

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

*Town Attorney*  
G. Waring Parker

## Town of Summerville

### COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 11, 2015

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Present: Mayor Bill Collins and Council members Aaron Brown, Kima Garten-Schmidt, Terry Jenkins and Bill McIntosh. Mr. Bailey and Mr. Jackson were 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, February 11, 2015. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Brown, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **PRESENTATION: HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**

Mayor Collins introduced Mario Formisano, Emergency Management Director for Dorchester County, who provided council with an update on the multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan as required by FEMA. The report was provided as information.

#### **PRESENTATION: TOURISM**

Mayor Collins introduced Ron Jakes, a member of the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and the Vice Chairman of Tourism. Mr. Jakes reported that 2014 was a record year for tourism in the State of South Carolina and expects this trend to continue through 2015. He also reported that Summerville's "Sweet Tea" branding campaign is a candidate for the Bundy Award. This report was provided as information.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Collins called for any comments from the public. Wiley Johnson of 111 Manigault Drive stated that he is concerned about the amount of funds being spent on consultants to implement projects included in the vision plan. He reported that so far the town has spent about a quarter of a million dollars and questioned whether consultants were necessary to implement the plan. He added that the town should consider maintaining its existing infrastructure rather than building more projects.

Hal Rigby stated that he is impressed with the detail of the noise ordinance; however, he has concerns about paragraph (f) of the ordinance. He stated that, in his opinion, that section of the ordinance is very subjective and gives the Mayor, or his designee, broad latitude in making decisions on granting a variance to this ordinance. He questioned whether there should be an appeals process. He would like council to consider having further discussions and revisions to this ordinance.

Eugene Lemeau of 233 Garden Grove Drive and the Vice President of the Gardens of Summerville Homeowners Association in the Bridges of Summerville stated that he is concerned about the density of the proposed planned unit development in Pine Trace.

Timothy Higgins, Chairman of the Dorchester County Republican Party, read a Resolution that was passed by their Executive Committee on January 22, 2015 opposing the public-private partnership agreement between the Town of Summerville and Applegate & Company.

Peter Gorman of S. Magnolia and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street reported that he had submitted a petition fifteen months ago from the homeowners on the eastern side of the historic district to implement pedestrian safety measures. He reported that last October a woman was struck and killed on the Berlin G. Myers parkway while in the crosswalk stating that the town's solution was to remove the crosswalk. He questioned how that would improve public safety for those people trying to cross the street in that area. He urged council to take another look at pedestrian safety measures.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2015 council meeting and the January 27, 2015 special council meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Ms. Garten-Schmidt, to approve the February 9, 2015 Finance Committee Report, the February 5, 2015 Planning and Development Committee Report and the February 5, 2015 Public Works Committee Report as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **PETITIONS**

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Ms. Garten-Schmidt, to accept the petition(s) and give first reading of an ordinance to annex TMS#s 135-12-00-012, 135-12-00-016, 135-12-00-017, 135-12-00-018, 135-12-00-020, located along Central Avenue and Old Orangeburg Roads to be zoned B3, "General Business". The motion carried unanimously.

#### **PENDING BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to have second and final reading of an ordinance (as amended) to amend the Code of Laws of the Town of Summerville relating to noise. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to have second and final reading of an ordinance to annex Dorchester County TMS# 136-00-00-134 located at 429 W. Butternut Road, owned by Annette K. Dopson and currently zoned R4, "Multifamily Residential" to be zoned PUD, "Planned Unit Development". The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to have second and final reading of an ordinance to approve the PUD "Planned Unit Development" for TMS # 136-00-00-134, known as the Dopson Tract. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to introduce and have first reading of an ordinance to rezone TMS # 145-10-02-030, 145-10-02-031 and 145-10-02-032, owned by Berlin G. Myers Lumber Corp., located along Limehouse Drive and currently zoned R2, Single Family Residential to be rezoned to B2, "Neighborhood Commercial Center". Mr. McIntosh recused himself and abstained due to a conflict. The motion carried unanimously with one abstention.

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to introduce and have first reading to an ordinance to approve amendments as proposed to the previously approved PUD document for Pine Trace (Ordinance No. 12-0904) which includes TMS#s 154-00-00-073 and 154-06-15-006, owned by Dorchester County Government and zoned PUD, "Planned Unit Development" and TMS# 154-00-00-075, owned by Dorchester District II Schools zoned PUD, "Planned Unit Development". Planning and Economic Development Director, Madelyn Robinson, explained that the amendments include land uses, a greatly reduced density, no multi-family units, and minimum zoning development criteria. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to introduce and have first reading of an ordinance to grant a quitclaim deed for 2,787 sq. feet of right-of-way to the owners of Limehouse Plantation and an ordinance to grant a quitclaim deed for 98 square feet of right-of-way to the owners of Limehouse Plantation. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

There were no miscellaneous items to discuss.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to enter into executive session at 8:27 p.m. to discuss contractual and legal matters related to the Dorchester Hotel project. Council returned to public session at 9:12 a.m. and announced that no action was taken.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m. on motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Jenkins.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Wallace, Director of Administrative Services  
Clerk and Treasurer

APPROVED:

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William C. Collins, Mayor