

Summerville Town Council Meeting

April 12, 2018

Observer: Sharon Holden

Meeting Highlights

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm and adjourned to Executive Session at (7:30 I didn't not the exact time.)

Invocation: Rabbi Kanter

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation: Proclamation Presentation to Charleston Jewish Federation declaring April 8-14 Days of Remembrance for those lost during the Holocaust.

Public Comments:

Eight Summerville residents spoke during this session. All present were invited to join the silent march to the Jewish Center on Short Central for a candlelight vigil to honor those lost during the Holocaust. Leaving from the Council offices.

1. **Trash & Debris:** Concerns were raised about trash and debris in drainage ditches, constructions dust, as well as loud noises and lack of police presence in the Atlantic Street area. The Mayor suggested that it would be helpful if homeowners went beyond their properties and assisted with trash pickup. He also commented that he was on Atlantic Street earlier this week and saw a police officer turning onto the road.
2. **Bear Island Road Project:** A resident from the Weatherstone subdivision requested that the town not purchase property to build the Bear Island Road project until the current road is used for a while and a traffic study is done. Concerns about pedestrian safety due to planned location of stop light. Also, complaints about construction working as early as 7am and as late as 11pm. The Mayor informed her that there had been public hearings and the council had voted to proceed with the purchase. A second Summerville resident stood to ask that the road be built as this would relieve traffic congestion.
3. **Unified Development Ordinance:** The issue of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) was raised. The resident had handed out a list of "shortcoming" of the draft of the UDO. It was requested that these be addressed given current climate issues. Specifically, that run off needs to be addressed as this is becoming a more serious issue. The Mayor indicated there would be a hearing regarding the UDO held on Monday the 16th from 6-8.
4. **Flowertown Festival:** A current resident wanted to thank the town for the cleanup before, during and after the Flowertown Festival. She also wished to thank the YMCA for another successful festival. Lastly, she wished to thank the Police for the manner in which they treated a man that was passed out in an ally. She felt they were effective yet courteous and was very impressed.

5. Snow Plow Purchase: A resident requested that the town hold off on the purchase of snowplow and snow clearing equipment. He felt the funds could be better spent given the infrequent storms we experience in Summerville.

Lastly, a few residents spoke to support the proposed annexation and development of a Knightsville property.

Approved:

1. Previous meeting notes from 3/8/18 and all Council Committee reports.
2. Petition by Whitney Kriewaldt to annex Dorchester county TMS #144-16-03-006. Unanimous.
3. Second and final reading of three petitions to annex properties into the town. See minutes.
4. Second and final reading of an ordinance to approve a quit-claim deed to Constance H. Davis for property adjacent and abutting to 110 Classic Street.

Miscellaneous

Compensation & Classification Study: Discussion regarding the Compensation and Classification study. Resulting in a vote to adopt and implement the recommendations implementing in two stages, the first in July of 2018 affecting Police and Fire salaries and the second in January 2019 for all other employees. Passed 7-0

Ashley River Property: Motion to move to begin discussion with seller of Ashley River Property. After discussion it was moved to Executive session.

Tourism Management Agreement: Discussion of Tourism Management Agreement. Discussion about moving it to the Chamber of Commerce. Voted to move to next month.

Public Comment at Standing Committee Meetings: Discussion of standing committee agendas. The Mayor proposed that each committee allow public comment. After discussion the motion failed by a 5-2 vote.

CityBot: Mayor's remarks included asking the town administrator to look into "CityBot" an app that allows for residents to report road problems, lighting issues using a text system. Mr. Martin is currently doing this and will report back sometime in the next few months.

Freedom of Information Act Training: The Mayor announced there will be training for all council members over two days addressing current Freedom of Information Act Laws as well as Roberts Rules.

Finally the mayor asked that all town meeting be held in town building in order to make the people feel welcome to attend. He also called for meeting to be steamed to allow maximum participation.