

September 8, 2014

A Special 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: Mike Perkis, Mayor
Jerry Kaynard, Mayor Pro-Tem
Chauncey Clark, Councilman
Hartley Cooper, Councilwoman
Susan Middaugh, Councilwoman
Patrick O'Neil, Councilman
Mary Jane Watson, Councilwoman

Mayor Perkis called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm and stated the press and public had been notified in accordance with State law. The purpose of the meeting was for three agenda items: Second Reading and Ratification of Ordinance No. 2014-10 authorizing the issuance of a Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bond; presentation of the CARTA 2015 fiscal year budget; and presentation of the conceptual design of the Town Hall/Police project.

Mayor Perkis opened the floor for public comment.

Tim Reese, 305 Station 20, stated he was looking forward to seeing the presentation of the new Town Hall; and asked Council to please consider the Fire Station façade when planning the Town Hall façade to complement each other.

Heidi Brown, 405 Station 22, inquired if there will be time for public comment after the presentation of the Town Hall plan, before Council votes on the design documents phase of the project. Mayor Perkis stated that Council welcomes all comments from the public after the presentation.

Mayor Perkis introduced the first agenda item. **Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilman Clark, to have Second Reading and Ratification of Ordinance No. 2014-10, Authorizing the Issuance of a Not Exceeding \$1,680,000 Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bond, Series 2014 of the Town of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina and Amending in Certain Respects the Town's General Bond Ordinance, carried unanimously.** Councilwoman Middaugh stated this approved green project allows the use of 1% interest State funds to be used for the infiltration and inflow project.

Mayor Perkis introduced Jeff Burns, Interim Executive Director of CARTA, for a presentation of their 2015 fiscal year budget. Mr. Burns introduced Leslie Stubblefield, Financial Administrator of CARTA, who was also available for any questions about the budget. Mr. Burns reported that CARTA operates 25 routes in the greater urban area of Charleston, and provided 4.9 million rides during 2013. CARTA offers Express Routes and command-response service (Tel-A-Ride). Tel-A-Ride is available to those who qualify with medical disabilities, and is currently is available on Sullivan's Island. The \$28.3 million budget is for operational expenses of \$18.5 million, with the remaining funds for capital costs

for the Passenger Intermodal Facility. He explained that some of their buses are now up to 19 years old, and CARTA has applied for a discretionary grant. Councilman Kaynard asked if CARTA had considered using natural gas converters on their buses. Mr. Burns responded that they have discussed; however, they would need a partner to help with the challenges of that project.

Motion was made by Mayor Perkis, seconded by Councilwoman Middaugh, to approve the CARTA budget for fiscal year 2015, carried unanimously.

Mayor Perkis asked David Creech of Creech & Associates to present information on the new Town Hall/Police Department project. Councilwoman Cooper explained that the Public Facilities Committee developed an Ad Hoc group consisting of the Committee, a few Design Board members, and an architect. This group, along with some Town Hall staff and the Police Chief, held a series of meetings at Town Hall to incorporate public comments from the large public meetings previously held at Holy Cross Church. The result of these meetings is what Mr. Creech will present tonight.

Mr. Creech stated this was Public Workshop 3 of this project. The presentation included illustrations of the site, the building, and the building mass. The site of the building will stay out of the park. The building will be 7,500 square feet; 25 feet from the curb of Middle Street, and 48 feet in height. Access to the building will be from Station 20-1/2. The first floor of the building will house the administrative offices and Council chambers. Council chambers will be 36x42 feet, with a maximum seating capacity of about 90. There will be some on-street parking, as well as approximately 28 paved parking spaces available for visitors. Additional parking will be available in grassy areas near the parking lot. The Police Department will be on the second floor, with the area above the Council chambers as unfinished space for future growth. The ground level will have some storage area. Mr. Creech answered several questions from the audience. Councilwoman Cooper stated that while the Design Review Board does not have purview over the building, the Committee and Ad Hoc group decided it would be good to have their input. At the conclusion, Mayor Perkis stated that from the public comments, there is consensus that this project is moving in the right direction.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Clark, to release the architect to design documents phase of the project, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mayor Perkis, seconded by Councilman Clark, to adjourn from the Special Meeting at 7:03 p.m., carried unanimously. Council then proceeded with its regularly scheduled Workshop.

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen Miller