

Mayor
Ricky Waring

Town Administrator
Rebecca Vance

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

Town Clerk
Beth Messervy

Town Attorney
G.W. Parker



Town of Summerville

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2020

ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of Summerville Town Council was called to order at 6:00pm on Thursday, October 10, 2020 by Mayor Waring. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Councilmember Bob Jackson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the minutes of items 4a-4c. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2020 Standing Committee Meetings (item 4d). Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to amend the Standing Committee Meeting minutes without the minutes for the Planning and Development Committee on October 5, 2020. The motion to amend carried unanimously. The original motion with the amendment carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR ITEMS ON THE OCTOBER 8, 2020 AGENDA)

There were no in-person public comments. The Town Clerk did receive one email from Peter Gorman, and she read it out loud. Mr. Gorman expressed his interest in taking over more downtown roads other than South Laurel Street so that the speeding issues could be remedied.

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

PETITIONS

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve first reading on an ordinance to rezone TMS #130-00-00-008, located on North Maple Street, approximately 20.86 acres, and owned by Rosemary S. Harper Ward Trust from AC, Agricultural Conservation, N-MX, Neighborhood Mixed-Use. The property is in Council District 1. The motion carried unanimously.

PENDING BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Aaron Brown, to approve second and final reading of an ordinance to annex Berkeley County TMS #232-00-02-179 and Dorchester County TMS#138-00-00-036 (approximately 4.7 acres total) located on Berlin G. Myers Parkway; currently zoned GC, General Commercial in Berkeley County and CG, General Commercial, in Dorchester County, and will be zoned G-B, General Business, upon annexation into the Town of Summerville's municipal limits. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to approve second and final reading of an ordinance to adopt the Comprehensive Plan Update, "Summerville, Our Town, Our Future." The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to approve second and final reading of an ordinance to amend the Summerville Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 8, Section 8.7.4, Maintenance. The motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to approve first reading of an ordinance to amend the Town of Summerville's Code of Ordinances: Chapter 2 – Administration, Article II – Mayor and Council, Division 2 – Mayor, Section 2-62 – Direction of Executive Officers, and Section 2-63 – Authority to set meeting agenda. The motion carried 5-2 with Mr. Brown and Mr. Jackson voting in opposition.

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve first reading of an ordinance to amend the Town of Summerville's Code of Ordinances: Chapter 2 – Administration, Article IV – Officers and Employees, Division 2 – Town Administrator, Section 2-211 – Appointment, Section 2-213 – Supervision, Section 2-214 – General duties, responsibilities, and delegation of authority, and Section 2-215, Authority. The motion carried 5-2, with Mr. Brown and Mr. Jackson voting in opposition.

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to approve first reading of an ordinance to amend the Summerville Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 3, Section 4.3.8A – Drive-Thru/Drive-In Facility (UC-MX). The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Ms. Garten-Schmidt, to approve the lease for 100 West Richardson Avenue, Suite D as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to approve an emergency ordinance to extend the ability to have electronic meetings for Council, Committees, Boards, and Commissions. The motion carried 6-1, with Mr. McIntosh voting in opposition.

Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to acquire the piece of Laurel Street from W. Carolina Avenue to Central Avenue from the SCDOT. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT (OPEN):

Corey Allen spoke against the face mask ordinance. He expressed his concern for small businesses being able to operate with the ordinance in place.

Walker Smith spoke on the face mask ordinance. He stated that he wears a mask for health reasons.

Will Barton spoke against the face mask ordinance. He expressed his concern about making employees of businesses continue to wear the face masks.

Hope Koestner spoke against the face mask ordinance. She believes that the situation should be reevaluated every 2 weeks and that wearing them should be optional.

The Town Clerk read an email that was received from David Weiss, who expressed his disappointment of Council renewing the face mask ordinance.

There being no further business, Mayor Waring closed this part of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to enter into Executive Session to discuss legal matters regarding economic development project (Minshara,) legal matter related to a proposed tax increment financing district, a contractual matter regarding arrangement for downtown development services, and a legal matter regarding Oolong Lane.

Council reconvened at 8:15pm. The Town Attorney stated that no action was taken in Executive Session on legal matters regarding economic development project (Minshara,) legal matter related to a proposed tax increment financing district, a contractual matter regarding arrangement for downtown development services, and a legal matter regarding Oolong Lane.

OTHER BUSINESS RELATED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to authorize the Mayor and Town Administrator to begin a contract with DREAM for services. The motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED:

Beth Messervy, Town Clerk

Ricky Waring, Mayor