

Mayor
Ricky Waring

Council Members:
Bob Jackson
Walter Bailey
Aaron Brown
Christine Czarnik
Kima Garten-Schmidt
William McIntosh



Town Administrator
Colin L. Martin

Town Clerk
Beth Messervy

Town Attorney
G.W. Parker

Town of Summerville

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES March 12, 2020

ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Ricky Waring, Councilmembers Kima Garten-Schmidt, Terry Jenkins, Walter Bailey, Aaron Brown, Bob Jackson and Bill McIntosh. A quorum was present. Staff was also present. Public and press were duly notified and present.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of Summerville Town Council was called to order at 6:00pm on Thursday, March 12, 2020 by Mayor Waring. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Deacon McClellan, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Waring presented proclamations to the local chapter of the American Red Cross and the Palmetto Chapter of Women in Construction. Mayor Waring then presented Town Administrator Colin Martin with a special resolution upon his retirement.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Waring opened the public hearing for two budget amendments:

Amendment to reduce the Parks and Recreation Department budget in the amount of \$198,662 and to increase the Streets Department budget in the amount of \$198,662 for the transfer of the Right of Way Crew from the Parks and Recreation Department to the Streets Department; and, amendment of the 2020 capital budget of the Summerville Police Department by an increase in the amount of \$67,644.93 to cover associated costs for the purchase of new police vehicles, said funds to come from the Fund Balance.

Amendments of the 2020 fiscal year budget to provide funds for the salary of the position of Administrative Assistant to the Mayor under the Administration Department. Funds to come from fund balance.

There being no citizens speaking to the amendments, Mayor Waring closed the public hearing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the minutes of the Town Council Meeting on February 13, 2020, as well as the Special Called Council meetings on February 19, 2020 and February 21, 2020. The motion carried unanimously, and the minutes were accepted into record.

APPROVAL OF STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, the approved the combined minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee, Planning and Development Committee, Public Safety Committee, Public Works Committee, and Finance Committee from March 9, 2020. The motion carried unanimously, and the minute were accepted into record.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Items on the 3/12/20 agenda)

Mayor Waring opened the floor to public comment. There being no citizens speaking, Mayor Waring closed the public comment section.

PETITIONS:

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by M. Jackson to approve first reading of a petition by Thomas A. Limehouse to annex Dorchester Co. TMS#s 129-05-10-003, -004, -005, -006, -007, -008, and -009; 129-05-09-007, -008, -009, -010, -011, -012, -013, and -014; and 129-09-06-009, -010, and -011, located along Renau Blvd., Major Dr., Michele Dr., and Richard Dr.; 18 parcels and two quit-claimed unimproved right-of-ways totaling approximately 8.5 acres. Currently zoned R-1(M), Single-Family Residential Manufactured Housing in Dorchester County and will be zoned GR-5, General Residential, upon annexation into the Town of Summerville's municipal limits. (Council District 4). Some discussion followed regarding finding a break-even price point for residential developments and annexations. The motion carried unanimously.

PENDING BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve second and final reading of an ordinance to amend the 2020 fiscal year budget to reduce the Parks and Recreation Division Budget in the amount of \$198,662 and to increase the Streets Department in the amount of \$198,662 for the transfer of the Right of Way crews from the Parks and Recreation Division to Streets Department; and to increase the Police Department budget by \$67,644.93 of the Police Department capital budget to cover associated costs for the purchase of new police vehicles. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to approve second and final reading of an ordinance to amend the 2020 fiscal year budget to provide funds for the salary of the position of Administrative Assistant to the Mayor under the Administration Department. Funds to come from fund balance. The motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Ms. Garten-Schmidt, to approve first reading of an ordinance to amend the Summerville Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 13, Section 13.5.2.A, Site Analysis. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to postpone first reading of an ordinance to amend the 2020 fiscal year budget to increase the budget for the Building Department. The motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to amend the organizational chart of the Town of Summerville to change the title of “Clerk to Council” to “Town Clerk,” to add “Assistant to the Mayor,” and to add “Paralegal.” The motion carried unanimously, and the organizational chart amendments were accepted.

Council discussed the policies regarding serving liquor at private events at Town-owned facilities, as well as the time window of when someone can reserve a Town-owned facility. Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to approve the Parks and Recreation Committee’s decisions made at the March 9, 2020 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to approve the land agreement with Dorchester County for a new Town fire station, and to send the agreement to Dorchester County for approval. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to dissolve the intergovernmental agreement with Dorchester County regarding stormwater management. Some discussion followed. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to not renew any contract or subscription with ZenCity. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to approve staff to pursue negotiations with CPW for land lease for a temporary debris storage site. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the Town to distribute \$180,000 from Local Hospitality and Accommodations Tax funds to the Public Works Art Center for continued renovations. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to authorize Town Attorney GW Parker to sign closing documents for the 1.18 acres immediately adjacent to the Town-owned property in Oakbrook known as Bend on the Ashley. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT (open)

Kristine Schaffer stated that it is imperative that the Town does not cancel any events because of the threat of the Coronavirus. She also stated that the proposed new fire station is a good idea, that the Town should consider using Local Hospitality and Accommodations Tax to support the Summerville-Dorchester Museum, and that Council work on getting people elected to the Dorchester District 2 School Board.

Jo Evana of 101 Droze Road expressed her concern with not having sewage services at her mobile home. She asked for Council's help in getting the proper authority to install sewage to her and her neighbors who do not have it.

Linda Whetsell of 108 Atlantic Street stated her concern with the noise, flooding, drainage, smell, and mosquitoes at her property.

Deacon McClellan thanked Councilman Brown for allowing him to give the invocation at the meeting. He expressed his concern about the traffic on North Maple Street and how it is affecting the Robynwyn neighborhood. He also stated that the ditches on Gardenia Street need to be cleaned.

Jana Riley with the Public Works Art Center thanked Council for approving \$180,000 in Local Hospitality and Accommodations Tax money to be given to the Public Works Art Center for continued renovations.

Walter Pinckney from Wescott expressed his concern about the potholes on Dorchester Road. Staff explained to Mr. Pinckney that the road is in North Charleston, and recommended that Mr. Pinckney call the SC Department of Transportation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to enter into Executive Session to discuss legal matters related to condemnation of properties in the Maple Street Extension project. The motion carried unanimously, and Council entered into Executive Session at 7:01pm.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council reconvened at 7:15pm. Town Attorney GW Parker stated that no action was taken in Executive Session on the legal matter related to condemnation of properties in the Maple Street Extension project.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:16pm on motion of Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Jackson.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED:

Beth Messervy, Town Clerk

Ricky Waring, Mayor