

January 18, 2011

The regular meeting of Town Council was held on the above date at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied:

Present were: Carl Smith, Mayor
Mike Perkis, Mayor Pro Tem
Jerry Kaynard, Councilman
Madeleine McGee, Councilwoman
Mary Jane Watson, Councilwoman

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Smith, followed by the invocation given by Councilwoman Watson. There were four members in the audience, and no members of the media present.

The floor was opened for comments from the citizens. There was no public comment.

Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilwoman Watson to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2010 meeting, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to amend the agenda to add to the executive session Item # 2: Personnel, and #3 Legal Advice on medical insurance contract, carried unanimously.

Reports and Communications

Mayor Smith signed a Resolution to Approve a State Highway Project for Street Markers Enhancement on Sullivan's Island. This is a grant to replace 25-30 street markers on the island.

General and New Correspondence - Administrator Benke stated a letter was received from Isle of Palms Mayor Cronin regarding a recent structure fire that will be discussed in the Fire Committee tonight.

Attorney Report – no report

Boards and Commissions Reports - Election Committee – Filing for the May election began Monday, January 17, 2011.

Administrator's Report, Administrator Benke. There have been no changes since the Committee meeting regarding the civil action against the Town and Council from The Hood Law Firm, LLC. The Recreation Committee will be meeting in the future to discuss commercial activity on Town property and the RC-2 area. The SC

Municipal Insurance Trust has provided information regarding the renewal of the workers' compensation insurance for the Town. The staff continues to gather information and move forward on relocating while repairs are made on Town Hall. The Mayor and Staff have had a number of meetings with Cummings and McCrady and Forsberg Engineering regarding the school property and lease. Nancy Vinson, Program Director of Coastal Conservation League will address Council at a later date concerning cruise ship pollution. Attorney Dodds and Mr. Fred Koerner are studying the lease language for the cell tower hardware addition request by Verizon Wireless. The Mayor has scheduled a strategic planning retreat for Council on January 29, 2011 at the Sewee Visitor and Environmental Education Center. Mayor Smith acknowledged the islanders who passed away during 2010. He also highlighted the accomplishments for 2010 and the goals for 2011. Councilman Kaynard thanked the Mayor, Administrator, Department Heads and Staff for their hard work. Councilman Perkis noted that Water and Sewer Manager Gress also had an impressive list of milestones and goals.

Ways and Means Committee, Councilman Perkis. Monthly report rendered. Councilman Perkis reviewed points of interest in the December financial report, and stated it would be discussed in more detail at the retreat. South Carolina Local Government Assurance Group has advised that the Town's run out of claims deposit is now at a deficit amount of over \$30,000 and has presented an invoice of \$35,000 in order to continue processing claims.

Personnel Committee, Councilman Kaynard. Monthly report rendered. There are three full-time positions open – one each in Water & Sewer, Fire, and Maintenance departments. Council has approved the Personnel Committee drafted criteria for selection of a quarterly and annual outstanding employee. The Department Heads will meet in the near future to present a recommendation. Councilman Kaynard asked Chief Stith to present information regarding the audible alert system. Chief Stith reported that this system would cost the Town approximately \$600 for the pole, with funding for the equipment from the U.S. government. The location would need to be determined, probably near the water tower. There would be two siren bases; and they are portable and wireless. Councilman Kaynard credited Chief Stith for making this happen, and stated that the Committee could make a recommendation on criteria for its use.

Water and Sewer Committee, Councilman Perkis. Monthly reports rendered. Proposed amendments to the ordinance concerning the drought response, and proposed changes to the rates and fee schedule as required, will be discussed at the Water and Sewer Committee meeting on January 20th. The department is facing a number of mechanical issues, including Town Hall/Water Plant generator and the Ford F250 pick-up truck. Councilman Perkis mentioned that at a recent meeting of CARTA, the route to Sullivan's Island might be closed. He will continue to stress to CARTA the importance of the route to visitors and residents to Sullivan's Island; and will meet with Linda Page regarding this.

Building and Construction Committee, Mayor Smith for Councilman Howle. Monthly report rendered. More estimates will be received for the Fire Station HVAC units that need to be replaced.

Fire Committee, Mayor Smith. The Sullivan's Island Volunteer Fire and Rescue Oyster Roast is scheduled for February 12, 2011 from 5 to 8 pm. The Sullivan's Island Fire Department and Sullivan's Island Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad assisted Isle of Palms Fire Department on January 9, 2011 in battling a structure fire at 622 Ocean Boulevard. Council viewed part of the video of this structure fire. There will be a birthday party for Aggie Mueller Thomas in celebration on her 100th birthday at the Island Clubhouse on February 12th from 1-4 pm.

Recreation Committee, Councilwoman Watson. Councilwoman Watson reported that the Park Foundation would be meeting next week, and she would report back to Council. The Recreation Committee is meeting next week, and also she is meeting with the Island Club during the next week.

Real Estate Committee, Councilman Kaynard for Councilman O'Neil. Councilman Kaynard reported that the lease agreement with Charleston County School District will be discussed in Executive Session tonight.

Island Club Structural Improvements – The Island club has requested an update on their request for the Town to make improvements to the building that includes a handicap ramp, ADA bathroom upgrades and window installation. The Town awaits drawings in order to obtain construction estimates. Councilman Perkis inquired why they are asking the Town to pay for everything because they are actually operating as a business. All information will be gathered and the lease will be reviewed.

Planning Commission – the Planning Commission will be at the next Council Committee meeting to discuss recommendations for the CC District Zoning Overlay District and related topics.

Police Committee, Mayor Smith. Chief Howard stated that the Charlie Post Run is on January 29, 2011. Councilwoman Watson reported that Officers Mast and Griffin are coming to Sullivan's Island Elementary School on January 21st to have a detective/mystery party for the students. Councilwoman McGee commented on the decrease in victims statistic on the monthly report.

Streets and Maintenance Committee, Councilwoman McGee. Councilman Perkis reported that the low cost proposal to fix the stormwater pump at Station 18 Street has not been received. Council has elected not to implement changes in 2011 for management parking. The item will be discussed at the retreat. Council is waiting to hear from the Community Bicycle Committee regarding a bike lane at Jasper Boulevard and Izlar Street. The SCDOT contractor for the Middle Street work resumed work on curb, gutter and stormwater collection system improvements during the first week of January. Charleston Water System began work on the movement of the main during the second week of January. Equipment and materials are staged on Town property at Station 17 and Middle Streets. There have been two complaints from residents regarding

vibrations in their house during this road work. Administrator Benke reported that the asphalt will be laid at the Ben Sawyer Bridge as soon as the temperature is warmer. Regarding the Fort Moultrie Entrance Enhancements as presented at an earlier meeting by Scott Parker, Council is waiting to hear from Mr. Parker after his meeting with the new director of Fort Moultrie. Mayor Smith noted that January 28th is South Carolina Flag Day, and Ft. Moultrie is having a ceremony at 2:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilwoman Watson to go into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss legal advice – Lease Agreement with Charleston County School District; and on an insurance contract; and a personnel matter, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Watson, seconded by Councilman Kaynard to come out of Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. Mayor Smith stated that no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

Motion was made by Councilwoman McGee, seconded by Councilwoman Watson to adjourn at 9:15, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Miller