

**Town of McCormick, SC
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2019 – 7:00 PM
McCormick One Stop Conference Room, 109 W. Augusta St., McCormick, SC**

Attendance:

Mayor:

Roy Smith, Jr.

Council Members Present:

Dolly Franklin
J. Calvin Chiles
Eric Butler
Alvin Jennings
Ann Seymour

Council Members Absent:

Nathan Jones

Staff Present:

Police Chief W.D. Bo Willis
Fire Chief Mike Barron
Town Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Judy Foster

Town Attorney:

John D. Compton, III

Guests:

Chuck Cook, Corporate Secretary &
Liaison, Public Affairs Committee –
Savannah Lakes Village, Inc.
& Mrs. Cook

Mrs. Compton

Shaaron Kohl, Representative of MAD
Charlotte Tallent, Executive Director,
Chamber of Commerce
Janice Grizzard, Executive Director,
MACK-Arts Council

News Media:

None

Public Notification: June 7, 2019

News Media notified of the meeting by e-mail

Posting to the Town's website, **townofmccormicksc.org**.

All other parties requesting notification either by fax, e-mail or correspondence

Public Notice - Posting - Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area

FOIA Notifications: June 11, 2019

Chuck Cook, Corporate Secretary & Liaison, Public Affairs Committee – Savannah Lakes Village, Inc.

Charlotte Tallent, Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce

Welcome:

Mayor Smith welcomed and thanked those in attendance for their attendance at the Town's regular council meeting for June.

1. Call to Order:

At approximately 7:03 PM, the regular Town Council meeting for the month of June was called to order by Mayor Smith.

2. Invocation:

Mayor Smith called for Council Member Mr. Butler to give the invocation; Council Member Mr. Butler did so, being thankful for a great day and being alive, seeking intervention and guidance, and for the presence of all assembled and those who were absent.

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

Calling for the Pledge of Allegiance, all present stood and offered the Pledge of Allegiance in a patriotic manner.

4. Approval of Agenda as Presented:

Mayor Smith, calling for any discussion regarding the Agenda as Presented and receiving none, called for the approval of the Agenda as presented.

Council Member Mr. Butler made the motion, to approve the agenda as presented, said motion being duly second by Council Member Mrs. Seymour, and unanimously approved.

5. Appearance of Citizens, Public Comments:

Mayor Smith called upon Shaaron Kohl, who had submitted written request, to appear before Council.

Mrs. Kohl gave an update on the projects of the organization – MAD – Making A Difference which had formed to help residents and businesses in making McCormick a much better place to live. She stated that they had assisted a resident with home repairs and were attempting to assist a business owner in tidying up their business to which there had been no response from the business owner. Another project, she stated, was to acquire the caboose and restore it to make it more appealing and possibly moving it to another site.

She stated the overall purpose of the group was to strengthen the McCormick community and to make it a better place to work and visit.

Discussion was then had as to ordinances that protect all – the town as well as property owners – with regard to maintaining properties that were not well kept or that needed care. Mrs. Kohl stated that she felt it was important to enforce those type of ordinances to help make the town more appealing and pleasant.

Mayor Smith thanked Mrs. Kohl for her comments and the efforts of the group.

Calling for additional public comments, Janice Grizzard, Executive Director of the MACK-Arts Council- also spoke to the issue of enforcing ordinances of the town which dealt with code enforcement.

Mayor Smith, Town Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney, and Attorney Compton related the procedural process as well as the costs of code enforcement, explaining that the process was lengthy and could result in substantial costs, not only to the property owner, but the town as well.

Discussion continued to the point as to when property became a declared nuisance and property taken. Again, attempts to explain the procedural process, from notifying the property owner to possible court action, was relayed - which was not well received by Mrs. Grizzard.

Mrs. Tallent interjected into the meeting her opinion as to the condition of a building downtown, and the fact it appear that no one cared about it and nothing was being done.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour relayed information regarding the fencing around the MACK Park which separated the MACK Park from Highway 28 and the Orange Spot in that Mrs. Kohl had addressed a desire by the MAD group that the overgrowth be removed so that visitors could see the downtown area.

Mayor Smith called the public comments closed and moved to the Regular Business Items of the Town.

6. Regular Town Council Business Items for consideration/motions to approve:

A) **Minutes**, May 14 – Regular Council Meeting - Motion to Approve as Written

B) **Bills**, May – Motion to Pay in Usual Manner

C) **Financial Statement** - May – Motion to Accept as Information

Council had received copies of the Minutes, Bills, and Financial Statement for review prior to the meeting.

Mayor Smith called for any discussion or comments from Council regarding the Minutes; none were offered.

Mayor Smith called for any discussion or comments regarding the Bills; none were offered.

Mayor Smith called for any comments or questions regarding the Financial Statement; none were offered.

No discussion, comments or questions being offered regarding the Minutes, Bills and Financial Statement, Mayor Smith called for a motion regarding those items.

Council Member Mr. Butler made the motion to approve the Minutes, the Bills, and the Financial Statement, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Seymour, and unanimously approved.

Public Hearing: FY 19/20 General Fund Operating Budget as Published in the McCormick Messenger

Mayor Smith opened the public hearing at approximately 7:30 pm and called for any public comments.

No public comments were offered.

Mayor Smith closed the public hearing at approximately 7:30 pm.

7. Legislation for consideration:

A) **Ordinances** – One – **O-2019-06-11-01** – Second Reading/Adoption – FY 19/20 General Fund Operating Budget & Capital Projects Budget

Mayor Smith called for action of council regarding Ordinance O-2019-06-11-01, Budget Ordinance.

A motion to give second reading and adoption of Ordinance O-2019-06-11-01, was offered, being duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Seymour, and unanimously approved.

Council Member Mr. Chiles asked if the budget was balanced after the amendments from May 14. The Clerk/Treasurer replied that yes, the budget was balanced.

B) **Resolutions** – None

Mayor Smith stated there were no Resolutions to be considered.

C) **Proclamations** – One – May – Mental Health Month.

Mayor Smith stated that he had issued this proclamation and had attended the Mental Health Month event held at the Library.

8. Reports:

A) **Police**

B) **Fire**

C) **Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer**

Council had received copies of all reports prior to the meeting for review.

Mayor Smith called for any comments or questions regarding the Reports:

Police – no questions or comments offered

Fire – no questions or comments offered

Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer – no questions or comments offered.

Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the Reports as presented.

Council Member Mr. Butler made the motion to approve the Reports, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Seymour, and unanimously approved.

9. Old Business:

Mayor Smith stated no Old Business was listed for discussion.

10. New Business:

Mayor Smith stated no New Business was listed for discussion.

Mayor's Concluding Comments:

Mayor Smith stated the lot on 28 was being cleared for the new Burger King and then gave information on events were up:

Boat Parade at Plum Branch Yacht Club – July 6

Mobile Medical Clinic – July 13 – 12 noon to 5 pm at the MACK, and the Farmers Market continuing on Tuesdays from 3 to 7 pm.

11. Adjournment:

Mayor Smith, calling for other items to come before council and receiving none, then called for adjournment.

Council Member Mr. Butlers made the motion to adjourn, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Seymour, and unanimously approved.

Meeting concluded at approximately 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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