

William C. Collins, Mayor

Council Members:

Terry Jenkins, Mayor Pro Tem
Walter Bailey
Aaron Brown
Kima Garten-Schmidt
Bob Jackson
William McIntosh



Clerk-Treasurer

Lisa L. Wallace

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Town of Summerville

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 12, 2015

ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Bill Collins and Council members Aaron Brown, Bob Jackson, Kima Garten-Schmidt, Terry Jenkins and Bill McIntosh. Walter Bailey was absent. Also present were Lisa Wallace, Director of Administrative Services & Clerk-Treasurer, and G.W. Parker, Town Attorney. Members of the press and the public were duly notified of the meeting and were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of Summerville Town Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2015. The meeting was opened with prayer by Ms. Garten-Schmidt, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Collins called for any comments from the public. Linda Haynes-Whetsell of 108 Atlantic Street stated that she has been calling both the county and the city trying to get her road cleaned. She also reported that there is a large sign that blocks the view when people attempt to turn onto Central Avenue adding that there is grass growing over the sign and other properties in the area are overgrown. She also reported that her back yard floods during heavy rains. Dora Ann Reaves of Simmons Avenue reported that she has made a number of complaints to WastePro and wanted to also inform town council stating that there are houses on Simmons Avenue still waiting to be picked up from their regular Tuesday pickup. Peter Gorman of 313 S. Magnolia Street reported that there were two recent newspaper articles that caught his attention. One about the City of Charleston and the fate of the Sergeant Jasper building and the other about Mt. Pleasant scaling back building heights. He listed some changes being made to address density, height and uses for new development in those areas. He asked what council is doing to address the proposals that are included in the Summerville Vision Plan. Robbie Robins of 107 Glen Abby Drive commended the council and staff for the vision plan process. He believes it was a successful process with lots of participation from the community. He also stated that the new plan for Hutchinson Square is outstanding. Adrian Kwist of Reynolds Road stated that his personal opinion about the Hutchinson Square project is that the buildings on the east side of the square need a facelift and maybe council could consider using hospitality tax to help with those improvements. He was also concerned about proposed vegetation in the middle of Main Street noting that it would pose a problem for emergency vehicles. He added that the overall project looks good but he was shocked by the cost and hopes the town will solicit bids. There being no further comments, the Mayor declared this portion of the meeting closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2015 council meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Wallace reported that although there were no standing committee reports to consider, this is typically the section of the agenda in which council considers the previous Finance Committee report. This was inadvertently left off of the agenda and she requested that council consider amending the agenda to allow for consideration of this report. Mrs. Garten-Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to amend the agenda to add consideration of the August 10, 2015 Finance Committee Report. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Jenkins then made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the report of the August 10, 2015 Finance Committee as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

PETITIONS

There were no petition for annexations to be considered.

PENDING BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Garten-Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to have second and final reading of ordinance #15-0701 to annex TMS# 144-16-03-001 located at 105 King Charles Circle to be zoned R2, "Single Family Residential". The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to have second and final reading of ordinance #15-0702 to annex TMS# 144-03-01-001 located at 111 Longleaf Drive to be zoned R2, "Single Family Residential". The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to have second and final reading of ordinance #15-0703 to annex TMS# 129-12-04-014 located at 1507 W. 5th N. Street to be zoned B3, "General Business". The motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

For the purposes of discussion, Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown to introduce and have first reading of an ordinance to rezone TMS# 145-02-10-002, 114 E. Carolina Avenue from R1, Single Family Residential to R2, Single Family Residential. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. McIntosh asked Planning and Economic Development Director, Madelyn Robinson, to explain the difference between R-1 and R-2 zoning and why the Planning Commission recommended denial of this rezoning request. After some discussion, the Mayor called for the vote to give first reading of this rezoning request. The motion failed unanimously.

Ms. Garten-Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the first amendment to the Public-Private Partnership Agreement with Applegate & Co. The motion carried with Mr. Jenkins, Ms. Garten-Schmidt, Mr. Brown, Mr. Jackson, and Mayor Collins voting in favor of the motion and Mr. McIntosh voting against the motion.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, to approve the Hutchinson Square master plan to be implemented as funds become available (Phase 1 has been funded). Mr. Jackson stated that he did not want to hold future councils to this master plan so he made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to amend the motion to only approve Phase 1 of the plan. Mr. Jackson, Mr. Brown, and Ms. Garten-Schmidt voted in favor of the amendment and Mr. Jenkins, Mr. McIntosh and Mayor Collins voted against the amendment, therefore the motion to amend failed. Mayor Collins then called for the vote on the motion to approve the Hutchinson Square master plan to be implemented as funds become available and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. McIntosh pointed out that it is important to have a plan and that approving the master plan does not obligate future councils to adhere to the plan. Mr. Jenkins added that approving the master plan does not obligate future funds for the plan which would have to be considered prior to implementing additional phases.

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to authorize the Mayor to execute a grant of easement agreement with Summerville CPW for location and installation of sewer of lines at Fire Station 2. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Ms. Garten-Schmidt, to appoint Mandy Pitcock as an alternate on the Town of Summerville Grievance Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to appoint Gregory Hyland as Associate Municipal Judge for the Town of Summerville. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on motion of Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Jackson.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wallace, Director of Administrative Services
Clerk and Treasurer

APPROVED:

William C. Collins, Mayor