

February 16, 2016

The regular meeting of Town Council was held on the above date at 6:00 p.m., all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied.

Present were: Patrick M. O'Neil, Mayor
Chauncey Clark, Mayor Pro-Tem
Sarah Church, Councilmember
Rita Langley, Councilmember
Susan Middaugh, Councilmember
Bachman Smith, IV, Councilmember

Mayor O'Neil called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. There were three members in the audience, including one member of the media. Mayor O'Neil led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation by Councilmember Clark.

I. FORMAT – Mayor O'Neil opened the floor for comments.

There were no public comments.

II. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Council Minutes – Motion was made by Councilmember Church, seconded by Councilmember Langley, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2016, carried unanimously. Motion was made by Councilmember Church, seconded by Councilmember Langley, to approve the Special Council Minutes of January 25, 2016, carried unanimously.

III. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Administrator's Report

General and New Correspondence – Correspondence was received from SC Department of Transportation regarding road closure by Dunleavy's for St. Patrick's Day celebration; from Janis Dempsey, Ned Hettinger and Louisa Robb regarding the coyote trapping with leg hold traps; and from Granger Osborne, Lauren Lewis, Clay Boardman, Alice Paylor, Mitzi & Sammy Kirshtein, Katherine Guckenberger, and Louisa Robb regarding the accreted land.

Town Hall and Police Station Building – Hill Construction continues with wood framing on the second floor. Work also continues toward drying-in the building, electrical and plumbing rough-in and weather coating. Pay application 7 was issued for \$167,298.

Parking Plan – Stantec's draft of the plan will be sent to SC Department of Transportation in approximately one month for their review.

Sullivan's Island Elementary School Boardwalk – The boardwalk at the school is complete.

Station 29 Boardwalk – A \$12,500 grant received from DHEC-OCRM for coastal access improvement will be combined with the \$3,000 PARD grant and Charleston County Urban Greenbelt grant for the Station 29 boardwalk construction.

Town Hall Brick Program – To date over 130 bricks have been ordered.

Mediation – An executive session is anticipated for March 15, 2016 regarding an illegal rental on the island; as well as a possible update on the Bluestein case.

Council Special Meetings – Special Meetings of Council will be held February 25, 2016 and March 21, 2016 from 5-7 pm in the Great Room at Church of the Holy Cross to continue work on the Accreted Land Management Plan transition zone.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration – As stated earlier, SC DOT has approved the street closure next to Dunleavy's. The Town has received three event applications to date for outdoor activities for this day. Administrator Benke and Chiefs Howard and Stith will meet with merchants the beginning of March.

Stormwater Infrastructure Assessment at Station 18 Street – The Engineering Request for Proposal is ready for release.

Stormwater Management Solutions at Stith Park Mound – This Engineering Request for Proposal is ready for release.

2. Mayor's Report – No items to report.

3. Attorney's Report – No items to report.

4. Boards and Commissions Reports – Zoning Administrator Joe Henderson reported the Planning Commission is discussing how to mitigate water flow off residential properties when fill is added to lots. This will be discussed more in the Land Use and Natural Resources Committee tonight.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Mayor O'Neil.

Comptroller Blanton reviewed the six month financial projection for FY2016. The revenue surplus over expenditures is estimated at \$170K due to revenues from strong building permits which also drive business licenses; and some expenditures are lower than expected. He distributed a first draft of the FY17 budget for review and discussion at the March Workshop. The January financial report will also be discussed at the March Workshop.

Public Facilities Committee – Councilmember Smith. Monthly report rendered.

Station 18 Stormwater - As was reported in the Administrator's report, the RFP for Engineering work for stormwater at Station 18 has been completed; it was agreed to release as written.

Restriction of Vehicular Access at the Dump – It was agreed this will be an Eagle Scout project to put in fencing along the right-hand side of the roadway to the marsh. Signage may also be added prohibiting vehicular access from dusk to dawn.

Station 26 Boat Landing – The landing needs to be preserved as high ground. The initial plan is to stabilize the sides with large rock, and fill in some of the holes on the surface. The information for the plan will hopefully be available for Council’s consideration at the next meeting.

Land Use and Natural Resources Committee – Councilmember Langley. Monthly report rendered.

Stormwater Management – Zoning Administrator Joe Henderson reported as mentioned earlier, the Planning Commission is reviewing Town Ordinances and zoning regulations regarding stormwater management for residential and non-residential development. Ordinance sections related to this are the placement of fill on lots as well as impervious and pervious surfaces. The idea is to allow Town staff to require any type of development to retain stormwater on the individual site. Water and Sewer Manager Greg Gress stated as defunct as the stormwater system is, the water should reach the system. If some buildings to be built are not allowed fill on their lot, the water may not have the opportunity to get to the street or collection system. When developing further ordinances, it should be considered whether a payment toward maintaining or cleaning the State system could be included. Fire Chief Stith suggested using the ditches again for the current houses. **Motion was made by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Smith, that Council charge the Planning Commission to work toward on-site retention for new residential and non-residential sites and consider impact fees, maintenance of on-site retention, and reviewing impervious surfaces and any other methods to prevent excess run-off, carried unanimously.**

Administration Committee – Councilmember Middaugh for Councilmember Howard. Monthly report rendered.

Board and Commission Uniform Terms of Service – All Boards and Commissions have a minimum term of at least three years, except the Planning Commission that has two years terms. The Planning Commission members will be asked for their consideration of changing the ordinance to reflect three year terms.

Water and Sewer Committee – Councilmember Middaugh. Monthly reports rendered.

Poe Ave Project – Water & Sewer Manager Gress reported that the Poe Avenue waterline replacement project should be finished by mid-March.

Middle Street Project – The first leg of the water main was lined today, with six more segments from Station 12 to Star of the West, and should be complete at the end of March.

Councilmember Middaugh reported they are in the process of procuring easements for four properties between Poe and Middle along Hennessey St. where there are old sewer lines.

Committee Meeting – The next Water & Sewer Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 25th at 8:30 a.m. to discuss financial information for budget preparation.

Presentation – Greg Gress, along with Jim Shelton of ARCADIS, will present an abstract titled Alternative Project Delivery for Sewer Collections System – Developing and Implementing the Sullivan’s Island Turnkey Sewer Rehab Construction Program at the S.C. Environment Conference in Myrtle Beach in March.

Public Safety Committee – Councilmember Clark. Monthly reports rendered.

Managed Parking – This was discussed during the Administrator’s report.

St. Patrick’s Day – Preparations have been made for St. Patrick’s Day.

Taser Policy- Mayor O’Neil inquired if a recent local newspaper article regarding policies for tasers impacts the Town’s policy. Chief Howard reported he made one update to the policy.

Coyotes – Two contractors are prepared to set the leg traps. Chief Howard will inform Administration when anything is caught, and a formal report will be presented after each series of traps. (The first series is 21 days; followed later by a 14 day series).

Recreation Committee – Councilmember Church.

RFP for Drainage Study on Mound was discussed earlier and is ready for release.

Island Club – Randy and the contractor are reviewing the report again before the RFP is completed.

Battery Gadsden Cultural Center – Councilmember Church asked Councilmember Middaugh to report. There is a tentative plan to repeat a Shakespeare Production on two weekends in May (not Memorial Day weekend). Ticket sales would be through the Battery Gadsden website. Wine will be available for a suggested donation; rather than wine sales.

Grant – The grant application for the engineering study was not completed in time to apply. Councilmember Middaugh noted that Laura Dargan, who was spearheading the grant, had resigned from the Board and from Battery Gadsden.

Living History Series – On February 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., resident Roy Williams will be the speaker for the Living History series.

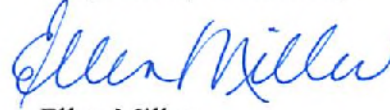
Farmer’s Market – Twelve applications have been received to date. The Farmer’s Market Committee will solicit for farmer applications, as none have been received. It was agreed that two picnic benches will be purchased for use at the Farmer’s Market area using funds from the events budget.

SIES Fundraiser – Sullivan’s Island Elementary School is having a fundraiser this Friday night, Feb. 19th at Sand Dunes Club.

Councilmember Smith noted that the Memorial Service for the Hunley is Wednesday, Feb 17th at 7:00pm at Sunrise Presbyterian Church. The reenactors will march at 5:00 p.m. from Fort Moultrie down to Sunrise Presbyterian Church.

Motion was made by Councilmember Langley, seconded by Councilmember Clark, to adjourn at 7:12 p.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen Miller