

April 21, 2015

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

Present were: Pat O'Neil, Mayor
Jerry Kaynard, Mayor Pro-Tem
Chauncey Clark, Councilman
Hartley Cooper, Councilwoman
Susan Middaugh, Councilwoman
Mary Jane Watson, Councilwoman

Mayor O'Neil called the meeting to order, and led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation by Councilman Clark. There were fifteen members in the audience, including one member of the media.

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

Addison Ingle, 1719 Atlantic Avenue, expressed his concern of the non-observance of the Town ordinance concerning political sign placement. Mayor O'Neil acknowledged the issue and stated while it has not been enforced for many years; it will be discussed in the future how to enforce the 10-foot rule.

Barbara Spell, 1702 Atlantic Avenue, inquired about the cost and contract status of the new Town Hall. Mayor O'Neil stated that in the preliminary research, architect David Creech gave general cost projections of the different options considered for Town Hall, but the current contract is in negotiation. All along the design there have been estimates to help guide the decisions; however, the final cost is not known until the final design is complete. Administrator Benke responded that no price range has been disseminated at this time. As the design documents are refined and construction documents are prepared, the general contractor will refine the bid numbers. It is hoped the contract will be signed within the next month.

Motion was made by Councilman Clark, seconded by Councilman Kaynard, to amend the agenda to add a contractual matter concerning Town Hall to the Executive Session, carried unanimously.

II. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion was made by Councilwoman Middaugh, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to approve the March 17, 2015 Regular meeting minutes, carried unanimously; and the March 25, 2015 Special meeting minutes, carried by a vote of 4, with Councilmembers Middaugh and Watson abstaining because they were not at that meeting.

2. Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to approve a Resolution in honor of former Mayor Perkis, naming the I'on Avenue access to Sullivan's Island Elementary School as "2014 Mike Perkis Place", carried unanimously. Mayor O'Neil stated that Councilman Kaynard had the original idea of honoring former Mayor Perkis in some way such as this.

Councilman Kaynard stated this was an appropriate way to honor Mayor Perkis because he was very supportive of the school.

3. A Proclamation Designating May 15, 2015 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day was approved.

4. A Proclamation Designating the Second Full Week of May 2015 as Women's Lung Health Week was approved.

III. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. **General and New Correspondence** – Correspondence was received from Senator Chip Campsen opposing the proposed drilling and seismic testing by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; Mandy Todd of the Insurance Services Office regarding Community Rating System class; Ward Lasso of 2802 Jasper Boulevard regarding access across town-owned property, as well as updated information; Peter Richardson thanking Chief Howard and commending Police Officer Mast for his help and professional demeanor during a tense situation; and a voice message from Governor Haley's office thanking the Town for its letter and resolution against off-shore drilling;

2. **Attorney's Report** – no report.

3. **Boards and Commissions Reports** -

Planning Commission – Zoning Administrator Joe Henderson reported that the Planning Commission voted unanimously to initiate a study for consideration of how to allow for stand-alone structures on vacant properties without a principal building when a conservation easement is established. It will be discussed at the next Planning Commission meeting.

Park Foundation – Councilwoman Watson will present financial results of the well-attended Round on the Mound event when it is available.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Mayor O'Neil. March Financial Report rendered. Comptroller Jason Blanton reported that revenue and expenses were as expected. Administrator Benke stated they are preparing fiscal year 2016 budget information for possible First Reading on May 4, 2015.

Public Safety Committee – Councilman Clark. Monthly reports rendered.

Managed Parking – Councilman Clark reported that because the Isle of Palms did not initiate their managed parking plan this season, the Town will continue to research and gather information for our plan, in the event it is put in place next year. At present, the commercial district parking is a more immediate concern.

Commercial District Parking – Councilman Clark reported the Committee will study issues regarding the flow of traffic and parking on Middle Street related to the fire trucks. It is hoped representatives of the commercial district as well as residents will attend this meeting. Councilman Kaynard noted that recently an article was in the newspaper regarding Folly Beach and its traffic study of Center Street.

Administrator Benke stated he has a meeting with SCDOT regarding many issues, including the possibility of no parking in areas of the commercial district.

Coyote Management – Chief Howard stated the sightings are starting to increase in the past two weeks, mostly likely because the coyotes are hunting for new-born pups. The cameras and the traps are still in place.

Ladder Truck Construction – The ladder truck should be here by the beginning of June.

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

Committee Minutes – Motion was made by Councilman Clark, seconded by Councilman Kaynard, to approve the Minutes of the Water and Sewer Committee meeting held on April 9, 2015, carried unanimously 3-0. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2015 at 8:30 am to discuss the fiscal year 2016 budget.

I&I Project Status – The basic contracted work has been completed and the final report will soon be available.

FEMA Grant Status – The Town continues to wait on disposition of FEMA Grant funds for floodproofing and upgrading the sewer facility.

Water Quality Information – Councilwoman Middaugh stated there was an article in the newspaper that marked water quality all around the Charleston harbor, and it indicated the area next our sewer system outfall was safe for swimming.

Administration Committee – Councilman Kaynard. Monthly report rendered. The first three items were already resolved on the Action agenda earlier.

Council Retreat – The Council Retreat is set for Wednesday, May 27th from 2-5 pm at Holy Cross Episcopal Church.

Search feature – Search feature has been added to current Council minutes on website to assist locating specific information.

Administrator's Report - [This report will be placed under Reports and Communications on the main agenda in the future.]

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) – NOAA has completed work on the coastal flood exposure mapper and the URL will be placed on our website to link to the NOAA website. It will basically show what Sullivan's Island would look like under Category 1 - 5 hurricanes, along with other information.

Charleston County Transportation Committee (CTC) - The CTC has requested the proposed new construction projects for CTC funds be submitted no later than June 12, 2015. These funds have been used in previous years to repair storm water drainage, to build sidewalks, etc. This will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Correspondence – Councilman Kaynard stated in response to the subject of offshore drilling, recently there was a newspaper editorial that reported many of our state and federal legislators are in support of offshore drilling. If that is accurate, he suggested the coastal communities may want to organize an effort and communicate as a group to the congressional representatives. Mayor O'Neil noted State Senator Campsen had an excellent editorial in the paper opposing offshore drilling. It pointed out in

addition to the problematic impact of oil spills, a vast amount of coastal space would be turned into industrial space to support offshore drilling.

Special Events – Run for Adela will be held April 25, 2015; the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics will begin on April 30, 2015 on the beach at Station 22-1/2.

Land Use and Natural Resources Committee – Mayor O’Neil. Monthly report rendered.

Insurance Services Office (ISO) and Community Rating System (CRS) – Preliminary correspondence indicate a possible CRS Classification of 6, which would maintain the current CRS rating for Sullivan’s Island.

National Research Council Reports – The National Research Council has released two reports that are relevant to property owners in flood prone areas. These reports will be posted to the Town website.

Dock Access Request – This will be discussed in Executive Session tonight.

Public Facilities Committee – Councilwoman Cooper. Monthly report rendered.

Town Hall Project – The contractual matters with Town Hall will be discussed in Executive Session tonight.

South Carolina Department of Transportation Re-surfacing - The SC DOT has a pavement management program to inventory roads needing re-surfacing. The bulk of re-surfacing for Sullivan’s Island has been completed for the year.

Recreation Committee – Councilwoman Watson.

The Recreation Committee will schedule a meeting to discuss the fiscal year 2016 budget.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Watson, seconded by Councilwoman Middaugh, to go into Executive Session at 7:06 pm for Legal Advice – Request regarding 2802 Jasper Blvd; 2015-CP-10-0449 SC Wild Olive Group et al. v. Town of Sullivan’s Island et al.; 2014-CP-10-2623 Boehm v. Town of Sullivan’s Island et al.; 2015-CP-10-0775 John Doe v. Town of Sullivan’s Island et al.; and Contractual matter regarding the Town Hall; carried unanimously. Councilwoman Watson left the meeting at this time.

Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilwoman Middaugh, to return to Regular Session at 9:21 pm, carried unanimously by a vote of 4 (Councilwoman Cooper left the meeting at 8:00 pm). Mayor O’Neil stated no votes or action was taken during Executive Session.

Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilwoman Middaugh to adjourn at 9:23 pm, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen Miller