

**TOWN OF MONCKS CORNER
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN TOWN HALL
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015**

Present: Michael A. Locklear, Mayor

Council Members: David A. Dennis, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem

Johna T. Bilton Charlotte A. Cruppenink
Laura M. Perdue Dr. Tonia Aiken-Taylor

Staff Present: Roland Windham, Interim Administrator
John West, Town Attorney
Marilyn M. Baker, Clerk-Treasurer
Lisa Hancock, Town Accountant
Mark Murray, Police Lieutenant
David A. Miller, Chief
Ralph Jones, Recreation Director
Alison Simmons, Town Planner
Rebecca N. Brown, Chief Building Official

Absent: Chad Caldwell, Police Chief
Butch Svagerko, Public Service Director
Jessica Morgan, Accounts Payable/Payroll Clerk

Call to Order:
The regular meeting of Town Council was called to order by Mayor Locklear at 6:05 p.m.

Invocation:
The invocation was given by Reverend Leon Brown, Pastor of Moncks Corner Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance:
Mayor Locklear asked Mayor Pro-Tem David Dennis, Jr. to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Approval of Minutes:
Regular Meeting of Tuesday, March 17, 2015:
Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2015, was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bilton and was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee:
Interim Administrator Windham had nothing to add.

A copy of the Finance report was included in the Council agenda packets.

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Police Department:

Acting Chief Mark Murray had nothing to add to the report. Mayor Locklear asked if the Police Department was up to full staff. Acting Chief Murray responded that they were down three police officers.

A copy of the Police Department Report was included in the Council agenda packets.

Fire Department:

Chief David Miller had nothing to add.

A copy of the Fire Department Report was included in the Council agenda packets.

Recreation Department:

Recreation Director Ralph Jones reminded everyone that Relay for Life will be taking place this Saturday at Berkeley High School from 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. He also reported that they tested the scoreboards at the Moncks Corner Regional Recreation Complex. The scoreboards look great.

A copy of the Recreation Department Report was included in the Council agenda packets.

Public Service Department:

Public Service Director Butch Svagerko was absent from the meeting.

A copy of the Public Service Department Report was included in the Council agenda packets.

Planner Alison Simmons reported on the following:

Grand Tree Removal:

- **204 Wall Street.** The property owner requested removal of 26" Pine Tree. The root structure was damaged during construction of the sidewalks on Wall Street. The tree is leaning toward the house and will eventually fall. Staff recommends removal. Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis asked if the contractor will be removing the tree since it was damaged during construction. Director Simmons responded that she was sure but would notify Public Service Director Svagerko to check into it.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Bilton. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Taylor and approved unanimously to allow the property owner to take down the tree.

Planning Department:

Planning Director Alison Simmons had nothing to add to her report.

Consideration of Cypress Grove offer of open space

dedication: Planning Director Alison Simmons reported that staff recommends the acceptance of the offer of open space. Additional site analysis will be conducted to check the suitability for ball fields or whether or not it will be more appropriate to leave the tract in a natural state sort of like a conservation easement. Given the sites topo and the possibility for the presence of wetlands, it may be more appropriate retained in a natural state.

Motion was by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to accept the offer of open space at Cypress Grove. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bilton and was unanimously approved.

Planning Commission Appointments:

Councilwoman Taylor asked if the application process for Reverend Richard Harkness vacant position on the Planning Commission has closed yet. Director Simmons responded that she has received two applications for the position and the application process has not closed. She encouraged Council to send interested individuals in to apply.

Building Department:

Chief Building Official Rebecca Brown pointed out that the reason the inspection fees for the month of March were lower than prior months was because one of the contractors was not aware that they needed to pay the inspection fees. This amount should increase next month. Attorney John West commended CBO Rebecca Brown and her staff on behalf the Board of Trustees and the staff of Freedom Church for their excellent work in getting them to the point that they were able to hold opening ceremonies on Easter Sunday. Mayor Locklear and Council thanked CBO Brown and her staff for their hard work.

A copy of the Building Department Report was included in the Council agenda packets.

Agreement: An agreement between the Town of Moncks Corner and Trident Health Center for the provision of sports medicine services.

Mayor Locklear asked Recreation Director Ralph Jones if this was the same agreement that was presented last month. He responded yes. Mayor Locklear asked Attorney West if he had had an opportunity to review the agreement. He responded that the agreement was in order.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Taylor to enter into an agreement to provide sports medicine services with Trident Health Center, LLC and the Moncks Corner Recreation Department. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-

Tem Dennis.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis - Yes
Councilwoman Charlotte Cruppenink - No
Councilwoman Taylor - Yes
Councilwoman Bilton - Yes

Motion was approved by majority vote.

Councilwoman Perdue arrived after the roll call vote at approximately 6:15 p.m.

**Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 2015-01
An Ordinance to amend Chapter 22, Parks and Recreation, Section 22-1,(b),(3) of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Moncks Corner, South Carolina, pertaining to discounts for recreation fees.**

Public Hearing: There were no comments from the public.

Recreation Director Ralph Jones explained that we currently allow a \$5.00 discount per family for families with two or more children. The ordinance would allow discounted recreation fees of \$5.00 per child for families with two or more applicants in a given activity. This discount is for immediate family members only.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis and was seconded by Councilwoman Taylor to approve the above referenced ordinance. Motion was unanimously approved.

**Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 2015-02
An Ordinance to amend Chapter 24, Planning, Section 24-27(a), Membership, Terms and Vacancies of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Moncks Corner, South Carolina.**

Public Hearing: There were no comments from the public.

Planning Director Alison Simmons explained that this amendment to the Town Code will reduce the membership from 9 members to 7 members on the Planning Commission to reflect current practices.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to amend Chapter 24, Section 24-27 (a), Membership, Terms and Vacancies of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Moncks Corner and change the membership of the Planning Commission from 9 members to 7 members. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perdue and was unanimously approved.

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Resolution 2015-02R:

- Fair Housing Month, April, 2015. Mayor Locklear read the Resolution document declaring April, 2015 as Fair Housing Month in the Town of Moncks Corner.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bilton and was unanimously approved to declare April, 2015 as Fair Housing Month in the Town of Moncks Corner.

Public Input:

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Locklear reported that Jessica Morgan's Grandfather passed away late last week and she was away attending the funeral services. He asked everyone to remember her and her family in their thoughts and prayers.

He reported that we are getting very close to breaking ground on the Farmer's Market. Planning Director Simmons and Chief Building Official Brown are working hard on this project.

There are no new updates on the Foxbank Fire Station at this time.

The Special Election will take place on June 30th.

Everything is going well in the Town right now and the Town is financially sound.

Councilwoman Bilton mentioned that Councilwoman Tonia Taylor's daughter had a bad accident. She asked that everyone keep her and her family in their thoughts and prayers. Councilwoman Taylor thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers during this time.

Executive Session:

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to go into executive session to discuss matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries, or other businesses in the area served by the Town; or discussions of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claim, or the position of the Town in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the Town of a claim.

- Personnel Matters
- Contractual Matters.

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Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bilton. Motion to approve was unanimous.

Out of Executive Session:

Motion was made by Councilwoman Cruppenink to go out of executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Taylor. Motion was approved unanimously.

Reconvene to the Regular Meeting:

Motion was made to reconvene to the regular meeting of Council by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Taylor. Motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Locklear had nothing to report out of executive session.

Presentation: Frankie and Charlenia Snider, Life Learning Academy

Mr. and Mrs. Snider were unable to attend at the beginning of the regular meeting. Mr. Snider gave a brief presentation of the Life Learning Academy. Council thanked Mr. and Mrs. Snider for their presentation and welcomed them to the community.

Recognition:

Mayor Locklear recognized Berkeley County Supervisor William W. Peagler, III in attendance at the meeting tonight.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Taylor and was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

A copy of this meeting's agenda was e-mailed to the Post and Courier, The Berkeley Independent, Channel 4 and Agenda Depository. As required, the agenda was posted on the bulletin board at Town Hall at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Minutes Approved and Adopted:

Marilyn M. Baker/Clerk-Treasurer

May 19, 2015
DATE