

**CITY OF TRAVELERS REST
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 17, 2022 6:00 P.M.**

The following members were present: Brandy Amidon, Mayor, Rick Floyd, Mayor Pro Tempore, Grant Bumgarner, Dr. Shaniece Criss, Lisa Lane, Kelly Byers, Brantly Vest, Sherry Marrah, and Wayne McCall. Also present were: Eric Vinson, City Administrator, Lori Sondov, City Clerk, Ben Ford, Police Chief, Phillip Tate, Public Works Director, Mac McMakin, Assistant Fire Chief, and Mike Forman, Planning Director. The media were notified. There were five members of the public in attendance.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Mayor Amidon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Council and staff recited the Pledge of Allegiance

B. INVOCATION

1. The invocation was given by Councilmember Lane

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Councilmember Floyd made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on February 17, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Criss and carried unanimously.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

None

E. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (5-minute max)

1. Travelers Rest Historical Society--Mark Garrison, with the Travelers Rest Historical Society, gave a presentation on the Historic Spring Park Inn Restoration Plans. Mr. Garrison referred to the TRHS and City Council as "Partners for the Public Good" and discussed the plans for the current History Museum and its potential relocation to the Historic Spring Park Inn. Councilmember Bumgarner said the project is one which Council will be going to examine in more detail. The presentation is attached to these minutes.

F. ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

1. Councilmember Criss made a motion to consider an Ordinance to rezone 16 Walnut Lane from S-1, Service District, to C-2, Commercial District. Councilmember McCall seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. Councilmember Vest made a motion to consider an Ordinance to adopt the text amendment to modify Tree Preservation and Trees Planting Standards (Sec. 6:19.) Councilmember Lane seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Administrator Vinson explained the modifications which have been added to the Ordinance since its first reading including having trees in designated undisturbed areas, mature trees within designated open space/green space areas and park space, and a tree inventory which can exclude undergrowth and trees less than one-inch diameter at breast height. Councilmember Lane asked about a motion made at the previous Council meeting for Exhibit B to include the tree fee automatically adjusting to the National Tree Benefit Calculator. Administrator Vinson stated this addition will be made to Exhibit B. Councilmember McCall confirmed the City still has the status of a "Tree City USA." Council continued discussion of the Ordinance. Councilmember Criss made a motion to amend the Ordinance as presented by Administrator Vinson. Councilmember Floyd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Councilmember Criss then made a motion to consider the Ordinance as amended. Councilmember Floyd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Criss provided a summary of the March 7, 2022 Public Works Committee report.

Chair Byers provided a summary of the March 7, 2022 Public Safety Committee report.

Chair Bumgarner provided a summary of the March 7, 2022 Ways and Means report. Chair Bumgarner made a motion to accept the February Financial Reports as presented. Councilmember Floyd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chair Vest provided a summary of the March 7, 2022 Planning and Development Committee report.

H. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

None

I. OLD BUSINESS

None

J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Personnel Matters related to Pay Scale and Compensation Study

Mayor Amidon made a motion to go into Executive Session under S.C. Code §30-4-70, subsection (a)(1) for the discussion of personnel matters related to the Salary Compensation Study. Councilmember Bumgarner seconded the motion.

With no further discussions, Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to go out of Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. Councilmember Criss seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Following Executive Session, Mayor Amidon made a motion to accept the Pay Chart as presented in the Salary Compensation Study. Councilmember Byers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Amidon made a motion to accept the one-time wage adjustment as recommended in the Salary Compensation Study. Councilmember Bumgarner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

L. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

1. Administrative Update—Assistant Chief McMakin provided a letter from Laura and Jim Edge thanking the Fire Department for its efforts to save their home on Altamont Road recently.

L. ADJOURNMENT

1. There being no other business to come before Council, Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Floyd and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.



Brandy Amidon, Mayor

Completed by 

Lori O. Sondov, CMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Eric Vinson, City Administrator