

# ***Town of Meggett Council Meeting Minutes***

**Date: July 22, 2019      Time: 7:00PM      Location: SCPA Building, 4770 Hwy 165**

<b>Call to Order</b>	Mayor Buster Herrington
<b>Type of Meeting</b>	Town Council Meeting
<b>Facilitator</b>	Mayor Buster Herrington
<b>Minutes</b>	Ali Ravenel, Town Clerk

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Mayor Herrington	<input type="checkbox"/> P	Angela Watts	<input type="checkbox"/> P
A = Absent	Tommy Butler	<input type="checkbox"/> P	Andy Gowder	<input type="checkbox"/> P
P = Present	Tom Hutto	<input type="checkbox"/> P	Stephanie Smith	<input type="checkbox"/> P
	Keith McCarty	<input type="checkbox"/> P		<input type="checkbox"/>

### **Public Hearing**

***Public Hearing at 6:45 PM:** Conducting jointly with the SC Jobs-Economic Development Authority (JEDA): Lowcountry Leadership Charter School Project Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds (Pending Adoption of Resolution 2019-01 during Town Council Meeting)*

***Public Hearing at 7PM:** Site Plan Review Section: Amending Town of Meggett ZLDR adding Section 10.27.1-9*

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**Prayer Given By:** Mayor Buster Herrington

**Pledge of Allegiance Led By:** Mayor Buster Herrington

Mayor Herrington took a moment after the Prayer & Pledge to share a note from the family of former Town of Meggett Mayor Grange Coffin; Mayor Coffin served the Town for 30 years and passed away on June 26, 2019.

### **| Approval of Minutes |**

*Approval of Minutes from previous Council Meeting held on June 24, 2019.*

**Motion Made By:** Council Member Tommy Butler moved to approve.

**Seconded By:** Council Member Keith McCarty seconded the motion.

**Conclusion:** All voted in favor, none opposed; Minutes approved.

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## **| Resolution 2019-01 |**

*In support of the issuance by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its educational facilities revenue bonds (Lowcountry Leadership Charter School Project). Pursuant to the provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$15,000,000.*

**Motion Made By:** Council Member Keith McCarty moved to approve.

**Seconded By:** Council Member Tom Hutto seconded the motion.

**Conclusion:** All voted in favor, none opposed; Motion passed.

## **| Second Reading- Comprehensive Plan 10-Year Update |**

**Motion Made By:** Council Member Tom Hutto moved to approve.

**Seconded By:** Council Member Tommy Butler seconded the motion.

**Conclusion:** All voted in favor, none opposed; Motion passed.

## **| Second Reading- ZLDR Amendment to Add Site Plan Review Section |**

*Council Member Tom Hutto asked if the section was copied straight from Charleston County's ZLDR. Mayor Herrington answered that for the most part it is, however, certain changes have been made to make it more applicable to other Town Ordinances.*

**Motion Made By:** Council Member Keith McCarty moved to approve.

**Seconded By:** Mayor Pro Tem Angela Watts seconded the motion.

**Conclusion:** All voted in favor, none opposed; Motion passed.

## **| Resolution 2019-02 |**

*Resolution for the adoption of the revised Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan by Charleston County Council.*

**Motion Made By:** Council Member Keith McCarty moved to approve.

**Seconded By:** Mayor Pro Tem Angela Watts seconded the motion.

**Conclusion:** All voted in favor, none opposed; Motion passed.

## **| First Reading- Fee Schedule Ordinance |**

*Council Member Tom Hutto motioned to approve the first reading of the Fee Schedule, provided Town Staff conduct further research and possibly revisit some of the fees at the next meeting.*

**Motion Made By:** Council Member Tom Hutto moved to approve.

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**Seconded By:** Council Member Keith McCarty seconded the motion.

**Conclusion:** All voted in favor, none opposed; Motion passed.

## **| Discussion: Electrical Service Rights Agreement (ESRA) |**

*Mayor Herrington explained that he and Town Staff met the week prior with Jennifer Hightower of Dominion Energy and Mark Gaddy of Berkeley Electrical Cooperative to discuss a new Electrical Service Rights Agreement (ESRA). Jennifer explained to Council that their partnership with Berkeley Electric was essentially to satisfy state exclusivity provisions, but that nothing would be changing so far as who is providing the Town's electrical services. The ESRA would adopt a new municipal electric service territory map (already approved by the Public Service Commission) and provide a timeline for the adoption of the new franchise agreements with Dominion Energy and Berkeley Electric.*

*Council Member Tommy Butler asked if they were recommending that the Franchise Fee rate be increased; Jennifer responded that no, they were not making a recommendation for that and that it would be up to the Town if they wanted to increase the rate.*

## **| Council Member Reports |**

### **Buildings & Grounds: Mayor Buster Herrington**

*Mayor Herrington reported that there was some pressure washing taking place around Town Hall, specifically the buildings and sidewalks; the Meggett Park playground would be next on the list. Installation of the second fountain at Meggett Park had hit a few speedbumps, but after collaborating with a plumber and electrician, he expected it to be up and running by the end of the week. Charleston Water will be installing a new irrigation line at the corner of SC Hwy 165 and Toogoodoo Rd in preparation for the new Town Sign project; utility locates would be taking place this week and he expects the line will be installed early next week. Dominion Energy has already relocated some of the power poles around the Meggett Creek Bridge in preparation for the bridge replacement (expected to start on August 1<sup>st</sup>) and F&ME was out this week to take boring samples. Signage and barriers will go up prior to the road closure to alert residents and Town Staff will continue to communicate any information provided by the DOT to residents via email blasts.*

### **Financial Reports: Council Member Tommy Butler**

*Council Member Tommy Butler stated that historically June has been an income heavy month for the Town due to the end of the fiscal year. The General account increased by \$77,018.57, however, last year it increased by \$120,000 and he was wondering if one of the larger payments the Town received annually was late? Town Administrator Stephanie Smith answered that yes, one of the payments was a little late but that it would show up on next month's statements. There were no changes to the CD's. The Waste Water account increased by \$675.78 and the Meggett 1925 account increased by \$425.*

### **Grants & Special Reports: Council Member Tom Hutto**

*Council Member Tom Hutto stated that the Town resubmitted a grant application to the Charleston County Greenbelt Board in the hopes to purchase a 55-acre parcel adjacent to Roxbury Park. The application was originally approved by the Greenbelt Board but then denied during the second round*

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*of approvals by Charleston County Council. Council Member Hutto stated that after multiple conversations with Charleston County Council Members, the Town was advised to bring additional match funds to the table. In order to obtain more match funds, the Town will be submitting a grant application to the South Carolina Conservation Bank for \$141,000. This amount should meet Charleston County Council's expectations at a July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting; however, the SC Conservation Bank will not make their decision on the grant for the match funds until September or October. He hopes that if everything goes well, the Town can close on the property by the end of the year.*

### **Communications: Council Member Keith McCarty**

*Council Member Keith McCarty stated that he was out of town for most of the month but that he received calls from roughly 10 residents in regards to their non-functioning internet service with Frontier. He relayed these complaints to Frontier as per usual.*

*Council Member Tom Hutto mentioned that he and his wife spoke to a Verizon Wireless representative earlier this month and the representative stated that we were a known problem area and attributed it to an FCC regulation passed a few years ago that limits carriers' abilities to lease space on other carrier's towers and Rover Agreements. Due to this FCC regulation, they have scaled back their antenna locations on other carrier's towers and the representative speculated that this may be why cell reception has declined in our area. Council Member McCarty suggested that Verizon may just be telling us what we want to hear, and that the real factor behind our decrease in service is due more to their attempt at maximizing their profits.*

### **Roxbury Park: Mayor Pro Tem Angela Watts**

*Mayor Pro Tem Angela Watts had no updates on Roxbury Park other than to say that the Town's newest employees, Hunter and Matthew, were doing great and she had no complaints.*

*Mayor Herrington reported that a large tree was down on one of the trails and that someone had been contacted to come out and remove it.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Watts then asked if the pavers that were approved at the last meeting had been ordered; Mayor Herrington said that they were not ordered yet because Town Staff was still waiting on labor/installation bids to come in.*

### **| Public Comments |**

*There were no comments from the Public.*

### **Executive Session convened at 7:36 PM**

*Mayor Herrington and Council headed into an Executive Session. Attendees were invited to help themselves to refreshments until Council reconvened. Upon returning, Mayor Herrington announced that they had discussed a contractual matter and no decisions were rendered.*

**Meeting Adjourned 7:53 PM**