

March 20, 2020

An Emergency Meeting of Town Council was held on the above date at approximately 2:30 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
Greg Hammond, Councilmember (Present via FaceTime Video)
Bachman Smith, IV, Councilmember
Kaye Smith, Councilmember

Mayor O'Neil called the meeting to order at 2:39 p.m. and stated the press and public had been notified in accordance with State Law. There were no members of the public or media present due to the State of Emergency as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Mayor O'Neil stated that the purpose of this meeting was to reassess an action from the March 20, 2020 10:00 a.m. Emergency Meeting regarding the beach. Both the Isle of Palms and Folly Beach passed an Ordinance today restricting access to the island to residents and workers only.

Mayor O'Neil read SLED's Guidance on the Enforcement of S.C. Code Ann § 16-7-10. This offers an additional way for municipalities and law enforcement agencies to protect the public above and beyond what they would normally be allowed to do once a state of emergency has been declared.

Both Chiefs Griffin and Stith recommended closing the Sullivan's Island from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The consensus of Town Council was to go with Town Staff's recommendation and restrict access to the beach from 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. This applies to both residents and non-residents alike.

Motion: Action: To restrict access to the Sullivan's Island beach for all residents and visitors between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. beginning March 21, 2020.

Moved by Councilmember Bachman Smith, IV, Seconded by Councilmember Sarah Church.

Motion passed by a vote of 4-1, with Mayor Pro-Tem Clark opposing.

Motion: Action: Adjourn Meeting at 3:12 p.m.

Moved by Councilmember Bachman Smith, IV, Seconded by Councilmember Sarah Church.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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