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Public Hearing

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Monday, 23 March 2015 6:00PM Council Chambers

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I. Call to Order

This hearing was called to order by Mayor Heyward at 6:00PM.

II. Roll Call

In attendance were Councilmembers Middleton, Sausser, Salters, Smalls, Sr. and Clerk-Treasurer Gantt. Councilmembers Dunmyer, III and Townsend were not present.

III. New Business:

Ordinance 2014-15-06 Update to the Franchise Fee rate for cable/video services.
No comments were made regarding this item.

Ordinance 2014-15-07 Rezoning of TMS#192-00-00-101 from RA to TC.
No comments were made regarding this item.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04PM.

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II. Roll Call

In attendance were Councilmembers Middleton, Salters, Sausser, Smalls, Sr., Townsend, Planner/Zoning Administrator Holton, Attorney Austen and Clerk-Treasurer Gantt. Councilmember Dunmyer, III was absent.

III. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation was given by Councilmember Sausser followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Adoption of Agenda

Councilmember Smalls, Sr. made a motion to adopt the agenda as prepared. Councilmember Salters seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

V. Public Comments:

Truss Johnson, a resident at 5048 Annavesta Park Court, asked council for assistance in changing the road he resides on from private to public. He said that he has already talked to Edward Holton and Charleston County Public Works. He said that he was told that County can use ½ cent sales tax funds to pave the road with the Town's blessing.

Virginia Mungin, a resident from Renty Lane, said that she and her neighbors have had road access issues for many years and finally they were able to work with the Town in getting the road corrected. She thanked the Mayor and council for their support.

Avery Pemberton, a resident from Renty Lane, thanked the Mayor for her support. He said that the residents collected most of the funds needed to correct this road and the Town provided the rest.

Curtis Pinckney, a previous resident of the Town, said that he comes back to the Town every other month from work and collects trash off of the road in his neighborhood. He said that he involves some of the kids from off of the street and they've been helpful in collecting trash. He asked council to help fund a trip he is planning for these and some other kids in the Town. Councilmember Sausser suggests the Beautification Committee contribute $200 to his efforts in the trash collection.

George Grant, a resident and business owner, said that he needed help getting a driveway for his daughter.

VI. Presentation:
Arlynne Stroman, representing KRT, CPA's, introduced the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 budget report. She said that she has 27 years in governmental audit experience and she thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to work on this report. She said that the financial statements are materially correct and her firm is offering an unqualified opinion. Ms. Stroman said that the general fund has a net position over expenses of $1,520,916 and the sewer fund is at $6,114,412 with most of that being in infrastructure. Councilmember Salters asked about the deficiencies on page 33 and Ms. Stroman explained the Town operates on a cash basis for eleven (11) months and then switches over to accrual at the end of the fiscal year to meet GAAP requirements. She said that it isn't uncommon for small towns to do this being that they do not have operating funds necessary to fully staff this process. Ms. Stroman said that there were multiple fund sources used in the Holly Grove project. The project manager's records did not match with the records at Town Hall in terms of expenditures. She said that this is not a compliance matter and the grant funds were successfully closed out back in March. Mayor Heyward added that the grants were reimbursable and with a third party records became a little complex. Charleston County certified with a fine tooth comb the revenues and expenses matched before they closed out any of the grants.

VII. Minutes:
Councilmember Middleton made a motion accepting minutes of the Public Hearing held on February 23, 2015 as prepared. Councilmember Smalls, Sr. seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Councilmember Smalls, Sr. made a motion accepting minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 23, 2015 as prepared. Councilmember Salters seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

VIII. Committee Reports:
Finance - Councilmember Sausser made a motion accepting the finance report as information; Councilmember Townsend seconded it and all voted in favor.

Planning/Zoning

- Councilmember Sausser said that she has a concern about the daycare that was approved as she has learned there are a couple dogs that run loose in that neighborhood. She said that she fears a child will be bitten. Attorney Austen said that the Town would not be held liable and that a letter can be mailed to the property owner with the dogs. He also said that the County's dog catcher should be notified when the dogs are seen loose in the neighborhood.
- There was a preliminary plat approval of the parcel that passed the SC DHEC's site testing for 32 new home lots. The original developer wanted to build 200 apartments. This new plat has been accepted by the Stono Ferry HOA.

IX. Old Business:
2nd Reading of Ordinance 2014-15-06 updating the Franchise Fee rate for cable/video services to 5% was approved. Councilmember Smalls, Sr. made a motion to adopt the ordinance, Councilmember Middleton seconded it and all voted in favor.

2nd Reading of Ordinance 2014-15-07 rezoning of TMS# 192-00-00-101 from RA to TC was approved. Councilmember Middleton made a motion to adopt the ordinance, Councilmember Smalls, Sr. seconded it and all voted in favor.

X. New Business:

Resolution 13-2014-15 Grant Club's Business License was reinstated with the following conditions. The owner will; 1. Operate under a probationary period of one (1) year (ending March 23, 2016), 2. Pay business license fee due, plus penalty by March 24, 2015, 3. Maintain the vicinity of the club free from debris and litter, and 4. Enforce a minimum age limit for access to club at twenty-five (25) years of age. Mr. Grant said that he has 20 years of business licenses and he missed one year because he didn't get an application. He said that he paid a fine from the shooting that took place a couple years ago at his club. Councilmember Salters asked if the fence was constructed as directed and Mr. Grant said that he put up the post like he was told to do. Councilmember Middleton made a motion to accept the resolution, Councilmember Sausser seconded it and all voted in favor.

Resolution 14-2014-15 T&T Sports Lounge's Business License was reinstated with the following conditions. The owner will; 1. Operate under a probationary period of one (1) year (ending March 23, 2016), 2. Establish security for the parking lot and immediate vicinity of the club, 3. Pay a $250 fine, and 4. Enforce a minimum age limit for access to club at twenty-five (25) years of age. Billy Smith, the resident whose home was shot at, said that he would suggest the club be required to hire an officer to patrol the outside to protect nearby residents. Councilmember Townsend asked if a fine was not imposed that it be required this time around. Councilmember Sausser made a motion to accept the resolution, Councilmember Middleton seconded it and all voted in favor.

Resolution 15-2014-15 Baptist Hill Sweet Shop's Business License was reinstated with the following conditions. The owner will; 1. Operate under a probationary period of one (1) year (ending March 23, 2016), 2. Continue to provide security for the parking lot and immediate vicinity of the club, and 3. Enforce a minimum age limit for access to club at ~~twenty-five (25) years of age.~~ Robert Cochran, the club owner, said that he feels the State's legal age to drink of 21 is appropriate and establishing a limit at 25 years of age for entry to the club is unfair. He said that it's the older people aged late 30's and over who present an issue with weapons and such. He said that he has been calling the police when a situation occurs and it counts against him with three (3) police calls made; his hands are tied. Councilmember Smalls, Sr. made a motion to accept the resolution, Councilmember Salters seconded it and all voted in favor.

X. Mayor's Update:

- Mayor Heyward shared a letter from State Representative Rick Quinn who is proposing a bill that will restrict Business License revenues. She said that this bill will hurt the Town if the bill is approved.
- The Charleston County advisory board met and funded the Town's application for HOME grant funds. The Town's application for New Road Water Extension was not funded.
- The Dunmyer's sent a thank you card to the Town for their attendance at the CCSD Winter Gala.
- Boston College worked at Hollywood Trails at the Sap Park while they were in Town. Councilmember Smalls, Sr. was with the students all week and Councilmembers Dunmyer, III and Sausser visited with them as well.

- She clarified the Bert Tract parcel is now called 8th Tee Drive. This is the 32 lot development to come in Stono Ferry.
- Ambassadors of the Stono Ferry's Golf Course will start a Junior Golf League of students from the middle school, transportation is being provided and there are already six (6) students participating. Neighbors Helping Neighbors, CDC is sponsoring and partnering with this project.

XI. Comments from Mayor/Council:
Councilmember Sausser said that she is proud of Town staff and that this meeting went well.

XII. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 8:04PM.

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