avenue at 2nd Street. The West Carolina traffic calming topic was added to the Public Works meeting agenda.

GOALS FOR MEETING

Town Administrator Rebecca Vance gave a brief outline of the meeting. The Mayor and each Councilmember took a turn introducing themselves and stating a goal that he or she wished to accomplish being on Council.

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IDENTIFYING OPPORTUNITIES AND THREATS

The Mayor and each Councilmember submitted two opportunities for and two threats against the Town. Ms. Vance compiled the answers and reported the shared thoughts. Some discussion followed regarding communication between staff and Council.

Council recessed at 12:30pm for lunch. They reconvened at 1:13pm.

DISCUSSION OF TOWN FINANCES

Ms. Vance gave a brief overview of the Town's financial situation, including expenditures from the General Fund Balance, the current mill value, and the debt limit. Some discussion followed.

With the Town switching to a fiscal year budget, Ms. Vance presented her ideas for the budgeting process for the upcoming 6 month budget and the next 12 month budget. She suggested that Council have a budget retreat. Some discussion followed.

DISCUSSION OF MASTER FACILITIES PLAN

Council discussed the possible location of the Court, Police, and Fire Departments.

DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Council expressed their desire to be more involved in the economic development planning process. Some discussion followed regarding a downtown redevelopment plan to focus on the properties on the north side of the railroad tracks. Council briefly discussed economic incentives. Additional discussion followed regarding the Summerville Redevelopment Corporation.

DISCUSSION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mr. Jenkins stated that the comprehensive plan should read as more of a recommendation instead Council discussed adding a paragraph to the beginning of the comprehensive plan explaining that the contents are recommendations rather than mandates. Ms. Vance explained the two important parts of the comprehensive plan: the action items and the future land use map. Some discussion followed.

REVIEW OF ORDINANCES

Mr. Jenkins expressed his concern with the ordinance limiting Council's interaction with staff. Some discussion followed.

DISCUSSION OF STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council agreed to keep the Standing Committee meetings on the same night as Council meetings as long as the meetings were being held electronically via Zoom. Some discussion followed regarding how the Standing Committees should meet throughout the month.

DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENTS TO PUD

Council discussed the duty to enforce the restrictions of a PUD.

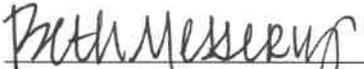
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council did not hold an Executive Session during the meeting. All items were moved to the August Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

APPROVED:


Beth Messervy, Town Clerk


Ricky Waring, Mayor