

July 18, 2017

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
Mark Howard, Councilmember
Rita Langley, Councilmember
Tim Reese, Councilmember
Bachman Smith, IV, Councilmember

Mayor O'Neil called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and stated the press and public had been notified in accordance with State Law. There were approximately 15 members in the audience, and one member of the media. Mayor O'Neil led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark.

I. FORMAT: Mayor O'Neil opened the floor for public comment.

Cathy Curtis- 2824 Iron Avenue- expressed concern regarding the increase in membership fees at the Mt. Pleasant Senior Center for seniors that do not live in Mt. Pleasant. This was discussed in further detail during the Recreation Committee.

II. POLICE DEPARTMENT: Recognition of Promotions and Presentation of Badges.

Acting Police Chief Chris Griffin recognized the following members of the Police Department with their promotions and badges: Captain Christopher Wallace, Sergeant Darren Botticelli, Sergeant Gary Erickson, Sergeant Nelson Gerena, Sergeant Timothy Mast and Corporal Joshua Poole. He also took a moment to recognize Walter Sherrill who has served the Town as a beach patrol officer for 5 years now.

III. PRESENTATION: CARTA FY18 Budget.

Mayor O'Neil introduced Jeff Burns who is the BCDCOG Planner. Mr. Burns gave an overview of CARTA operations last year, as well as their 2018 budget. The FY17/18 budget is \$42,260,821 which is approximately 34% or \$10,720,815 increase

over the FY16/17 budget. With this year's budget, CARTA plans to purchase 16 new express busses through an award from the Federal Transit Administration, break ground on the Intermodal Center in North Charleston, launch a new website, add real time bus tracking through an app, replace the fare boxes on every vehicle, add passenger counters, build approximately 28 shelters, add benches and own a park-and-ride lot in North Charleston.

Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Reese, to approve the CARTA FY18 Budget as presented, carried unanimously.

IV. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approval of Council Minutes –

Motion was made by Councilmember Langley, seconded by Councilmember Church, to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2017, carried unanimously.

2. Motion was made by Councilmember Langley, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to have Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2017-04, An Ordinance to Add Zoning Regulations Regarding Elevating Historic Buildings in the Residential Single-Family (RS) District (§21-44 A-C); and Amend Zoning Ordinance §21-59 B. Standards for Elevating Buildings in the Community Commercial (CC) District, carried unanimously.

V. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:

1. Administrator's Report

General Correspondence-

- Al Phillips, 2401 Atlantic Avenue- request to launch a trailered watercraft at Station 26 Street.
- Judy Linder, 2602 Jasper Boulevard- concern about the Atlantic project in Mt. Pleasant.
- Jeff Jackson, Lowcountry Roots- update on removal of invasive vegetation.

Town Hall and Police Station Building- The Architect and Contractor continue to work through the punch list for the inside and outside of the building. Balance to completion including retainage is \$42,725.14.

The final main punch list item for resolution is: (1) air flow and air temperature in I.T. room.

Resignations and Open Positions:

1. Water and Sewer- One open position filled and recruiting for a second open licensed operator.
2. Police Department- Recruiting for one patrol officer and Committee established for Police Chief search.
3. Fire Department- Recruiting for two fire fighter positions.

Boards and Commissions- Seats Expiring in September

1. Planning Commission (3 years)- Sydney Cook, Hal Currey, Carl Hubbard, Gary Visser.
2. Board of Zoning Appeals- No expirations
3. Municipal Election Commission (6 years)- Vivian Scarborough
4. Tree Commission (3 years)- Nat Robb
5. Design Review Board (3 years)- Pat Ilderton

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

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

4. Boards and Commissions Reports – No items to report.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS- DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Finance Committee – Mayor O'Neil. Monthly report rendered.

Comptroller Jason Blanton stated that the June un-audited Financial Report was included in the packet. This will be discussed in further detail at the August Workshop Meeting.

Recreation Committee – Councilmember Church.

Mt. Pleasant Senior Center- Charleston county is no longer subsidizing the membership cost for seniors of Sullivan's Island to use the Mt. Pleasant Senior Center. The fee has increased from \$125 to \$250 per person. The Town would like to support the senior citizens of Sullivan's Island by paying a portion of the membership fee, since the island does not have a senior center of its own.

Motion was made by Councilmember Church, seconded by Councilmember Langley, that the Town of Sullivan's Island assumes the subsidy of \$125 per senior citizen as reimbursement for the Mt. Pleasant Senior Center fees for the FY17-18 year, carried by a vote of 6, with Councilmember Clark opposing.

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

Comprehensive Plan- A Public Workshop will be held on September 13, 2017 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. and an Open House will be held on October 18, 2017 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. to kick-off the re-write of the Town's Comprehensive Plan process.

Administration Committee – Councilmember Reese. Monthly report rendered.

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

Committee Meeting – The next Water & Sewer Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at Town Hall.

Public Safety Committee – Councilmember Clark. Monthly reports rendered.

Public Facilities Committee – Councilmember Howard. Monthly report rendered.

VII. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to adjourn at 6:38 p.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Courtney Liles