



TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

Minutes

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Monday, 27 March 2017

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

This meeting's notice was published in the Post and Courier newspaper.

I. Call to Order

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Heyward at 6:30 PM.

II. Roll Call

In attendance were Councilmembers Dunmyer, III, Salters, Sausser, Scott, Smalls, Sr., Townsend, Attorney Austen, Planner/Zoning Administrator Holton and Clerk-Treasurer White.

III. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation was given by Reverend Herbert Mungin followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Adoption of Agenda

Councilmember Sausser made the motion to adopt the agenda as prepared; Councilmember Dunmyer, III seconded and all voted in favor.

V. Public Comments

Reverend Herbert Mungin, 5318 Cherry Hill Road, stated that he wants to address a very serious issue. His neighbor shoots his shot gun at all times of the day and night. He has called the Charleston County Police Department and has not received any satisfaction. He has great concern because he has grandchildren in the home. He came to Council to ask if there is an Ordinance in place to approach the situation. He mentioned that he is trying to do the right thing.

Mayor Heyward stated that there is an Ordinance in place that addresses the use of firearms in a residential area. She asked Reverend Mungin if he has the address of the neighbor and the Town staff will investigate further.

VI. Presentation

Derrick Cowart, Karp, Ronning and Tindol, CPA's FY 2016 Audit Report, Mr. Cowart reported that the general funds had a net change and fund balance of about \$370,000. The sewer fund ended with a loss of about \$52,000. Councilmember Salters voiced concern regarding outstanding checks. She stated that the Town was carrying checks from 2013 and asked Mr. Cowart what his professional opinion was for any municipality carrying checks for that period of time. Mr. Cowart answered that typically State law should be followed but eventually the checks would have to be cleared. Councilmember Salters asked how long a check should be carried as outstanding. Mr. Cowart answered that he was unsure of the time frame in South Carolina, but sometimes could be up to 5 years. If there is a large amount, research should be done before checks are cleared.

VII. Minutes

Councilmember Sausser made the motion to accept the Public Hearing minutes of February 27, 2017 as prepared; Councilmember Dunmyer, III seconded and all voted in favor.

Councilmember Sausser made the motion to accept the Regular Council minutes of February 27, 2017 as prepared; Councilmember Dunmyer, III seconded and all voted in favor.

VIII. Committee Reports

Finance: Councilmember Sausser made the motion to accept the Finance Report as information; Councilmember Dunmyer, III seconded and all voted in favor.

Planning/Zoning: Councilmember Sausser made the motion to accept the Planner's Report as information; Councilmember Scott seconded and all voted in favor.

IX. Old Business

None

X. New Business

1st reading of Ordinance 2016-17-2, Rezoning from Rural Agriculture (RA) to General Commercial (GC) on parcel TMS #248-00-00-117 on SC Highway 162 at Trexler Avenue: Councilmember Sausser made the motion to deny; Councilmember Scott seconded and all voted in favor to deny.

1st reading of Ordinance 2016-17-3, Amend Town Code Section 58-47 Workforce Housing: Councilmember Sausser made the motion to approve; Councilmember Dunmyer, III seconded and all voted in favor.

1st reading of Ordinance 2016-17-4, Amend Town Code Section 58-65 Change of Town Boundaries: Councilmember Sausser made the motion to approve; Councilmember Scott seconded. Councilmember Dunmyer, III asked if the Planner could give an explanation regarding the Ordinance. Planner/Zoning Administrator Holton explained that in the event of annexation into the Town, such areas added to the Town would be Rural Conservation (RC) until otherwise rezoned. Councilmember Townsend asked if there was a limit on the amount of time an applicant would be able to request a zoning change. He mentioned that when he served on the Planning Commission that larger tracts could not change zoning for a period of time. Planner/Zoning Administrator Holton stated that he was unaware of this time restriction and would have to look into this further. Councilmember Dunmyer, III mentioned the Comprehensive Plan and questioned where the Town is going with this and what challenges we face with the Rural Conservation (RC) zoning. Attorney Austen stated that when a property comes into the Town as Rural Conservation (RC), it is the beginning of a negotiation as to how it will be rezoned and what the density will be from there. Councilmember Dunmyer, III asked if this will match up with the Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Heyward stated that the intent of the Ordinance is to have some control on large tracts of land annexing into the Town. This zoning can change if the request is made but has to be presented to Council. Councilmember Dunmyer, III made the motion to table for further discussion; Councilmember Scott seconded and all voted to table.

Resolution 14-2016-17, Acceptance of 2016 Audit Report, Councilmember Sausser made the motion to accept; Councilmember Dunmyer, III seconded and all voted in favor.

Resolution 15-2016-17, Amendment of Developers Agreement for Wilkes Park Stono Ferry,
Councilmember Sausser made the motion to accept; Councilmember Scott seconded and all voted in favor.

XI. Mayor's Update

Mayor Heyward mentioned that the Boston College students came and made their mark on the Town. They helped with the senior garden, cleaned some senior citizens' yards and helped in the parks. They did a great job! The UNCF Mayors' Masked Ball will take place Friday, March 31st. It is a worthy event raising money for students to attend college and she would like Council's participation. The Second Chance Resource Center will host a fair on April 1st in North Charleston. Its mission is to help strengthen communities. She asked that everyone please share the flyer and help spread the word about this event. The Hollywood Trails at the SAP will have its grand opening on April 29th. This is a community event. Local talents are invited to perform. There will be a hat parade, games and food for sale. All proceeds will benefit the park's playground equipment. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the park for this event. She shared with Council that there was sewer spill on Davidson Road. The month of March has been very busy for the Town with sewer emergencies to the tune of about \$30,000. A lot of the issue is wipes and rags going into the sewer line. The election will be held June 2nd. There are three (3) Council seats up for election. The application deadline is April 6th. Mayor Heyward welcomed Beth Carpenter back, who was out due to the death of her mother.

XII. Comments from Council/Mayor

Councilmember Sausser stated that the Ordinances on the use of firearms and noise need to be looked at and addressed. Councilmember Dunmyer, III said that he agrees with Councilmember Sausser. He mentioned that he and his wife were celebrating their 43rd year anniversary.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14PM.

**Prepared by:
Tynetta White
Clerk-Treasurer**