

Summerville Town Council Meeting

November 9, 2017

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Meeting Highlights

- Congratulations were extended to newly re-elected Council members, Aaron Brown, Walter Bailey and Kima Garten-Schmidt. Garten-Schmidt was not present.
- There was one public comment: Tom Hunt described the volume and variety of people who use Sawmill Branch Trail and asked that call boxes be installed as a safety measure. He also suggested several improvements such as water fountains, mileage signage and better access between Richardson and Tea Farm.
- Council approved Previous Meeting Minutes and all Council Committee Reports.
- Council approved for first reading of the authorization to accept petition by Tupper Joint Properties LLC to annex approximately 166.09 acres along Tupperway Drive, Orangeburg Road, White Fence Lane and O'Malley Drive and change zoning to PUD, Planned Development District. This petition, as well as the re-zone request for the same parcel, was passed 4-2 with Christine Czarnik and Mayor Johnson dissenting citing further study needed to ensure that the plan meets the Town's requirement for 20% green space and adequate drainage.
- Council unanimously approved final reading of ordinances for four additional property transfers.
- Council unanimously approved first reading of three additional rezone ordinances.
- Council approved 4-2 first reading for two amendments to Council administration with Christine Czarnik and Mayor Johnson dissenting. (See website for full language on the Ordinance.) Mayor Johnson commented that the board "simply forgot to include this when stripping the mayor's office of powers." He also said that he wanted to go on record to say that the council continues to "subvert the will of the voters".
- A motion was made and 2nd to elect Aaron Brown as Mayor Pro-Tem. Walter Bailey moved and it was 2nd to table the issue until the December meeting.
- Mayor's remarks listed several ideas for improvement projects such as downtown streetlights, lighting for crosswalks and school bus stops, "way signs" that point to local

landmarks and connecting the Sawmill Branch Trail to other regional trails. He also suggested that consideration be given to a parking garage that could also serve as a mass transit stop in order to meet anticipated future parking and traffic needs.

- Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:52PM.