

Ricky Waring, Mayor

Council Members:

Bob Jackson

Walter Bailey

Aaron Brown

Terry Jenkins

Kima Garten-Schmidt

William McIntosh



Town Administrator

Colin L. Martin

Town Clerk

Beth Messervy

Town Attorney

G.W. Parker

Town of Summerville
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2020

ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Waring, Councilmembers Terry Jenkins, Walter Bailey, Aaron Brown, Bob Jackson, Kima Garten-Schmidt, and Bill McIntosh. A quorum was present. Staff was also present. Public and press were duly notified. The meeting was live streamed on the Town's website. The meeting was held at the Wampee Conference Center in Pinopolis, SC.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ricky Waring called the Special Called Council meeting to order at 9:05am on Friday, February 21, 2020.

INTRODUCTION:

Town Administrator Colin Martin gave a brief introduction of the topics to be discussed during the workshop.

PRESENTATIONS:

The following information was presented to Council:

Economic Development in Government: This was presented by John Truluck, the Director of Economic Development for Dorchester County, and Michael Lisle, the Economic Development Coordinator for the Town. Mr. Truluck and Mr. Lisle answered questions from Council after their presentations regarding economic development and annexations.

Artificial Intelligence: This was presented by Mary Edwards, the Town's Public Information Officer. Ms. Edwards gave a presentation on ZenCity, the software implemented by staff to monitor social media posts regarding the Town. Ms. Edwards and Mr. Martin answered questions from Council regarding cost, privacy, and application of the ZenCity software.

Change of Fiscal Year: This was presented by Andrew Shelton, the Town's Director of Finance. Mr. Shelton presented the topic of a change from a January-December budget to a July-June budget. He answered questions from Council regarding the implications of changing the budget year, as well as the options for the process to change.

****Council recessed at 12:30pm for lunch and reconvened at 1:30pm.**

Comprehensive Facilities Master Plan: Brent Green with Creech and Associates presented a plan for improving the existing and building new facilities for the Town of Summerville. Two options were presented to Council. Mr. Green answered questions from Council regarding the time frame of the projects as well as how the Lowcountry Rapid Transit System would fit into the plan.

Economic Model Review and Facilities Affordability: David Cheatwood with First Tryon gave a presentation on the different ways that the Town could fund the comprehensive master facilities plan as presented earlier.

OpenGov: Colin Martin gave a presentation on enterprise cloud solutions for government with OpenGov software, which improves the budgeting and planning processes, as well as citizen engagement.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Colin Martin made a suggestion that the Town Council and staff begin meeting with Dorchester County, Dorchester District 2, and the Chamber of Commerce to coordinate their efforts that are being done in their shared area. Several Councilmembers agreed that this was a good idea.

Mayor Ricky Waring thanked Mr. Martin and the staff for putting together the workshop and presentations.

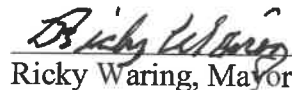
ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:28pm.

Respectfully submitted:

APPROVED:


Beth Messervy, Town Clerk


Ricky Waring, Mayor