

City of Travelers Rest
City Council Meeting Agenda
Thursday, February 15, 2024
6:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

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Civility Pledge: I pledge to build a stronger and more prosperous community by advocating for civil engagement, respecting others and their viewpoints, and finding solutions for the betterment of my city.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Amidon will lead the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Invocation

Councilmember McCall

3. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a. Special Council Meeting on January 18, 2024 at 5 p.m.
- b. Regular Council Meeting on January 18, 2024

4. Citizen Recognition

- a. Shark Tank Day Recognition- Heritage Elementary School Students

5. Citizen Participation (*Speakers limited to 5 minutes*)

- a. None

6. Ordinances & Resolutions for Second Reading

- a. None

7. Committee Reports

- a. Public Works Committee report from February 5, 2024 – Chair Lane
- b. Public Safety Committee report from February 5, 2024 – Chair Byers

- c. Planning & Development Committee report from February 5, 2024 – Chair Vest
- d. Review Ways & Means financial report for January – Chair Bumgarner

8. Ordinances and Resolutions for First Reading

- a. Athens Street Zoning Map Amendment (O-02-24)
- b. Bowers Road Annexation (O-03-24)
- c. Bowers Road Zoning Map Amendment (O-04-24)

9. Old Business

- a. None

10. New Business

- a. None

11. Miscellaneous Matters

- a. Administrative Update

12. Adjournment

CITY OF TRAVELERS REST

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 18, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Brandy Amidon; Councilmembers Grant Bumgarner, Kelly Byers, Shaniece Criss, Catherine James, Lisa Lane, Sherry Marrah, Wayne McCall, and Brantley Vest

Also Present: Carson Ruffrage, City Clerk; Ben Ford, Police Chief; Mike Forman, Planning Director; Phillip Tate, Public Works Director; Mac McMakin, Asst. Fire Chief, and Greg Robertson, Fire Chief

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Invocation

- a. The Invocation was given by Councilmember James

3. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a. Mayor Amidon called for a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on December 21, 2023. Councilmember Criss motioned to approve, The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marrah and carried unanimously.

4. Citizen Recognition

- a. Proclamation Caroline Creel
Ms. Creel was honored for her work as a mentor with Momentum Bike Clubs.
- b. Proclamation Craig Nowokunski
Mr. Nowokunski was honored for his work as a mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

5. Citizen Participation

- a. Sharon Klompus spoke about instant runoff voting and rank choice voting as a representative of Better Ballot SC. She presented a packet to Council to highlight

instant runoff voting. Ms. Klompus noted that it can increase the number of people who vote and decrease the cost of elections. Travelers Rest votes by a plurality, so it would not affect our city. She requested that councilmembers talk with other cities and SC legislators about the benefits of rank choice voting. She also requested that they vote to adopt the resolution she provided.

- b. Alecia Brewster with Greenville Mentoring Collaborative spoke about how they provide a central mentoring structure in Greenville County. She noted the many benefits that mentoring has on young people and on their community. Less than 2% of Greenville County youth are being mentored. If you are interested in mentoring, please visit www.gvlmentoring.org

6. Election of Mayor Pro Tem

- a. Mayor Amidon opened the floor for Mayor ProTem. Councilmember Vest nominated Councilmember Bumgarner. Councilmember Lane nominated Councilmember Byers. Mayor Amidon closed the nominations.
- b. After all ballots were counted, Councilmember Bumgarner was elected as Mayor Pro Tem.

7. Appointment of Committee Chairs

- a. Mayor Amidon made a motion to approve the Committee Chairs as presented in the packet. Councilmember Bumgarner seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

8. Ordinances & Resolutions for Second Reading

- a. Ordinance TR O-09-23
 - i. Councilmember Vest made a motion to approve. Councilmember Bumgarner seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- b. Ordinance TR O-10-23
 - i. Councilmember Vest made a motion to approve. Councilmember Byers seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- c. Ordinance TR O-01-24
 - i. Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to approve. Councilmember Lane seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

9. Committee Reports

- a. Chair Lane provided a summary of the Public Works Committee report from January 8, 2024.
- b. Chair Byers provided a summary of the Public Safety Committee report from January 8, 2024.
- c. Chair Vest provided a summary of the Planning & Development Committee report from January 8, 2024.
- d. Councilmember Bumgarner provided a summary of the Ways and Means Committee report from January 8, 2023.

10. Ordinances and Resolutions for First Reading

- a. None

11. Old Business

- a. None

12. New Business

- a. **None**

13. Miscellaneous Matters

- a. For the Good of Council
 - i. Councilmember McCall recognized the Royal Devildog Steppers of Travelers Rest High School who won the HBCU Step-up show at Bon Secours.
- b. Director Tate gave a brief report on the litter pick up during the MLK Jr day of service.
- c. Councilmember Bumgarner thanked Council for the election of Mayor Pro Tem.

14. Adjournment

- a. There being no other business to come before Council, Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Marrah seconded. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

_____ Brandy Amidon, Mayor

Completed by _____ Carson Ruffrage, City Clerk

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF GREENVILLE)

ORDINANCE NO. O-02-24

CITY OF TRAVELERS REST)

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 0.34 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT ATHENS STREET FROM R-7.5 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-D RESIDENTIAL DUPLEX DISTRICT (TAX MAP NUMBERS 0493000800300 AND 0493000800400) (TR 23-04)

WHEREAS, OZF LLC (the "Applicant"), owner of two properties (the "Properties") consisting of approximately 0.34 acres total, located at Athens Street (Tax Map Numbers 0493000800300 and 0493000800400) applied to the Travelers Rest Planning Commission to amend the official City of Travelers Rest zoning map for the above referenced properties from R-7.5, Residential District to R-D, Residential Duplex District; and

WHEREAS, the Travelers Rest Planning Commission, pursuant to public notice, held a public hearing on January 25, 2024, to consider the proposed map amendment, at which time the Commission recommended denial of the requested zoning designation; and

WHEREAS, City Council in its own judgement considered the recommendation of the Travelers Rest Planning Commission and finds the R-D, Residential Duplex District zoning classification to be compatible with the City's Comprehensive Plan by greater than a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote in the affirmative;

THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Travelers Rest hereby ordains:

1. The Properties consisting of approximately 0.34 acre (Tax Map Numbers 0493000800300 and 0493000800400) shall be rezoned from R-7.5, Residential District to R-D, Residential Duplex District and the zoning map shall be so amended. This Ordinance shall be effective upon second reading.

DONE, RATIFIED AND PASSED this 15th day of March 2024.

Brandy Amidon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carson Ruffrage
City Clerk/Treasurer

REVIEWED:

Shannon Herman
City Administrator

Introduced: Brantley Vest

Public Hearing & Planning Commission: January 25, 2024

First Reading: February 15, 2024

Second Reading: March 15, 2024

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF GREENVILLE)

ORDINANCE NO. O-03-24

CITY OF TRAVELERS REST)

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTIES ON EAST BOWERS ROAD (TAX MAP NUMBERS 0503030103000 & 0503030103100) (TR 24-01)

WHEREAS, Christopher D. Bowers and Gerald Wayne Bowers (the "Applicant"), owners of two properties (the "Properties") consisting of approximately 49.63 acres total, located at 129 and 132 East Bowers Road (Tax Map Numbers p/o 0503030103000 & 0503030103100) filed a petition for annexation to the City of Travelers Rest; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant(s) filing the petition are 100% freeholders owning 100% of the assessed value of the land, therefore meeting the requirement for a 100% petition under the provisions of S.C. Code Section 5-3-150(3); and

WHEREAS, the Travelers Rest Planning Commission, pursuant to public notice, held a public hearing on January 25, 2024, to consider a proposed map amendment in conjunction with the Applicant's petition, after which time the Commission recommended approval of the requested zoning designation; and

WHEREAS, City Council in its own judgement considered that annexation of the Properties would be in the best interest of the City of Travelers Rest;

THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Travelers Rest hereby ordains:

1. The Properties of Christopher D. Bowers and Gerald Wayne Bowers located on East Bowers Road (Tax Map Numbers p/o 0503030103000 & 0503030103100) shall be annexed into the City of Travelers Rest. This Ordinance shall be effective upon second reading.

DONE, RATIFIED AND PASSED this 15th day of March 2024.

Brandy Amidon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carson Ruffrage
City Clerk/Treasurer

REVIEWED:

Shannon Herman
City Administrator

Introduced: Brantley Vest

Public Hearing & Planning Commission: January 25, 2024

First Reading: February 15, 2024

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF GREENVILLE)

ORDINANCE NO. O-04-24

CITY OF TRAVELERS REST)

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 49.63 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 129 AND 132 EAST BOWERS ROAD FROM UNZONED TO FRD FLEXIBLE REVIEW DISTRICT (TAX MAP NUMBERS 0503030103000 & 0503030103100) (TR 24-02)

WHEREAS, Deep River South Development, LLC (the "Applicant"), representing the owner of two properties (the "Properties") consisting of approximately 49.63 acres total, located at 129 and 132 East Bowers Road (Tax Map Numbers p/o 0503030103000 & 0503030103100) applied to the City of Travelers Rest to amend the official City of Travelers Rest zoning map for the above referenced properties from unzoned to FRD (Flexible Review District); and

WHEREAS, the Travelers Rest Planning Commission, pursuant to public notice, held a public hearing on January 25, 2024, to consider the proposed map amendment, after which the Commission recommended approval of the requested zoning designation; and

WHEREAS, City Council in its own judgement considered the recommendation of the Travelers Rest Planning Commission and finds the FRD (Flexible Review District) zoning classification to be compatible with the City's Comprehensive Plan;

THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Travelers Rest hereby ordains:

1. The Properties consisting of approximately 49.63 acres (Tax Map Numbers p/o 0503030103000 & 0503030103100) shall be zoned FRD (Flexible Review District) and the zoning map shall be so amended. This Ordinance shall be effective upon second reading.

DONE, RATIFIED AND PASSED this 15th day of March 2024.

Brandy Amidon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carson Ruffrage
City Clerk/Treasurer

REVIEWED:

Shannon Herman
City Administrator

Introduced: Brantley Vest

Public Hearing & Planning Commission: January 25, 2024

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