

Town of Andrews

**Public Hearing and Town Council Meeting
Via Zoom/Facebook Live
Thursday, December 16, 2021 6:00 p.m.
101 N Morgan Ave. Andrews, SC**

Mayor McClary stated that due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and the implementation of social distancing measures, the physical Public Hearing and meeting are closed to the public. The Public Hearing and Town Council meeting are being broadcasted via Facebook Live from the Town of Andrews Facebook page.

The Andrews Town Council held a Public Hearing on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Notice of the public hearing was advertised in the Wednesday, December 1, 2021 edition of the Georgetown Times. In compliance with state law, a sign was erected on the said property 15 days prior to the public hearing noting a Zoning Hearing and a contact phone number for inquiries. The hearing was held in accordance to state law affording concerned citizens the opportunity to take part in a discussion and review of the application submitted by the applicant requesting the reclassification of real property within the corporate limits of the Town of Andrews, located at 1005 West Main Street known as TMS #06-0002-005-00-00, 8.8 acres from **LI**, Limited Industrial to **GC**, General Commercial District, and to amend the official zoning map of the Town of Andrews to reflect such. The intent use of the property expressed by the applicant is to establish a church cemetery. Mayor Frank McClary called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. There were no inquires or citizen comments during the public hearing. Mayor Frank McClary closed the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.

The Town of Andrews met for its Monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, December 16, 2021. Mayor Frank McClary presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Invocation was rendered by Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince
Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone.

Town Officials Present:

Mayor Frank McClary
Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince
Council Member Angela Anderson
Council Member Amy Flagler
Council Member Eddie Lee
Council Member Rob Stamper
Council Member James Altman

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince and seconded by Council Member Eddie Lee to approve the Thursday, November 18, 2021 Town Council Meeting minutes. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson, Council Member James Altman, motion carried.**

Monthly Bank Statements

The monthly financial statements were included in the Council's packet for informational purposes only.

Financial Report

Brenda Jackson, CPA for the Town of Andrews presented Town Council members with a review of the Town of Andrews Profit Loss Budget vs. Actual for the five months ended November 30, 2021.

Citizens' Comments

There were no citizen comments online.

Old Business

CDBG Beech Avenue Water System Improvement Project: The environmental assessment for the project is underway. The South Carolina Native American Reserves has been contacted and informed of the construction project. Any historical archeological artifacts discovered during these types of projects must be turned over to the South Carolina Historic Preservation Office. The project consists of replacing 2500 linear feet of 6-inch galvanized pipe with 6-inch PVC piping. In addition, two new fire hydrants will be installed along Beech Avenue. Lastly, this entire section of roadway will be resurfaced. The Engineering Agreement was awarded to and accepted by Keck and Wood Engineering firm as of November 22, 2021. The grant amount is \$469,876.00. The Town's contribution is \$45,625.00. The Town has filed a section 504 compliance schedule because the Town is out of ADA compliance due to the nature and condition of the current Town Hall building. The Town will be required to file a Single Audit due to the amount of funds received through this CDBG grant and a RIA Grant. The Town will also be required to meet the Fair Housing Agreement requirements. Mayor McClary requested that contact be made with Ms. Marsha Smith and request that she provide a project update during next month's Town Council meeting. Ms. Smith works for the COG office that is responsible for the management and the full oversight of this project.

New Business

Planning Commission Recommendation: The Chairman Thomas Alford and Vice Chairman Mark Stump came before Town Council to render a recommendation regarding a rezoning application. The Planning Commission met on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at 5p.m. to consider and discuss an application submitted to the Town by Pastor Dorothy Washington on the behalf of Hines Chapel Holiness Church.

The members of the church would like the Town to approve the application to rezone 8.8 acres located at 1005 West Main Street known as TMS 06-0002-005-00-00, from LI, Limited Industrial to GC, General Commercial District, and to amend the official zoning map of the Town of Andrews to so reflect. The members are proposing to establish a cemetery for the church.

The Planning Commission is recommending that the Andrews Town Council approve the zoning request with the following conditions agreed upon by the applicant and all future applicants that submit an application for approval to establish a church cemetery in a permissible zoning district within the Town of Andrews:

The cemetery must meet the following criteria: (a) consist of at least (5) acres, (b) have a ten (10) foot planted buffer strip around its entire perimeter which is kept free of any use except access, (c) include no crematorium or dwelling unit other than a caretaker, (d) have a front yard setback of at least seventy (70) feet from the centerline of abutting public streets or ten (10) feet from public street right-of-way lines, whichever is further, and (e) maintain a nonilluminated sign no greater than thirty (30) square feet in area and ten (10) feet in height.(TOA Code 601.35)

Motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince to approve the recommendation from the Planning Commission recommendation to approve this project with the required conditions. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson, Council Member James Altman, motion carried.**

Citizens' Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Administrator's Report

The Administrator introduced Raphael Carr, the Executive Director of the Georgetown County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission. This agency is interested in setting up a satellite office in the Town of Andrews. This office will be a direct route for those living in Andrews and the surrounding communities to have access to substance abuse treatment programs which consist of treatment, intervention and prevention services. Over the next several weeks he will be working on the logistics, to present to Town Council regarding his organization establishing a satellite office in the Town.

Coast RTA has requested permission to place bus stops signs at four established bus stops within the Town of Andrews. In addition, they are requesting permission to place a "no parking zone" at its bus stop location in front of the Andrews Library. This can only be approved by Town Council. Town Council will further review this request next month in preparation to make a decision to either deny the request or approve the parking request to have parking in the designated parking zone permitted, prohibited or limited to a specific time or otherwise restricted.

The Town of Andrews will be signing a Memorandum of Agreement which will be between the Andrews Police Department and the Children's Recovery Center for the time period of 2022-2024. This agency is responsible for investigating child maltreatment cases.

Council Orientation will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. for all Town Council members. The training will be conducted by Charlie Barrineau Field Representative for the MASC.

Special thanks was given to Karla McKenzie for coordinating the Christmas parade and painting of the windows along Main Street and to Tarwanda Smalls and her committee for decorating the Christmas tree, the grounds of Town Hall and for coordinating the talent for the Christmas Tree Lighting program. Rev. Roper and his parishioners of Trinity United Methodist Church were thanked for volunteering to put the lights around the poles along Main Street. The staff members of the Town of Andrews also were recognized for their involvement in helping to ensure that the Town's Christmas events were successful. Everyone was wished a Happy Holidays.

Council Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley announced that this will be his last meeting of his term to serve as a Town Council member. He thanked his supporters for electing him and allowing him to serve on this council. He stated that he is thankful for the established relationships and for the knowledge gained while serving in this capacity. It is his prayer that this council will continue to do the right things in leading the Town. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Mayor McClary thanked him for his effort and support given to this body.

Council Member Amy Flagler wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. She thanked Public Works for providing trash carts to the citizens that were in need. She voiced concerns with large trucks passing through the Town, specifically on Beech Avenue. In response, Mayor McClary stated that no large trucks are allowed in the Andrews community. The Andrews Police Department is in the process of providing a new proposed truck route for the Town of Andrews to the Department of Transportation. Currently the established truck route allows large trucks to travel Hwy 41 and the By-Pass to avoid traveling through the Town unless the drivers are conducting business within the Town of Andrews.

Council Member Rob Stamper offered words of appreciation to all who assisted with the preparations that made the Town festive for the holidays. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He voiced concerns with a camper being utilized for a permanent residence on 100 West Hickory Avenue. In response, Mayor McClary stated that the Town's Code Enforcer is currently investigating that location and has already made contact with the residents at that location.

Council Member Eddie Lee wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. He reported that he assisted with the clean- up of trash and discarded items along Jones Avenue, He also stated that he was informed of items that the county could donate to the Town at no monetary charge to assist with clean-ups projects. He stated that during the month of October he personally picked up trash and

paper along the entire five blocks of the Railroad Bed. During the month of November, he cleaned and mowed the lawn at the park on Jones Avenue. He reported a water leak at the corner of Railroad Avenue and MLK Drive to the Public Works Department. In addition, he reported another leak at the corner of Cactus and Privet Streets. He reported the leaks to Jody Bouchette the supervisor of Public Works who was hired by Mayor McClary and he got the job done. Jody Bouchette is a strong-minded leader who believes in no excuses and expects productivity from his staff and in his opinion is doing a great job leading that department. Lastly, he reported a compromised roadway at the corner of Maple Avenue and MLK Drive to DOT which has already been repaired.

Council Member James Altman thanked the Andrews Police Department for their efforts to assist with a couple of vagrants along South Olive Street. He reported that he received a call from a citizen who reported a dead oak tree near the corner of Hwy 41 and MLK Drive. The limbs from the tree were falling into the highway and almost struck that citizen's automobile. Mr. Altman stated that he made contact with the resident who resides near that location to inquire about the tree. He was informed that the tree is not on the citizen's property but is in the right of way. He would like the Town to identify who is responsible for the maintenance of that section of roadway and the removal of the tree. Mayor McClary stated that the Town will further investigate this matter.

Council Member Angela Anderson stated that Trinity United Methodist Church will be providing Christmas dinners to the community on December 24, 2021, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Andrews Helping Hands will be closing their doors as of December 31, 2021. She reported that she and Council member Amy Flagler recently attended a meeting sponsored by the Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge. The focus of the meeting was centered on property that will be donated within the Plantersville's Community. The 775 acres of donated property will be in the Hester Point Area. During the meeting the organization was seeking opinions about how to best utilize the property. The organization is open for suggestions from the public. In closing, she thanked everyone and especially the employees of the Town of Andrews for all that they do for the Town and for the roles played towards making the Holiday Events a success.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Frank McClary thanked Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince for his years of service to the Town and informed him that he will be receiving a parting gift very soon. He thanked Karla McKenzie and her team for their hard work in making the Town's Christmas Events a success. Town Hall doors remain close to the public to help keep the limited staff safe from Covid-19. However, appointments can be made to speak directly to staff members when necessary. The Town recently experienced a chlorine spill that was not handled properly therefore people from other agencies will be invited in to help better educate the staff on how to properly respond to such emergencies. A State of Town Address will be scheduled for January 2022 to bring the citizens up to date on the Town's business. Thanks went out to all who have and continue to work to improve the quality of life for all who live in the Town of Andrews. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Attorney Eleazer Carter gave an update on the law suit filed against Georgetown County in regards to providing the Town with the balance of funds due

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from the 2014 penny sales tax referendum. The County requested the judge to dismiss the case, thus the Town the requested a summary judgment ruling. The judge has decided to take all of the facts presented under advisement before directly rendering a decision. In closing the Town's attorney, Mr. Carter made the statement that in his opinion he feels very confident that the judge will rule in the Town's favor.

Motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Town Council Meeting minutes submitted by Town Clerk Chaconas Parson.