

## MINUTES

### TOWN OF MONCK'S CORNER SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015 6:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:** MICHAEL A. LOCKLIEAR, MAYOR

**COUNCIL:** JOHNA T. BILTON CHARLOTTE A. CRUPPENINK  
DR. TONIA A. TAYLOR

**STAFF:** ROLAND H. WINDHAM, INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR  
JOHN S. WEST, TOWN ATTORNEY  
MARILYN BAKER, CLERK-TREASURER  
ALISON R. SIMMONS, PLANNING DIRECTOR FOR BERKELEY COUNTY

**ABSENT:** DAVID A. DENNIS, JR., MAYOR PRO-TEM  
LAURA M. PERDUE, COUNCIL MEMBER

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Lockliear called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Invocation given by Dr. Tonia A. Taylor.

**DISCUSSION: Application for the SC Main Street Program**

Alison Simmons, Former Town Planner for Moncks Corner, now Planning Director for Berkeley County, explained that this is a competitive program. The Municipal Association will bring in consultants or experts to provide technical assistance through what is called the "boot camp" phase, if our application is accepted. Because they are bringing in consultants, the cost of the program will be \$10,000 for the first year and \$7,500 for the next two years. The Town will put up the first \$5,000 and are actively seeking sponsorships from area businesses and individuals to help fund the majority of the costs. So far \$3,500 has been raised toward the program. She added that the Town must be committed to the membership costs before we can move forward. The Resolution will confirm the Town's commitment if approved. Councilman Sweatman asked if there will be any costs involved if we are not selected. Director Simmons responded that we will not have to pay anything if we are not selected. If selected, the membership costs will be due by December. The application is due October 15<sup>th</sup>. We should know if we are selected by October or November. If selected, the program will begin sometime in January, 2016. The Municipal Association will stay on top of the Town to make sure we accomplish our goals. Councilwoman Cruppenink asked if the Town had the funds in hand from the sponsors. Director Simmons responded that we will receive the funding from our sponsors if we are selected. Councilwoman Cruppenink asked if there were any legal issues we need to be concerned about. Attorney West responded that he did not have any concerns. He added that this is a good program that has been around for approximately 20 years. Councilwoman Taylor asked if churches could participate. He responded that he thought it would be good for churches to get involved. It might encourage others to participate. Councilwoman Cruppenink expressed concerns of the Planning Commission not attending the meeting tonight and individuals committing to the program for three years. She recommended that there be better communications between Council and the Planning Commission in the future. Mayor Lockliear added that he was confident that this program will be a success and has been needed for some time now. Councilman Sweatman added that he would like to see the program extend out to other areas such as Pinopolis. He has spoken to

individuals who live in the area who would possibly make a donation toward the program.

**RESOLUTION: A Resolution of Support for the SC Main Street Program**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Bilton to adopt the Resolution supporting the SC Main Street Program. Motion was seconded by Councilman Sweatman and was approved unanimously.

**OTHER COMMENTS:**

Mayor Locklear asked everyone to take the time to thank the Police, Fire, and the Public Service Department for all of their hard work during the flooding and storm this past weekend. Everyone worked very hard during and after.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilwoman Taylor to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bilton and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

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**Minutes Approved and Adopted:**

DATE: October 20, 2015

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Marilyn M. Baker, Clerk/Treasurer