

*Mayor*  
Ricky Waring

*Council Members:*  
Bob Jackson  
Walter Bailey  
Aaron Brown  
Terry Jenkins  
Kima Garten-Schmidt  
William McIntosh



*Town Administrator*  
Lisa Wallace

*Town Clerk*  
Beth Messervy

*Town Attorney*  
G.W. Parker

## **TOWN *of* SUMMERVILLE**

### **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES July 8, 2021**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

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

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular monthly meeting of Summerville Town Council was called to order at 6:02pm on Thursday, July 8, 2021 by Mayor Waring. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Councilman Aaron Brown, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **PROCLAMATION PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Waring presented a proclamation to the Parks and Recreation Department for Parks and Recreation Professionals Day.

#### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Jim Neal with the American Public Works Association presented the Town with an award for the Bear Island Road project. He then presented the APWA Public Works Manager of the Year to Russ Cornette.

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

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, to approve the combined minutes of the June 11, 2021 Council meeting, the June 19, 2021 Special Council meeting, the June 23, 2021 Special Council meeting, the June 30, 2021 Special Council meeting, and the July 6, 2021 Standing Committee meetings. Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, to amend the minutes of the June 11, 2021 Council meeting to add the appointment of Matthew Halter to the DRB. The motion carried unanimously. The original motion as amended carried unanimously. The Town Clerk made the amendment to the June 11, 2021 minutes, and the minutes were accepted into record.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (For items on the July 8, 2021 agenda)**

N/A

**PETITIONS:**

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, to give first reading to an ordinance to annex Dorchester Co. TMS# 145-07-03-036, located at 112 Dove Lane and totaling approximately 0.26 acres. Currently zoned R-2, Single-Family Residential in Dorchester County and will be zoned GR-5, General Residential, upon annexation into the Town of Summerville's municipal limits. (Council District 3) The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to give first reading to an ordinance to annex Dorchester Co. TMS# 154-00-00-063, located on Ladson Road and totaling approximately 1.5 acres. Currently zoned CG, General Commercial, in Dorchester County and will be zoned G-B, General Business, upon annexation into the Town of Summerville's municipal limits. (Council District 6) The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to give first reading to an ordinance to annex Dorchester Co. TMS#s 144-00-00-083, 751 Orangeburg Road; 144-00-00-013, 713 Orangeburg Road; 144-00-00-156, 172 Reed Street; 144-00-00-183, Orangeburg Rd, four parcels totaling approximately 72.89 acres. Currently zoned R-1 and R-1(A), Single-Family Residential, in Dorchester County and will be zoned PUD, Planned Development District upon annexation into the Town of Summerville's municipal limits and the existing Knightsville Tract PUD shall be amended to include these parcels and the additional proposed language. (Council District 4) The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to give first reading to an ordinance to annex Dorchester Co. TMS# 152-00-00-013, located off Ashley Bluffs Road and totaling approximately 49.92 acres. Currently zoned PD, Planned Development, in Dorchester County and will be zoned AC, Agricultural Conservation, upon annexation into the Town of Summerville's municipal limits. (Council District 5)

**PENDING BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to table second reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 6, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article II, Division I, by adding a new section to be titled Section 6-47 – Unfit Dwellings. Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to amend Mr. Brown's motion to "postpone" the second reading until the August Council meeting. The motion to amend carried unanimously. The original motion as amended carried unanimously.

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to table the second reading of an ordinance to repeal and replace in its entirety the Summerville Unified Development Ordinance adopted October 10, 2019 as last amended December 10, 2020, with former Town Code, Chapter 32, Zoning; Chapter 22, Stormwater Management; Chapter 20, Article II, Planning Commission; and Article III, Development Standards, Section 20-71, Roads; and Chapter 6, Article III, Flood Damage Prevention, as existing upon repeal on October 10, 2019. The motion carried unanimously. The second reading was never taken off the table before the meeting ended; therefore, the ordinance was killed.

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to give second and final reading to an ordinance to authorize and establish the “Summerville Open for Business Program” to encourage economic development and private investment in the Town of Summerville, South Carolina, and other matters related thereto. The motion carried 5-1 with Mr. McIntosh voting in opposition.

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to give second and final reading to an ordinance to establish a Business License Tax Incentive Program to encourage business development and expansion in the Town of Summerville, South Carolina, amending the Town’s Code of Ordinances to incorporate such amendments and other matters related thereto. The motion carried 5-1 with Mr. McIntosh voting in opposition.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to deny first reading of an ordinance to rezone TMS# 145-06-01-005, located at 55 Old Trolley Road, approximately 0.55 acres, and owned by Christopher M. Limehouse, from GR-5, General Residential, to N-B, Neighborhood Business. (Council District 3). Some discussion followed. The motion carried unanimously.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to appoint a ministerial recorder. Town Attorney GW Parker requested that Mr. Jenkins rephrase his motion. Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to amend his original motion to be to appoint Mandy Pitcock as a Ministerial Recorded and perform the duties of the Clerk of Court. The motion to amend carried. The original motion as amended carried unanimously.

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Ms. Garten-Schmidt, to appoint Daniel Cabral, Chief Doug Wright, and Bonnie Miley to the Employee Grievance Committee, and to retain Bill Salisbury as an alternate. Some discussion followed. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement between the Town of Summerville and Origin SC for assistance with the “Summerville Home to Stay” program. Grants Writer PJ Harbert explained the program, and some discussion followed. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Garten-Schmidt made a motion with no second to make the West Carolina Avenue sidewalk that had been discussed at an earlier Public Works meeting. Public Works Director Russ Cornette stated that the project would cost approximately \$40,000, and that there is no money allocated in the budget for sidewalks. Some discussion followed regarding what the decision was to be made regarding the sidewalk. Ms. Garten-Schmidt withdrew her motion. Mayor Waring stated that while the Town needs a sidewalk there, there is no money to do so at this tie.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (OPEN):**

Linda Whetsell of 108 Atlantic Street expressed her concerns about the following items: excessive flooding, debris in pipes and ditches, no local police presence, unchained locks, golf carts driving too slow, adults riding with babies in their laps, loud music, cars without tags, the

parking on Parkwood by Lowcountry Fish Camp, excessive smells of chemicals, cars being repainted because of debris from factory, and lack of sleep.

Mardelle Guien, a resident of Limehouse Village, expressed her concerns with the plans for a church to be built in Limehouse Village. She cited several reasons for her discontent, including increased traffic, decreased home values, and no peace and quiet.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

N/A

**ADJOURN:**

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:51pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED:



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Beth Messervy, Town Clerk



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Ricky Waring, Mayor