



CITY OF SUMMERVILLE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING APRIL 18, 2013



CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Harvey called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Harry Harvey gave roll call. Mayor Pro Tem Lloyd "Buddy" Windle, Council Members David Ford, Dale Housch, Joe Money, Jr., and Zachary Martin were present. Also present was City Manager Russell Thompson and City Attorney Albert Palmour.

CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Harry Harvey called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Mayor Harry Harvey gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Dale Housch led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA: Mayor Harvey asked if anyone has a change to the agenda. No change was requested. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Zachary Martin and carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Mayor Harvey welcomed everyone to the Special Called Meeting and explained that visitors will be given the opportunity to address the Council at the end of the meeting.

Mayor Harvey stated that there will be a Planning Meeting held at the Depot on April 22nd beginning at 6 p.m. Mayor Harvey asked that all Council Members attend the meeting and be ready to discuss any ideas or concerns for the upcoming fiscal year. Mayor Harvey explained that the meeting should last approximately two hours.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Mayor Harvey asked if there were any corrections needed to the previous meeting minutes. There were no changes requested. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes as prepared and presented for the previous meetings. The motion was seconded by Council Member David Ford and carried unanimously.

FINSTER FEST/ SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT: Mayor Harvey stated that there is a request to waive the special event permit fee for the upcoming Finster Fest. Mayor Harvey asked City Manager Thompson to explain the request. City Manager Thompson stated that the city's ordinance requires the purchase of a special event permit for \$250.00 and a request has been received to have the fee waived. City Manager Thompson explained further that the event director has requested the city's assistance in providing various services associated with the event such as blocking off the street, directing traffic, and clean up. City Manager Thompson stated that Mr. Conley is the Finster Foundation representative present to review event plans with Council.

Mr. Conley addressed the Mayor and Council explaining that the goal of the Finster Fest event is to provide a high-end production with nationally viewed talent that will help foster public enjoyment and anticipation of future events while providing the City of Summerville an economic benefit in the process. Mr. Conley reviewed the Google Map hand-out showing the anticipated lay-out of the event with Council.

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FINSTER FEST/ SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT CONTINUED: Mr. Conley reported that he has spoken with Barry Hurley concerning utilization of property during the event and that Mr. Hurley is very cooperative with the Foundation's needs. Mr. Conley explained that attendance for the entertainment segment of the festival will be done using wrist bands as proof of ticket purchase. Mr. Conley explained that tickets will be available through the FinsterFest.com web site utilizing Ticket Biscuit ticket broker services. Mr. Conley explained that Ticket Biscuit charges a nominal fee of \$0.25 per ticket purchased from their web site. Mr. Conley stated that paper tickets will also be available at local merchants. Mr. Conley stated that there will be alcoholic beverages for sale at the festival. Mr. Conley explained that individuals wanting to purchase alcohol at the event will have to show proof of age identification then will be issued a wrist band that will allow them to purchase alcohol from vendors. Mr. Conley clarified that there will be two wrist bands available; one to attend the entertainment and one for the purchase of alcohol. A brief discussion was held concerning what is to be done about individuals that consume too much alcohol. It was determined that alcohol consumption will be monitored utilizing the same rules and regulations that apply to any establishment serving alcohol. Council Member Dale Housch asked if the event would interfere with the operation of Regions Bank since the bank will be open during the first couple of hours of the festival. Ms. Sylvia Keziah responded that she has spoken with the staff of Regions Bank and they are very pleased with the event. Ms. Keziah stated further that Regions Bank has an ATM that patrons of the festival will be able to utilize which will be a benefit to Region's business. Bathroom facilities for the event were discussed with a request that the city help provide 5 Port-a-potties. Mayor Harvey stated that he feels the city will be able to help with providing the bathroom facilities. Mayor Harvey asked if Council has any questions. No further discussion was held. Mayor Harvey asked for a motion to approve waiving the special event fee. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve waiving the \$250 Special Event Permit fee. The motion was seconded by Council Member Zachary Martin and carried unanimously.

DISTILLED SPIRITS ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: Mayor Harvey requested City Manager Russell Thompson and City Attorney Albert Palmour review the ordinances associated with the sale of distilled spirits. Attorney Palmour explained that the ordinances distributed to Council are the needed modifications to our existing ordinances to include the sale of distilled spirits by the drink. Attorney Palmour gave a brief overview of amendments to the city's Code of Ordinances Chapter 4, Article 1, Sections 4-53, 4-54, 4-55, 4-163, and 4-181. Copies of said amendments are attached and become part of these minutes. City Attorney Palmour stated that the modifications add a 3% excise tax on distilled spirits and the requirement of bartenders to receive formal training. Attorney Palmour stated that this is the first reading of the listed ordinances. Mayor Harvey stated that a motion is needed to accept this as the first reading of the discussed ordinances with the second reading and final adoption to be done at the next meeting. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to accept this as the first reading of the ordinances listed by Attorney Palmour. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dale Housch and carried unanimously.

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DOWNTOWN APARTMENT DESIGN/COMPUTER SHOP: Mayor Harvey asked City Manager Thompson and Codes Enforcement Officer Joey Norton to explain the design approval request. City Manager Thompson explained that a permit application has been received for interior remodeling of an apartment above the Computer Shop. City Manager Thompson explained that the Computer Shop is located in the downtown historic district which mandates that Council determine approval or denial of the application. Codes Enforcement Officer Joey Norton explained that the property is zoned as C-1 which allows a loft apartment. Joey stated that the area above the computer shop has been used as an apartment in the past; they want to do some remodeling. Council Member David Ford expressed concern about fire exits for the living quarters. Joey stated that there is a 5.7 foot window in the back of the apartment that could be used to exit the location. Joey stated further that the applicant agreed to have fire extinguishers in the apartment. Council Member Zachary Martin made a motion to approve the design and permit application for an apartment above the Computer Shop in the downtown historical district with compliance of all building code requirements. The motion was seconded by Council Member David Ford and carried unanimously.

2013 4th OF JULY FIREWORKS: Mayor Harvey stated that consideration is needed for the purchase of the 2013 4th of July celebration fireworks for \$10,300. City Manager Russell Thompson explained that the cost of the 4th of July fireworks has gone up \$300 from last year's cost. City Manager Thompson stated that the 4th of July celebration is a tradition enjoyed by the community and feels the tradition should be maintained. Council Member Dale Housch asked if the city receives any donations to help off-set the cost of the event. City Manager Thompson responded that typically the city gets around \$6,000 in public donations and \$5,000 from the Tilliston Foundation which leaves the city to cover approximately \$2,000 of expense associated with the event. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to authorize the purchase of fireworks for the 4th of July Celebration at a cost of \$10,300. The motion was seconded by Council Member Zachary Martin and carried unanimously.

SURPLUS INVENTORY: Mayor Harvey stated that City Manager Thompson has some information concerning surplus inventory for sale. City Manager Thompson addressed the Mayor and Council explaining that information was included with each meeting packet showing what items are be considered for sale as surplus inventory. City Manager Thompson stated that the goal is to have a surplus auction/sale during the first part of May. A general review was done determining that items no longer usable for city operations or able to be used for parts will be sold. Council Member Dale Housch asked if the city will utilize or list any of the items on gov.com. City Manager Thompson stated that a representative of the site is scheduled to visit to give guidance on utilizing the site. City Manager Thompson stated that he did not know if the web site would be used for this group of items. Mayor Harvey stated that if there are no further questions a motion is needed to approve holding a surplus inventory sale. Council Member Dale Housch made a motion to approve the sale of surplus inventory as deemed appropriate by the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joe Money, Jr. and carried unanimously.

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ADJOURN: All business having been concluded Mayor Pro Tem Lloyd "Buddy" Windle made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Zachary Martin and carried unanimously.

HARRY HARVEY – MAYOR

Attest:

JILL DURHAM – CITY CLERK, G.C.M.C.