

Wiley Johnson, Mayor

Council Members:

Bob Jackson, Mayor Pro-Tem

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 14, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Wiley Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Jackson and Councilmembers Aaron Brown, Walter Bailey, Christine Czarnik, Kima Garten-Schmidt, and Bill McIntosh. A quorum was present. Town Administrator Colin Martin and Town Attorney G.W. Parker were also present. Public and press were duly notified.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of Summerville Town Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2019 by Mayor Johnson. The meeting was opened with prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Kima Garten-Schmidt.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Johnson and Fire Chief Richard Waring presented a proclamation and award to Ms. Mona Caudle, whose actions during a fire at her neighbor's house saved the lives of the family inside.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Johnson called for any comments from the public.

John Nicholas Hayes of 319 Dupont Way spoke to express his concerns over the ordinance on the agenda for second reading regarding public comment. He stated that a "clique" comprised of the majority of Council would like to "muffle" certain items with the proposed ordinance change.

Teresa Burdette of 112 Nettles Road stated that the Town is allowing too many trees and bushes to be cut down. She expressed her concern with the amount of change going on in Summerville because of the influx of residents and actions of developers.

Dianne Frankenburger voiced her approval and appreciation over the newly renovated Hutchinson Square. She thanked Council and staff for their vision, and she stressed the fact that the Town is doing a good job adapting to the population change.

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Brian Kelly, 107 Manning Court, spoke to ask questions about the proximity limit included in the ordinance on the agenda for first reading regarding halfway houses. He submitted his statement for permanent record.

Robin Dudley, 224 Pimpernel Street, stated that she has supported the Town of Summerville in several charity endeavors since she moved here. She urged the public and the Town itself to continue to give back to the community, as she is moving to another city.

There being no further comments from the public, Mayor Johnson closed this part of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2019 Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the minutes were accepted into record.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to approved the combined minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee, Public Works Committee, and Finance Committee meetings from March 11, 2019. Ms. Czarnik pointed out a correction in a vote and motion in the Finance Committee meeting minutes. The change was noted, and the minutes were amended. The motion to accept the minutes as amended carried unanimously.

PENDING BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve on second and final reading of a petition by South City Construction, Inc. and Jens Franzen to annex Dorchester County TMS# 136-12-03-019 (approximately 0.44 acres) located at 110 Pinewood Drive, currently zoned R-2 Single-Family Residential in Dorchester County and will be zoned R-2 Single-Family Residential upon annexation into the Town of Summerville's municipal limits. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Johnson asked to move the second and final reading of an ordinance to grant a quit claim deed to Hoover Summerville, LLC to after the Executive Session. Council concurred with the Mayor's decision.

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to approve on second and final reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, Mayor and Council, Section 2-97, Order of Business, and Section 2-98, Addressing Council by Member. Some discussion followed. The motion carried 5-2, with Mayor Johnson and Ms. Czarnik voting in opposition.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve on first reading of an ordinance to establish the standards for the placement of small wireless facilities in covered areas in the Town of Summerville, and for other purposes. Some discussion followed. Ms. Czarnik made a motion, seconded by Ms. Garten-Schmidt to postpone the first reading until more information is included in the proposed ordinance. The motion to postpone carried unanimously.

Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve on first reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 32 -Zoning, Article V – Special Use Permits to include Section 32-213 – Conditional use permits for halfway houses. Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to amend the proposed ordinance to strike 2000 and replace with 2640 from item c (3) (vi) and item f, which is the wording in the proposed Unified Development Ordinance. The motion to amend carried unanimously. Some discussion followed. The original motion as amended carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Johnson stated that there are several St. Patrick's Day events in downtown over the weekend, including St. Patrick's Day on the Square and the Shamrock Shuffle.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Town Attorney G.W. Parker explained the topics to be discussed in Executive Session: legal matter related to Hoover v. Town of Summerville, et al; personnel matter related to Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee; personnel matter related to Tree Advisory Committee; and personnel matter related to the hiring of a Finance Director.

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to enter into Executive Session at 6:45pm. The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council reconvened at 7:32pm in Chambers. Town Attorney GW Parker explained that no action was taken on legal matter related to Hoover v. Town of Summerville, et al; personnel matter related to Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee; personnel matter related to Tree Advisory Committee; and personnel matter related to the hiring of a Finance Director.

Mayor Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, to appoint Virginia Reilly to the Tree Advisory Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Garten-Schmidt, to appoint James Trimm and Joseph Pagliaro to the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, to postpone the second reading of an ordinance to grant a quit claim deed to Hoover Summerville, LLC until the April Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the Town Administrator's appointment of Andrew Shelton to the position of Finance Director. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:36p.m. on motion of Mr. McIntosh, seconded by Mr. Jackson.

Respectfully submitted:

APPROVED:

Beth Messervy, Town Clerk



William W. Johnson, Mayor