

Mayor
Ricky Waring

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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2021

ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Ricky Waring, Councilmembers Terry Jenkins, Walter Bailey, Aaron Brown, Bob Jackson and Bill McIntosh. Councilmember Kima Garten-Schmidt was absent. A quorum was met. Public and press were duly notified. The meeting took place in Council Chambers at 200 South Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of Summerville Town Council was called to order at 6:00pm on Thursday, March 11, 2021 by Mayor Waring. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Councilmember Bob Jackson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION PRESENTATIONS

Beth Messervy, the Town Clerk, read aloud a proclamation for the Red Cross declaring March as Red Cross Month, and a proclamation for Women in Construction declaring March 1-7, 2021 as Women In Construction Week.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the combined minutes of the Town Council meeting on February 11, 2021; the Special Called Council meeting on February 24, 2021; and the Standing Committee meeting minutes from March 8, 2021. The motion carried, and the minutes were accepted into record.

PUBLIC COMMENT (ITEMS ON THE MARCH 11, 2021 AGENDA)

Lisa Hudson of 108 Shepard Street expressed her concern with flooding on her street and on her property. She also stated that future development by the Town is bad, because there isn't the infrastructure to support it.

There being no further comments, Mayor Waring closing this part of the meeting.

PENDING BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to give second and final reading to an ordinance to annex Dorchester Co. TMS#s 153-00-00-012, -013, and -032, located off of Ridge Road and Samuels Ln. and totaling approximately 35.82 acres. Currently zoned R-4 Multi-Family Residential in Dorchester County and will be zoned MF-R, Multi-Family Residential, upon annexation into the Town of Summerville's municipal limits. (Council District 5). The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to give second and final reading to an ordinance to amend Chapter 28, Traffic and Vehicles, Article III, Stopping, Standing or Parking to add Section 28-92, Heavy Vehicles Prohibited. Some discussion followed. Mr. McIntosh made a motion to postpone second reading until after second reading of the ordinance to repeal and replace the Unified Development Ordinance. There was no second on Mr. McIntosh's motion, so the motion failed. The original motion carried 5-1 with Mr. McIntosh voting in opposition.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Brown made a motion to give first reading of an ordinance to rezone TMS #137-09-01-057, located on Central Avenue, approximately 2.98 acres, and owned by 725 Central LLC from PUD, Planned Development District, to MF-R, Multi-Family Residential. Mr. Brown's motion did not receive a second, so the motion failed. Some discussion followed. Mr. McIntosh made a motion to table the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Some discussion followed. The motion carried 5-1, with Mr. Brown in opposition. First reading was tabled.

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to give first reading to an ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article II, Division 1, Section 2.69-Compensation of Mayor and Members of Town Council. Some discussion followed. The motion carried 5-1, with Mr. McIntosh voting in opposition.

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to give first reading of an ordinance to repeal Chapter 11 – Water Management, from the Unified Development Ordinance. The motion carried 5-1, with Mr. McIntosh voting in opposition.

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to give first reading of an ordinance to enact a new ordinance, Chapter 22 – Water Management, Flood Damage Prevention, and Stormwater Management. Mr. Jenkins asked Council to read the new Chapter and bring back suggestions to staff prior to the second reading. The motion carried 5-1, with Mr. McIntosh voting in opposition.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. McIntosh made a motion to allow the emergency mask ordinance to expire at 11:59pm on March 15, 2021. There being no second, the motion failed.

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to allow the ordinance to expire for pharmacies and grocery stores only, keeping the ordinance active for municipal buildings. Some discussion followed to clarify Mr. Jackson's motion.

Mr. Jackson changed his motion to extend the ordinance in its entirety until the April 2021 Council meeting. Some discussion followed. Mr. McIntosh made a motion to table Mr. Jackson's motion. There being no second, the motion failed.

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to amend Mr. Jackson's motion to extend the ordinance, but to strike any reference to requirements that the general public wear masks, leaving the requirement for certain employers to require that masks be worn by their employees.

The motion to amend Mr. Jackson's motion carried 4-2, with Mr. Jackson and Mr. Brown voting in opposition. The vote on the original motion as amended by Mr. McIntosh carried 4-2 with Mr. Jackson and Mr. Brown voting in opposition.

Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, to approve a resolution for communication expectations between staff and Mayor/Council. Some discussion followed. The motion carried 5-1, with Mr. Jackson voting in opposition.

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, to authorize the Town to use \$150,000 from Hospitality and Accommodations Tax fund balance to complete the proposed Saul Alexander playground project. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to enter into a contract with Cunningham Recreation for the Saul Alexander playground project, amount not to exceed approved funding. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to authorize the Fire Department to surplus Ladder 303, a 2006 E-One, 100ft platform aerial truck and accept a credit of \$150,000 from Safe Industries, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT (OPEN):

Nick Kyryliuk read a statement regarding the Town being negligent in allowing American Homes 4 Rent to build in downtown Summerville. He also stated that he has severe flooding on his property.

Lorel Morris spoke on behalf of the league tennis players who use Doty Park tennis courts. She stated that the courts on Doty, as well as other Town owned sites, are in need of repair and proper lighting.

Beth Ann Armstrong asked Council to help the Town devote more resources to keeping up with the maintenance of the tennis courts and the lights.

Yarboro Winkle expressed her concerns about the pond on the American Homes 4 Rent property near her home. She stated that it is too small and fills up already with no houses there.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter regarding Summerville Police Department, a legal matter regarding a proposed tax increment financing district, a contractual agreement for moving condemned structures as part of the N. Maple St. project, and a legal matter pertaining to condemnation of a drainage easement on TMS 144-06-07-032 and TMS 144-06-07-031.

The motion carried, and Council entered into Executive Session at 7:17pm.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:16pm. Town Attorney GW Parker reported that no action was taken on any of the following items in Executive Session: personnel matter regarding Summerville Police Department, a legal matter regarding a proposed tax increment financing district, a contractual agreement for moving condemned structures as part of the N. Maple St. project, and a legal matter pertaining to condemnation of a drainage easement on TMS 144-06-07-032 and TMS 144-06-07-031.

OTHER BUSINESS

Town Administrator Rebecca Vance stated that her recommendation for the new Chief of Police is Deputy Chief of Police Doug Wright. Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to accept Ms. Vance’s recommendation and appoint Mr. Wright as Chief of Police. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to authorize the Town Administrator to draw up documents and negotiate with Dorchester District 2 and Dorchester County on a tax increment financing district known as “Midtown.” The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED:

Beth Messervy, Town Clerk

Ricky Waring, Mayor