

Summerville Town Hall Meeting;

July 13, 2017;

Observers: Jan Lewis and Vicki Westberg

Meeting Highlights

- **Presentation:** Award of Valor to Lt. Rick Gebhardt who was a first responder to a structural fire and rescued an individual in the structure

- **Public Comments:**
 - An individual read a letter sent to the council regarding the ARK request to purchase a home on Central Ave. Because of concerns and fears raised by individuals in the neighborhood, ARK cancelled the purchase of the home and the request for amending the Town Code that would allow a special use permit

 - A resident in Walter Bailey's district presented her dismay about a letter received by residents in this district. The letter was sent by Concerned Citizens of Summerville. This resident felt this was a propaganda letter that was meant to rile up the residents before the election for this district position.

 - A resident stated that the city was not properly treating her neighborhood. She was concerned with the number of businesses in her "back yard," and was particularly unhappy about traffic & stench from Waste Pro trucks. Also there are lots that are not being cleaned up even though complaints have been filed.

 - A resident stated that the city is not doing enough to protect the historic district.

 - A resident stated that he does not want more flexibility in the R1 zoning variance.

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- **Committee Reports:**
 - Approval given to Council Committee Reports, petitions, and first reading of a zoning ordinance.

 - The second and final reading of an ordinance to amend the Town Code, Chapter 32, Zoning Ordinance, Article V, Special Use Permits, Section 32.211 was defeated. This has been a controversial resolution that had considerable public

input in the last council meeting. (Details of these are available on the Summerville Town web site)

- **Miscellaneous:**
 - Discussion of State Accommodation Tax; no one was present to explain the details of the distribution of the money. First the issue was delayed. Later in the meeting the council accepted the recommendation for distribution except the money for the Community Resource Center
 - Solar Subscription with SCE&G: a representative of SCE&G explained the program and urged the city to subscribe to the new community solar gardens. After a series of questions and discussions, the council requested more information and a review of the request in a committee meeting.
 - The Brown Family Park transfer to the city was approved.
 - Discussion of Town Code, Chapter 32, Zoning Ordinance, Article V, Special Use Permits, Section 32.211. It was agreed to be sent back to Planning Commission to correct flaws in the wording.

Observation: The revision of the Zoning Ordinance is a hot topic within the community