

Minutes
Town of Yemassee Town Council
August 29, 2023, Special Town Council Meeting 6:30PM
101 Town Cir, Yemassee, SC 29945-3363

Attendance:

Present: Mayor Colin Moore, Mayor Pro-Tem Peggy Bing-O'Banner, Council Member David Paul Murray, Council Member Stacy Pinckney, Council Member Washington, Human Resources Specialist Caroline Koger, Public Works Director Lonnie Green, Town Administrator Matthew Garnes and Police Chief Gregory Alexander

Absent:

Media Present: Lowcountry Inside Track, Ltd.

Call to Order:

Mayor Moore called the August 29, 2023, Special Town Council Meeting to order at 6:32PM.

Determination of Quorum:

The full Council was present.

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented for August 29, 2023, Special Town Council Meeting as presented. Council Member Pinckney made the motion to adopt. Second by Mayor Pro-Tem O'Banner. **All in favor, Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2023, Budget Workshop. Council Member Pinckney made the motion to approve. Second by Mayor Pro-Tem O'Banner. **All in favor, Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2023, Special Town Council Meeting. Council Member Pinckney made the motion to approve. Second by Mayor Pro-Tem O'Banner. **All in favor, Motion Passed.**

Public Comment:

Stephen Henson (17 Mixon St) – Mr. Henson remarked about cars parking on the sidewalk obstructing the flow of pedestrian traffic across from the Truist Bank.

Old Business:

Ordinance 23-24 – Consideration of an Ordinance to Provide for Execution of and to Put into Effect the Consolidated Budget Beginning September 1, 2023, and ending August 31, 2024; and to Provide Budgetary Controls of the Towns Fiscal Affairs: Mayor Moore advised that this is the second reading. Mr. Garnes gave a brief overview prior to Mayor Moore opening a public hearing. Mr. Henson asked a few questions to which Mr. Garnes responded. Council Member Washington made the motion to approve the second and final reading. Second by Council Mayor Pro-Tem O'Banner. **All in favor, Motion Passed.**

Ordinance 23-25 – Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Town of Yemassee Zoning Map to rezone one parcel of land totaling 3.00 acres and located at 105 Le Creuset Rd in Beaufort County, and further identified by Beaufort County Tax Map Number: R710 001 000 0037 0000 from its current zoning designation of Office Commercial District (OCD) to Regional Commercial District (RCD): Mayor Moore asked Mr. Garnes to provide background. Mayor Moore then opened it up for a public hearing. Mr. Henson spoke in favor of it. Mayor Pro-Tem O'Banner made the motion to approve the second reading. Second by Council Member Murray. **All in favor, Motion Passed.**

Ordinance 23-26: Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Town of Yemassee Zoning Map to rezone one parcel of land totaling 7.70 acres and located at the southern corner of the intersection of Yemassee Hwy (SC-68) and Hill Rd in Hampton County, and further identified by Hampton County Tax Map Number 198-00-00-041 from its current zoning designation of Office Commercial District (OCD) to Regional Commercial District (RCD): Mayor Moore asked Mr. Garnes to provide background. Mr. Garnes stated the applicant is seeking a rezoning to the Regional Commercial District to support the development of a shopping center anchored with a grocery store. Mayor Moore then opened a public hearing. Mr. Henson spoke in favor of the development. Mayor Moore then closed the public hearing. Council Member Murray made the motion to approve the second reading. Second by Council Member Pinckney. **All in favor, Motion Passed.**

New Business:

Ordinance 23-27: Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Business License Ordinance of the Town of Yemassee, to Update the Class Schedule as Required by Act 176 of 2020: Mayor Moore asked Mr. Garnes to provide background information. Mr. Garnes said this is a required update per Act 176.

Darrell A. Russell song titled "Yemassee": Mr. Russell performed his song titled "Yemassee" to an applause. The council would discuss with the Town Attorney further steps to adopt it as the town song.

Chief Alexander then introduced Officer Fleming to the Council who is a new hire.

Adjournment: Mayor Moore stated we needed to go into executive session for a few minutes to discuss a personnel matter pertaining to the Chief Municipal Judge. Mayor Pro-Tem O'Banner made a motion to enter executive session. Second by Council Member Murray. All in favor, motion passed. Entered executive session at 7:06PM.

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to resume regular session. Council Member Pinckney made the motion to resume the regular session. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor, motion passed. Returned to regular session at 7:54PM.

Mayor Moore advised that no action was taken, and it was discussion only.

Adjournment

Mayor Moore asked for motion to adjourn. Council Member Pinckney made the motion to adjourn. Second by Council Member Murray. All in favor, **Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 PM.**