

**TOWN OF MONCKS CORNER  
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD IN TOWN HALL  
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016**

**Present:** Mayor Michael A. Locklear

**Council** Mayor Pro-Tem David A. Dennis, Jr.  
**Members:** Johna T. Bilton Charlotte A. Cruppenink  
James N. Law, Jr. Chadwick D. Sweatman

**Staff**  
**Present:** Roland Windham, Interim Town Administrator  
Marilyn M. Baker, Clerk-Treasurer  
John S. West, Attorney  
Lisa M. Hancock, Accountant  
Jessica Morgan, Accounts Payable/Payroll Clerk  
Ehrichs B. Ollic, Police Chief  
Michael Roach, Police Lieutenant  
David A. Miller, Fire Chief  
Ralph Jones, Recreation Director  
Matt Still, Athletic Director  
Sara Anderson, Events Coordinator  
Butch Svagerko, Public Service Director  
Doug Polen, Planning Director  
Chance Price, Chief Building Official  
Robert E. Watson, Administrative Judge

**Absent:** Dr. Tonia A. Taylor, Council Member

**Call to Order:** Mayor Locklear called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**Invocation:** The invocation was given by Andrew Bullard, Campus Pastor of Faith Church of Moncks Corner.

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

**Recognition:**

- Berkeley High School Baseball Regional Champions: Coach Cox introduced the team members present. Mayor Locklear and Council congratulated the team for their success.
- David Hansen, Operator of the Moncks Corner Inn and a Local SC Coordinator of the Warrior Ride Organization, expressed his gratitude to the Town, Police Chief Rick Ollic, and the

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Fire Department for their support and efforts in making sure that the Warrior Ride event is a success every year in Moncks Corner. He presented Chief Ollic with a plaque from the organization. Mayor Locklear thanked Mr. Hansen for all his efforts in making the event such a success.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Department Head Meeting of Monday, April 11, 2016:**

Motion to approve the Department Head Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2016 was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis. Motion was seconded by Councilman Sweatman and was unanimously approved.

**Regular Meeting of Monday, April 19, 2016:**

Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2016 was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis. Motion was seconded by Councilman Law and was unanimously approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Committee:**

Mayor Locklear reported that the Finance Report was discussed during the Finance Meeting. He had nothing to add.

Administrator Roland Windham had nothing to add.

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

**Municipal Court:**

Councilwoman Taylor was absent.

Administrative Judge Robert Watson had nothing to add.

**Police Department:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis had nothing to add.

Chief Rick Ollic had nothing to add.

Councilwoman Cruppenink expressed her appreciation to Chief Ollic and his staff for all that they do.

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

**Fire Department:**

Councilwoman Bilton had nothing to add.

Chief David Miller added that he is losing another Firefighter due to family obligations. He is in the process of filling that position.

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**Recreation Department:**

Councilman Law reported that Wifi is up and running at the Moncks Corner Regional Recreation Complex. They were having antenna issues, but those have been resolved. He also reported that approximately 100 Veterans attended the "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans" Ceremony at the Complex on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. In addition, he reported the following:

**Events scheduled for the Regional Recreation Complex are as follows:**

May 7th - USSSA travel baseball tournament.  
May 14th-15th - Top Gun travel baseball tournament.  
May 20th - Movie Night (Inside Out) FREE of charge.  
May 21st-22nd - WFC travel softball tournament.

**Other events scheduled for Recreation**

**Department teams:**

May 31st - June 3rd will be the Berkeley High Softball Camp  
May 31st - June 3rd will be the Charleston Southern Baseball Camp  
June 6th - 9th will be the Berkeley High Baseball Camp

Director Ralph Jones reported that staff has started planning for the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration scheduled for July 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Regional Recreation Complex. The parade is scheduled to begin at the Berkeley Alternative School at 4 p.m. and will end at the Recreation Complex. Festival type activities will begin at 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The Custom 4 and Friends will play music from 7-9:30 p.m. A fireworks show will follow at 9:30 p.m.

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

**Santee Cooper Bike Trail:**

Director Jones reported that they are getting closer to finalizing the bike trail.

Administrator Windham reported that the idea of the bike trail was brought to the Town from Santee Cooper several months ago. In his opinion, this will be a gem and a big draw to the area.

Councilwoman Cruppenink expressed concerns of the Town not having enough staff to maintain the trail. Administrator Windham responded that he does not think that the trail will need a lot of maintenance.

Councilman Law expressed concerns of taking on the liability. Mayor Locklear added that it is currently being used by Santee Cooper employees.

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Councilman Sweatman asked what the status was on the Farmer's Market. Director Jones responded that they are waiting on the CAD drawings before they can move forward.

Director Jones added that Ray Pinson and Tom Kierspe from Santee Cooper will be happy to come and speak with Council to address any concerns that they may have in reference to the Bike Trail.

Administrator Windham added that the agreement can be terminated with a 30 day notice if it becomes a burden.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Cruppenink, seconded by Councilwoman Bilton to enter into an agreement with Santee Cooper to use a portion of its office building grounds for use of a bike trail subject to the terms and conditions within the agreement. Motion was approved unanimously.

**Public Service Department:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis reported that he had received a complaint from a business that they did not receive a flower pot in front of their business on Main Street. Public Service Director Butch Svagerko added that he is still working on the pots. He asked Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to get with him after the meeting and he will follow up.

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

**Planning Department:**

Councilwoman Cruppenink had nothing to add.

Planning Director Doug Polen reported that the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals are still going through the orientation process.

Director Polen also reported that the Corner Renaissance have created committees. The committees will be bringing requests before Council next month to see if they can move forward with some projects they are proposing.

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

**Building Department:**

Councilman Sweatman asked if the integration with Meritage was still going well.

Chief Building Official Chance Price responded that the Meritage system is working well. They are very close to getting all the permits out of INCODE and into the Meritage system. Building is still thriving in Moncks Corner.

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

**Public Input:**

George Newell of 201 Main Street expressed concerns of the lack of handicap parking at the Farmer's Market. Administrator Windham responded that this was an oversight and will be addressed.

Mr. Newell also expressed concerns of traffic flow on Newell Street when the property located across from his home is re-zoned from TD, Transitional District to C-2, General Commercial. It was his understanding previous history that Newell Street was supposed to be dedicated as a one-way street.

Karen and Rodney Grooms of 104 Newell Street expressed concerns of the traffic that will be generated on Newell Street when the property located across from their home is re-zoned from TD, Transitional District to C-2, General Commercial. Mayor Locklear responded that he has good staff in the Building and Planning Departments that will ensure everything is done according to the requirements of the zoning code. He encouraged them to call Chance Price, Chief Building Official and Doug Polen, Planning Director with any concerns.

**First Reading By Title Only:** An Ordinance to amend Section 16-26 of the Town of Moncks Corner, South Carolina Code of Ordinances pertaining to the definition of nuisances.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis. Motion was seconded by Councilman Sweatman to amend Section 16-26 of the Town Code as stated above. Motion to approve was unanimous.

**FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY:** An Ordinance to amend Section 4-12 and Section 4-20 of Chapter 4 of the Town Of Moncks Corner Code Of Ordinances restricting the hours of operation of establishments that allows for the consumption of alcoholic beverages commercial on-premises and to provide penalties for violations.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Bilton. Motion was seconded by Councilman Sweatman as stated above. Motion to approve was unanimous.

**Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 2016-04**

An Ordinance to reclassify improved real property located within the corporate limits of the Town of Moncks Corner at 121 East Main Street, TMS#142-07-02-057, 142-07-02-058, 142-07-02-059 and 142-07-02-060 (2.5 Acres) from TD-Transitional District, to C-2, General Commercial and to amend the official zoning map of the Town of Moncks Corner to so reflect.

**Public Hearing:** There were no comments from the public at this time. Comments were made during public input.

Motion was made by Councilman Sweatman to reclassify the above referenced properties from TD, Transitional District, to C-2, General Commercial and to amend the official zoning map of the Town of Moncks Corner to so reflect. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cruppenink and was unanimously approved.

**Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 2016-05**

An Ordinance to amend Article Six, District Descriptions, of the Town of Moncks Corner Zoning Ordinance.

Planning Director Polen explained that the purpose of this ordinance is to have a little less density of residential zones in some areas.

**Public Hearing:** There were no comments from the public.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to amend Article Six of the Town of Moncks Corner Zoning Ordinance for District Descriptions. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bilton and unanimously approved.

**Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 2016-06**

An Ordinance to amend Article Seven, Section 7-12, Planned Unit Developments, of the Town of Moncks Corner Zoning Ordinance.

**Public Hearing:** There were no comments from the public.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to amend Article Seven, Section 7-12, Planned Unit Developments of the Town of Moncks Corner Zoning Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bilton and unanimously approved.

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**Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 2016-07**

An Ordinance to amend Article Thirteen, Signs, of the Town of Moncks Corner Zoning Ordinance.

Planning Director Polen added that this Ordinance will allow for better clarification of signs.

**Public Hearing:** There were no comments from the public.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Bilton to amend Article Thirteen, Signs, of the Town of Moncks Corner Zoning Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilman Sweatman and unanimously approved.

**Public Input:**

Public Input was moved on the agenda prior to the adoption of Ordinances.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Locklear congratulated Clerk-Treasurer Marilyn Baker on 33 years of service with the Town of Moncks Corner effective May 16<sup>th</sup>. He also congratulated Town Accountant Lisa Hancock in completing 120 hours through the Municipal Clerk's and Treasurer's Institute and Planning Director Doug Polen in completing his certification through the American Institute of Certified Planners.

"Movies under the Stars" was a great success. There were approximately 700 people in attendance on the first night.

Mayor Locklear also asked everyone to remember Gene Cribb in their prayers. He recently had open heart surgery.

Berkeley County School District is having a festival at our complex on August 13<sup>th</sup> to distribute school supplies to Berkeley County children. He added that donations of school supplies will be accepted.

**Executive Session:** 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.

- Contractual Matters

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**In Executive Session:**

Motion to go into executive session was made by Councilman Law. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bilton and unanimously approved.

**Out of Executive Session and Reconvene to the Regular Meeting:**

Motion to go out of executive session and to reconvene to the regular meeting was made by Councilwoman Bilton. Motion was seconded by Councilman Sweatman and was unanimously approved.

Mayor Locklear had nothing to report.

**Adjourn:**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Sweatman and was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 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:**

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Marilyn M. Baker/Clerk-Treasurer

June 21, 2016  
DATE