

# CITY OF MULLINS

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Mullins, South Carolina 29574



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## City Council Meeting Raymond Pridgen Auditorium Tuesday, October 10, 2023 6:00 P.M.

### A G E N D A

1. **Call Meeting to Order & Welcome:** Mayor Woodbury  
**Pledge of Allegiance:**  
**Invocation:**  
**Civility Pledge:**
2. **Disclosure that local media has been informed of meeting pursuant to South Carolina Freedom of Information Act:**
3. **Approval of Agenda:**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
  - (a) Approval of Minutes – September 12, 2023 – City Council Meeting
  - (b) Approval of Monthly Bills
5. **Old Business:**
6. **New Business:**
  - (a) Resolution #23-013, "A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH AND RECOGNIZE THE JONATHAN FOUNDATION FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO RAISE AWARENESS IN TEEN SUICIDE".
  - (b) Resolution #23-014, "A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING LION'S PARK AS A SITE OF A SPECIAL EVENT AT WHICH ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY BE CONSUMED."
  - (c) Michael Finkley – Diversity & Inclusion Training
  - (d) Council Member Eddie Kitchen – Diversity
7. **Committee Reports:**
8. **Mayor Reports**

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**9. Comments:**

- (a) Maticia Simmons – Re: Guardian ad Litem Program

**10. Executive Session:**

- (a) Contractual – Property Development

**11. Return to Open Session:**

**12. Adjournment:**

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## CITY OF MULLINS RESOLUTION #23-013

### A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH AND RECOGNIZE THE JONATHAN FOUNDATION FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO RAISE AWARENESS IN TEEN SUICIDE

**WHEREAS**, Mental health organizations around the country recognize Suicide Prevention Awareness Month annually during the month of September; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death for young people ages 15-24 in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jonathan Foundation is aligning with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in PROJECT 2025, a campaign that aims to reduce the rate of suicide by 20 percent by the year 2025, directly supporting their mission to touch the lives of at-risk teens through mental health and suicide risk assessment, awareness building, advocacy, education, and supports; and

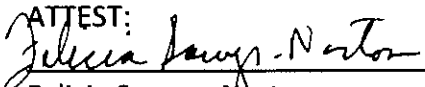
**WHEREAS**, the Jonathan Foundation is launching three new strategic community awareness campaigns in support of PROJECT 25, The Will George Projects, The Robert Duffee Projects and the Jonathan Smith Project, that address key elements of their mission and brings a call to action to health and community care systems in South Carolina to step up and make care "Suicide Safe"; and

**WHEREAS**, each of these campaigns will aim to partner with local organizations in the counseling community, primary care centers, emergency departments, schools and colleges, churches, and first responder services in Marion County and the entire Pee Dee Region to advocate for effective suicide prevention; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Mayor and City Council of Mullins, does hereby support Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and commend The Jonathan Foundation for their efforts to raise awareness in teen suicide and advocate for prevention strategies in the City of Mullins, the Pee Dee Region, and surrounding communities;

**AND IT IS SO RESOLVED**, this 25<sup>th</sup> Day of September 2022.

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Mayor Robert L. Woodbury

ATTEST:  
  
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Felicia Sawyer-Norton

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## RESOLUTION # 23-014

### **“A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING LION’S PARK AS A SITE OF A SPECIAL EVENT AT WHICH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY BE CONSUMED.”**

**WHEREAS**, Lion’s Park will be the site of the Shuck & Sip Oyster Roast. Attendees will be able to purchase beer and wine from a booth located in Lion’s Park.

**WHEREAS**, the City’s ordinance provides an exception to our code to allow the consumption within areas specifically deemed a special events site. The only requirement is that City Council vote to allow such consumption for the event and only for the specific location. This would allow free movement of attendees on the site of the Shuck & Sip Oyster Roast..

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Mullins hereby adopts a resolution acknowledging the consumption of alcohol at the Shuck & Sip Oyster Roast.

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Robert L. Woodbury, Mayor

Adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023, by the duly assembled Mayor and Council of the City of Mullins

Attest:

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Felicia Sawyer – Norton, Clerk

# Letter of Understanding – Hilton Head Running Company and the City of Mullins

## Mullins Running Event 2024

What : 5K & 1mi run / walk

When : March 16, 2024

Where : Smith Haven Park, Mullins SC

### HHRC Scope of Services

- Event consultation - Running event and Backyard Barbeque & Bog
- Pre-Production
  - Course Design - design and measurement of running event course(s)
  - Permits - obtain special event permit for running event from Town of Mullins
  - Online Registration - create event / registration website
  - Manage pre-registration for all athletes
  - Design and order race bibs and pins
- Race Course Management
  - Set mile markers
  - Set race signage / arrows
  - Set up water station (table, cups, water, trash bags)
  - Assign course volunteers
  - Print and distribute course volunteer instructions
- Packet Pickup
  - Set up for packet pick up
  - Manage packet pick up day before event
  - Manage packet pick up day of event
  - Assign and distribute race bibs, t-shirts, and any other race swag made available by Town of Mullins
- Start / Finish Zone
  - Set up start / finish arch
  - Set up start / finish chute
  - Set up race clock
  - Provide sound system for event announcements and music
- Event Timing
  - Provide all timing functions and results compilation - using RFID chip technology for accurate and immediate results
  - Post results to participants
  - Post results online
  - Provide immediate results for awards ceremony
  - Make results available to Town of Mullins for posting
- Marketing - HHRC will include the event in all marketing collateral we distribute throughout the year via our e-marketing campaign

Letter of Understanding –  
**Hilton Head Running Company and the City of Mullins**

Mullins Running Event 2024

HHRC Provided Supplies

- Race bibs and pins
- Mile Markers / course arrows
- Water station (tables, cups, water, trash cans / bags)
- Start / Finish arch
- Start / Finish chute
- Race clock
- Sound system

HHRC Fees

- \$12,500 in total
  - 25% deposit to secure date / services
  - Balance paid in full on event date 03/16/2024

Town of Mullins Responsibilities

- Event promotion - design & distribute marketing material
- Event volunteers - 8-10 volunteers for course marshaling (subject to change depending on final course map)
- Purchase post-race refreshments & serve refreshments
- Purchase event t-shirts
- Purchase event awards
- Purchase event insurance
- Pay for security (road safety) and emergency response personnel - if required by Town of Mullins

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Hilton Head Running Company

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# Special Projects Coordinator

## September 2023 Monthly Report (August 9- September 11)

### **PROJECTS:**

- 1) Action Item- Resolution for NFC Project. The total construction amount including concrete and installation is \$180,000.00
- 2) Action Item- Letter of Understanding with Hilton Head Running Company for the 1st Annual Mullins Running Event 2024 and Backyard BBQ/ og Off
- 3) Resolution to Apply for Hometown Economic Development Grant for Master Plan. Grant for \$25,000/ Match for \$1250.00
- 4) Letter for Pickle ball/Tennis Courts for LWCF \$150,000 with \$75,000 reimbursable.

### **GRANT STATUS:**

Façade Grant for \$75,000 approved by Healthcare Foundation

### **TRAININGS and MEETINGS:**

- 1) City of Mullins- Project Review September 11 at 6:00pm in City Hall Auditorium
- 2) Main Street SC Training September 21 in Kingstree, SC

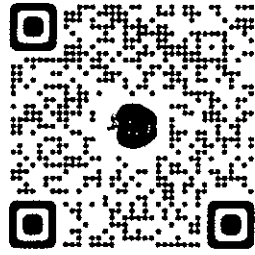


# DIVERSITY EQUITY & INCLUSION FOR BEGINNERS

**CALL ALL EDUCATORS, STUDENTS, ADMINISTRATORS,  
CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS, NON-PROFITS, ORGANIZATIONS**

ACCORDING TO A RECENT STUDY, **ORGANIZATIONS WITH INCREASED DIVERSITY LEVELS** OFTEN DEMONSTRATE THE ABILITY TO **INNOVATE FASTER AND MORE EFFECTIVELY BY OVER 86%**. WHAT DOES DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION REALLY MEAN? HOW DO YOU SEE IT FROM A PERSONAL LENS? IN THIS SESSION, **THE IDEALS OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION WILL BE BROKEN DOWN** IN ORDER FOR PARTICIPANTS TO FORMULATE SELF-REFLECTIONS AND SELF- DEVELOPMENT.

DURING THIS SESSION, FINKLEY USES A COMBINED LECTURE, A SMALL AND LARGE DISCUSSION, AND INTERACTIVE GAMES TO ENGAGE THE ATTENDEES. WITHIN THE LAST PORTION OF THIS SESSION, FINKLEY ALLOWS ROOM FOR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS BETWEEN HIMSELF AS THE PRESENTER AND THE AUDIENCE.



**CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION  
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[WWW.THEFINKLEYEXPERIENCE.COM/SERVICES](http://WWW.THEFINKLEYEXPERIENCE.COM/SERVICES)**



# September 2023

## Administration

4119 pages of documents have been scanned for the digitization project. We now have completed 1913-1981 of the city meeting minutes.



## Building Maintenance

None.

## Exhibits

None.

## Gift Shop

September donations of \$177, September gift shop sales of \$70. Candle sales for Downtown Mullins \$105.

## Publicity/Media/Outreach/Programs

We have been asked to join the Pee Dee History Consortium, the inaugural meeting is on October 13th. The statewide brochure swap is on the 11th in Florence.

## Visitors

We had 134 visitors during September, including a group from North Conway Baptist, Fairmont Baptist, and a car show charity event.

## Coming in October and beyond...

### Movies:

Mummies on October 27th @ 7:00 pm

Barbie in November

Polar Express in December

Respectfully submitted,

*Ronda Bain*

Ronda Bain



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October 6, 2023

Mullins City Council  
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To City of Council Members:

I have included our monthly report what will show a break down and comparison of reported crimes in the City of Mullins for the month of September. If you have any questions in regards to this report, I would be more than happy to sit down and go over each one in detail. Since our last meeting we have had:

- Cox is scheduled to graduate from SCCJA on 10/20/2023
- Genwright failed and will be resume training at SCCJA in a few weeks.
- Currently have two patrol position open.
- Last three events were successful.
- October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8 (Trick or Treat Down Main Event)
- Actively working on and solving old and new

Again, thank you very much for your continued support of myself and the department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael J. Bethea".

Chief Michael J. Bethea

SLED Inhouse Code / Description			Last Year	This Year
<b>ALCOHOL CRIMES</b>				
90D	90D	DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE		
90G	90G	LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS		
<b>Total for Category:</b>			0	0
<b>ARSON/SUSPICIOUS FIRE</b>				
200	200	ARSON		1
978	978	SUSPICIOUS FIRE		
<b>Total for Category:</b>			0	1
<b>ASSAULTS</b>				
100	100	KIDNAPING / ABDUCTION		
11A	11A	RAPE - FORCIBLE		
11B	11B	SODOMY - FORCIBLE		
11C	11C	SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH AN OBJECT		
11D	11D	FONDLING - FORCIBLE		
13A	13A	ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED	4	6
13A	CDA	CDV - AGGRAVATED	1	1
13B	13B	ASSAULT - SIMPLE	11	3
13B	CDS	CDV - SIMPLE	2	3
13C	13C	ASSAULT - INTIMIDATION	3	5
13C	CDI	CDV - INTIMIDATION		1
36A	36A	INCEST		
36B	36B	RAPE - STATUTORY		
36C	36C	INDECENT EXPOSURE (SEXUAL NATURE)	1	
753	753	TELEPHONE CALLS - OBSCENE, HARASSING	1	2
<b>Total for Category:</b>			23	21
<b>DRUG CRIMES</b>				
35A	35A	DRUG / NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	1	3
35B	35B	DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS		
<b>Total for Category:</b>			1	3
<b>HOMICIDE CRIMES</b>				
09A	09A	MANSLAUGHTER		
09B	09B	NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER		
09C	09C	JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE		
<b>Total for Category:</b>			0	0
<b>INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS - NRP</b>				
NRP	90T	TRAFFIC OFFENSES	8	6
NRP	NRP	INCIDENT NOT REPORTED	94	118
<b>Total for Category:</b>			102	124
<b>LARCENY CRIMES</b>				
120	120	ROBBERY	1	2
210	210	EXTORTION / BLACKMAIL		
220	220	BURGLARY / BREAKING & ENTERING	4	5
23A	23A	POCKET-PICKING		
23B	23B	PURSE-SNATCHING	1	1
23C	23C	SHOPLIFTING	4	3
23D	23D	THEFT FROM BUILDING	2	
23E	23E	THEFT FROM COIN OPERATED MACHINE		

SLED	Inhouse Code / Description	Last Year	This Year
<b>LARCENY CRIMES</b>			
23F	23F THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	4	2
23G	23G THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS OR ACCESSORIES	1	
23H	23H LARCENY - ALL OTHER	6	7
240	240 MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1	3
250	250 COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY		
26A	26A FRAUD / CONFIDENCE GAME / BREACH OF TRUST	1	3
26B	26B TELLER MACHINE FRAUD	1	
26C	26C IMPERSONATION		
26D	26D WELFARE FRAUD		
26E	26E WIRE FRAUD		
270	270 EMBEZZLEMENT		
280	280 STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES		2
756	756 USING MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT CONSENT		
<b>Total for Category:</b>		26	28

<b>OTHER CRIMES</b>			
26F	26F IDENTITY THEFT		
26G	26G HACKING COMPUTER INVASION		
370	370 PORNOGRAPHY / OBSCENE MATERIAL		
520	520 WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	4	9
64A	64A HUMAN TRAFFICKING / COMMERCIAL SEX ACTS		
64B	64B HUMAN TRAFFICKING / INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE		
720	720 ANIMAL CRUELTY	1	
90B	90B CURFEW / LOITERING / VAGRANCY VIOLATIONS	2	
90C	90C DISORDERLY CONDUCT	6	15
90F	90F FAMILY OFFENSES, NONVIOLENT		1
90I	90I RUNAWAY	1	1
90J	90J TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	11	15
90K	90K INCORRIGIBLE		
90L	90L TRUANCY		
90N	90N RESISTING ARREST	3	2
90P	90P CONTRIBUTING TO DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR		
90Z	90A BAD CHECKS		
90Z	90E DRUNKENNESS	2	1
90Z	90H PEEPING TOM		
90Z	90Z ALL OTHER OFFENSES	8	12
979	979 MISSING PERSONS	2	1
980	980 SUICIDES		
992	992 PROWLER		
<b>Total for Category:</b>		40	57

<b>OTHER MONEY CRIMES</b>			
39A	39A BETTING / WAGERING		
39B	39B ASSISTING GAMBLING		
39C	39C GAMBLING EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS		
39D	39D SPORTS TAMPERING		
510	510 BRIBERY		
<b>Total for Category:</b>		0	0

<b>PROSTITUTION</b>			
40A	40A PROSTITUTION		

SLED Inhouse Code / Description			Last Year	This Year
<b>PROSTITUTION</b>				
40B	40B	ASSISTING OR PROMOTING PROSTITUTION		
40C	40C	PURCHASING PROSTITUTION		
<b>Total for Category:</b>			0	0
<b>VANDALISM/DAMAGE</b>				
290	290	VANDALISM OF PROPERTY	7	13
<b>Total for Category:</b>			7	13
<b>Total for Reporting Period:</b>			199	247

**Public Comments Request  
Or  
Request For Agenda Consideration**

We appreciate the advice and council of the public; therefore, we allow a period for public comments. Complete the form below and give to the Clerk Treasurer **before the meeting begins.**

The Mayor Pro Tem will recognize each speaker and designate the amount of time allowed to present (up to 5 minutes); if more than three presenters are present, time allowed to each presenter may be lessened.

We do not allow complaints regarding personnel or employees in the public comment period.

All questions or comments are to be directed to the Mayor Pro Tem for answers or the Mayor Pro Tem may ask for Council Member(s) to volunteer to answer specific comments.

Council does not have to respond or take action prior to next subsequent meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Name: Maticia Simmons

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Marion, S.C 29571

GROUP or ORGANIZATION

Guardian ad Litem Program

SUBJECT

Volunteers needed in Marion County