July 27, 2010

A Special Meeting of Sullivan’s Island Town Council was held on the above date at the Holy Cross Episcopal Church, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied:

Present were: Carl J. Smith, Mayor
  Mike Perkis, Mayor Pro-Tem
  Buddy Howle, Councilman
  Jerry Kaynard, Councilman
  Madeleine McGee, Councilwoman
  Patrick O’Neil, Councilman
  Mary Jane Watson, Councilwoman

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and stated that the press and public were duly notified in accordance with State law. The purpose of the Special Meeting was a public hearing regarding paid parking on the Island. Mayor Smith thanked The Very Reverend John Burwell and Facilities Manager Hal Rhodes for their hospitality and use of the church for the meeting. He turned the program over to Councilwoman McGee, who gave a brief history of why Council was considering paid parking on the Island. Administrator Andy Benke gave a presentation to the audience of approximately sixty residents and interested persons. The presentation included information on the Town’s finances, followed by State law related to parking, the supply and demand of parking spaces, parking at other beach communities and options for paid parking on Sullivan’s Island. He then asked for public comment and answered questions from the audience. Councilwoman McGee summarized the concerns expressed from the public comments and stated that Council will continue to look at the benefits of a paid parking program.

There being no further matters to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen McQueeny