

April 17, 2012

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 J. Smith, Mayor
Mike Perkis, Mayor Pro Tem
Hartley Cooper, Councilwoman
Jerry Kaynard, Councilman
Madeleine McGee, Councilwoman
Patrick O'Neil, Councilman
Mary Jane Watson, Councilwoman

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Smith, followed by the invocation by Councilwoman Watson.

The floor was opened for comments from the citizens.

Tim Reese, 305 Station 20, stated perhaps the new school should be considered for kindergarten through eighth grade.

Wayne Stelljes, 3104 I'on, stated he wanted the Department of Transportation to listen to Council and the residents concerning the three-way stop. The main issue is the traffic blocks the Fire Station. Administrator Benke stated the Department of Transportation will evaluate the stop signs later in the traffic season.

Norman Khoury, 1728 I'on, stated he supported the ordinance for second reading tonight concerning conveying property to the Mt. Pleasant Land Conservancy.

John Winchester, 2720 Brooks, stated he preferred a smaller school. The issue is that the referendum is important and it appeared Council had just disregarded the issue. He gave the example of how Council revisited the location of the new temporary Town Hall, and the location was changed from the original plan.

Barbara Spell, 1702 Atlantic, stated the stormwater issue with the school is still a problem. The building is too large for the Sullivan's Island infrastructure.

Vince Graham, 1401 Middle Street, inquired when his Freedom of Information Act request about school/Town correspondence will be received in full. Mayor Smith commented that it is on the executive session agenda tonight.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2012 meeting, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to amend the agenda to add item three – a personnel item - to the Executive Session, carried unanimously.

Ordinances

Mayor Smith duly ratified Ordinance 2012-01, An Ordinance to Amend Sections 18-6 and 20-1 of the Water and Sewer Ordinances of the Town of Sullivan's Island.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to have Third Reading of Ordinance 2012-02, An Ordinance to Amend Section 21-12(A) of the Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Sullivan's Island, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilwoman McGee, to have Second Reading of Ordinance 2012-03, An Ordinance to Convey Property to the Mt. Pleasant Land Conservancy with Deed Restrictions, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilwoman McGee, seconded by Councilwoman Cooper, to suspend the rules to have Third Reading of Ordinance 2012-03, An Ordinance to Convey Property to the Mt. Pleasant Land Conservancy with Deed Restrictions, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilwoman McGee, seconded by Councilman Kaynard, to have Third Reading of Ordinance 2012-03, An Ordinance to Convey Property to the Mt. Pleasant Land Conservancy with Deed Restrictions, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Perkis, seconded by Councilman Kaynard, to have First Reading, by title only, of Ordinance 2012-04, An Ordinance to Adopt Budget for July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, carried unanimously.

General and New Correspondence – Letters were received from Christina and Denny Kubinski concerning beach fires and crosswalks; Vince Musi concerning St. Patrick's Day; Mike McInerney concerning the stop signs at Station 22-1/2 and Middle Streets; and Norma Burdell concerning the Island Club.

Attorney Report – Attorney Dodds reported he had a request for the execution of a corrected deed for the property at 1411 Middle Street. The incorrect plat was used in 1976, and the description has now been corrected on the deed. **Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to approve the execution of the corrected deed for 1411 Middle Street, carried unanimously.**

Administrator's Report – Administrator Andy Benke.

Sullivan's Island Elementary School Design - The last meeting was held March 15, 2012 and the most current drawings are on the Town and the School District websites. Councilwoman Cooper reported that the information reviewed in the March meeting was scheduled for the May meeting; however, when the landscaping plan is completed, another public community meeting will be held.

Special Event Requests - The next special events will be the Law Enforcement Torch Run on May 3, 2012 and the Cystic Fibrosis Walk on May 12, 2012.

Sullivan's Island Elementary School Petition – Attorney Trenholm Walker was instructed to withdraw the complaint at the Courthouse against the Islanders for a Smaller School.

Ad Hoc Committee for Committee Review – The Ad Hoc Committee (Councilman O'Neil, Councilman Kaynard and Councilwoman Watson) met on April 13, 2012 to discuss streamlining the Standing Committees of Council.

Ways and Means Committee, Councilman Perkis. The March 2012 financial statement was discussed. Most noted was that business license revenues were up about \$100,000 more than budgeted this year. Therefore, the business license revenue for the proposed FY13 budget was increased. All other items are in-line with the budget.

Personnel Committee, Councilman Kaynard. Monthly report rendered. The Committee is working on the zoning administrator position job description. Firefighters Eric Stinnett and Ryan North have completed their six month probation. **Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, that Eric Stinnett and Ryan North be approved for full-time status and salary with the completion of their six-month probation period, carried unanimously.** Councilman Kaynard congratulated Staff Anniversaries – Andrew Levay with 10 years of service; Mary Poole, Lisa Darrow and Maria LoRusso with five years of service. Three applications were submitted for the Planning Commission vacancy which is on the agenda for executive session tonight.

Water and Sewer Committee, Councilman Perkis. Monthly reports rendered. A Water and Sewer budget meeting was held on April 10, 2012. Manager Greg Gress will schedule a meeting with the restaurants regarding the grease trap issue due to blockages in the commercial district sewer lines. Restaurants are not currently required to have grease traps, although the new restaurants do have them. Attorney Dodds stated the Town can require them if it is a public safety issue.

Building and Construction Committee, Councilwoman Cooper. Monthly report rendered. Councilwoman Cooper reported on Building Official Randy Robinson's report regarding the 27 projects that are in some process of construction on the Island. The new entrance designs to the Sullivan's Island Elementary School that Mr. Currey suggested are on the Town website.

Fire Committee, Mayor Smith. Monthly report rendered. Chief Stith reported they helped fight a boat fire in the harbor. After discussion regarding the conditions of the beach paths and boardwalks, **motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilwoman Cooper, to authorize Administrator Benke and Chief Stith to repair, improve, and extend the existing boardwalks and beach paths as needed for public safety and access purposes, with an initial cap of \$30,000 cost from the hospitality fund in addition to Greenbelt funds or State grant funds available, carried unanimously.** Chief Stith will report at the next meeting on the path and boardwalk status and his priority recommendation for repair.

Recreation Committee, Councilwoman Watson. The Park Foundation fundraiser is April 21, 2012. Administrator Benke stated information regarding the tennis courts for DHEC approval for land

disturbance and stormwater run-off, and the Charleston County Stormwater Permit for the construction were included in the agenda packet. The bid package will be advertised this weekend. Councilwoman Watson stated Mayfest has been moved to Junefest; the date has not yet been set.

Real Estate Committee, Councilman O'Neil.

Consideration for a Permanent Town Hall – A meeting is scheduled for next Thursday for the structural engineer to complete a pro-bono walk through of the 1714 Middle Street property.

Police Committee, Mayor Smith. Monthly report rendered. Chief Howard reported the background checks were being completed on candidates for the beach service officer positions, and hoped to have a start date of May 1, 2012. **Motion was made by Councilwoman McGee, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to approve hiring two beach service officers, and Chief Howard's coverage recommendation, carried unanimously.**

Streets and Maintenance Committee, Councilwoman McGee.

SCDOT - Councilwoman McGee stated that the stop sign issue with the Department of Transportation was discussed earlier this evening.

Accreted Land – Council consensus was to have Administrator Benke proceed with tree consultant Jeff Jackson getting estimates for the path in the accreted land.

Beach Paths – Council consensus was the Maintenance Department could begin clearing understory on the sides of several beach paths. Chief Stith will supply the list of beach paths.

Motion was made by Councilman Perkis, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to go into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. for Legal Advice – State Code Sections 30-4-20 et. seq., Personnel – Planning Commission Applications, and a Personnel matter, carried unanimously.

After returning to regular session, Mayor Smith stated no votes or action was taken during Executive Session.

Motion was made by Councilwoman McGee, seconded by Mayor Smith, to appoint Carlsen Huey to the Planning Commission for the term that will end in September 2012, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to approve the Personnel Committee recommendation based upon a superior performance evaluation for an increase of \$5,000 base compensation annually for Administrator Benke, effective January 1, 2012, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Watson, seconded by Councilwoman McGee to adjourn at 9:16 pm, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Miller