

Minutes
Town of Yemassee Town Council
August 4, 2023, Special Town Council Meeting 8:30AM
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, Human Resources Specialist Caroline Koger, Public Works Director Lonnie Green, Town Administrator Matthew Garnes and Police Chief Gregory Alexander

Absent: Council Member Washington

Media Present: Lowcountry Inside Track, Ltd.

Call to Order:

Mayor Moore called the Friday August 4, 2023, Special Town Council Meeting to order at 9:11 AM, after the conclusion of the Budget Workshop.

Determination of Quorum:

Council Member Washington was absent. The remainder of the Council was present.

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented for August 4, 2023, Special Town Council Meeting as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem O'Banner made a motion to amend the agenda to include Public Comment prior to Old Business as it was omitted in error. Second by Council Member Murray. **All in favor, Motion Passed, Amended Agenda Adopted.**

Public Comment:

Darrell A. Russell (2 Pine St) – Mr. Russell advised that he had wrote a song about the Town of Yemassee and wanted the Town to consider adopting it as the town's official song. Mr. Russell performed the track titled "Yemassee". Mr. Russell thanked the Council for their time and looks forward to having a further discussion on the 29th.

Old Business:

Approval of the July 11, 2023, Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes: Mayor Moore asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes of the July 11, 2023, Town Council meeting and asked if there were any additions or corrections. Council Member Murray made the motion to approve as presented. Seconded by Council Member Pinckney. **All in favor, Motion Passed**

Ordinance 23-21 – Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Portions of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Yemassee, South Carolina, Chapter 4 “Animals”, Article III. Specific to the Town of Yemassee, Section 4-67 titled “Wild Bird Sanctuary Established”: Mayor Moore read Ordinance 23-22 and asked the Town Administrator to provide an update. Mr. Garnes advised that there are current exceptions for hunting of wild birds afforded to Bindon Plantation, Cotton Hall Plantation, and Tomotley Plantation. Jericho Plantation in Sheldon was annexed last month, and the property owner seeks to have the same exemption afforded to the other three plantations. Council Member Pinckney made the motion to approve the second and final reading of the Ordinance. Second by Mayor Pro-Tem O’Banner. **All in favor, Motion Passed.**

Ordinance 23-22 - Consideration of an Ordinance Approving Annexation of One Parcel of Land of Approximately 0.21 Acres of land located at 2 Ponderosa Cir and identified by Hampton County TMS: 203-00-00-047: Mayor Moore read Ordinance 23-22 and asked the Town Administrator to provide an update. Mr. Garnes advised the parcel contains a single-family dwelling located on Ponderosa Circle, a private road just off Poston Drive within Ponderosa Subdivision. The property is contiguous to the current Town boundary by the adjoining property at 27 Poston Drive, which was annexed in 2017. The current zoning designation under the Hampton County Zoning Ordinance is General Development and the requested Zoning designation with the Town of Yemassee is Residential ½ Acre (R2A). Council Member Pinckney made the motion to approve the second and final reading. Second by Mayor Pro-Tem O’Banner. **All in favor, Motion Passed**

Ordinance 23-23 - Consideration of an Ordinance Approving Annexation of One Parcel of Land of Approximately 0.48 Acres of land located at 4 Ponderosa Cir and identified by Hampton County TMS: 203-00-00-002: Mayor Moore read Ordinance 23-23 and asked the Town Administrator to provide an update. Mr. Garnes advised this annexation petition was received last year and the request was put on hold as the parcel was not contiguous to the current Town boundary. When Staff received an annexation petition for 2 Ponderosa Cir, an adjacent property, this parcel is now contiguous. The parcel contains a single-family dwelling located on Ponderosa Circle, a private road just off Poston Drive within Ponderosa Subdivision. The current zoning designation under the Hampton County Zoning Ordinance is General Development and the requested Zoning designation with the Town of Yemassee is Residential ½ Acre (R2A). Council Member

Murray made the motion to approve the second and final reading. Second by Council Member Pinckney. **All in favor, Motion Passed**

New Business:

Resolution 23-20, Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Yemassee and the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice for the detention of Juvenile Inmates during Fiscal Year 2024: Mayor Moore asked Mr. Garnes provide some background information. Mr. Garnes advised that we carry out this agreement annually and is necessary in the event the police arrest a juvenile. Juveniles are not permitted to be housed in County Detention Centers and must be taken to Columbia. Mayor Pro-Tem O'Banner made a motion to adopt the resolution. Second by Council Member Murray. **All in favor, Motion Passed. Resolution Adopted.**

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 first reading, and we can still shift funds around before final reading if needed. The second reading and public hearing will be scheduled for August 29, 2023, at 6:30PM. Council Member Pinckney made the motion to approve the first reading. Second by Council Member Murray. **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. Mr. Garnes stated the applicant is seeking a rezoning to Regional Commercial District to support the development of a boutique campground. The Planning Commission has reviewed the request and voted to forward it to the Town Council for consideration. Mr. Garnes advised the Public Hearing, and second reading could occur on the 29th as well. Mayor Pro-Tem O'Banner made the motion to approve the first reading and to schedule a public hearing at the August 29, 2023, Town Council Meeting. 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 Regional Commercial District to support the

development of a shopping center anchored with a grocery store. The Planning Commission has reviewed the request and voted to forward it to the Town Council for consideration. Currently, it's zoned Office Commercial District which does not support a large-scale development as proposed. Mr. Garnes advised the Public Hearing, and second reading could occur on the 29th as well. Council Member Pinckney made the motion to approve the first reading and to schedule a public hearing at the August 29, 2023, Town Council Meeting. Second by Council Member Murray. **All in favor, Motion Passed.**

Adjournment

Mayor Moore asked for motion to adjourn. Council Member Murray made the motion to adjourn. Second by Council Member Pinckney. All in favor, **Meeting Adjourned at 9:39 AM.**