

January 17, 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
Mark Howard, Councilmember
Rita Langley, Councilmember
Susan Middaugh, 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 fifteen members in the audience, and one member of the media. Island Resident Piper Hamrick 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.

George Livingston, 1816 Back Street- stated concerns regarding traffic safety issues. The first issue mentioned was parking on both sides of Middle Street from Station 20 and beyond going towards Fort Moultrie, and the second issue mentioned was line of sight on Middle Street. Mr. Livingston suggested reducing speed limit and eliminate line of sight.

Alice Morrisey, 1652 Thompson Avenue- sang a song to Council regarding parking signs.

Tim Reese, 305 Station 20- stated concern regarding the new parking signs reading "No parking" with arrows, rather than: "No parking this side of street".

II. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approval of Council Minutes –

Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2016, carried by a vote of 6, with Councilmember Church abstaining.

III. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:

1. Administrator's Report

Town Hall and Police Station Building- The Architect and Contractor have prepared a punch list for the inside and outside of the building. Work on those items continue. Site work and landscaping are complete with the exception of parking lot asphalt and hydro-seeding. Pay application 17 in the amount of \$97,371.19 is currently under review by the Architect and Owner. Balance to completion including retainage is \$262,701.09.

Dedication Ceremony- Staff will be circulating a notice for suggested dedication ceremony dates in February to members of Council.

Parking Plan – The vendor began installation 01-09-17 and is expected to complete the project during the week by Friday 01-20-17.

Hurricane Matthew Debris Collection- Charleston County has now completed the Hurricane Matthew debris clean-up.

South Carolina Department of Transportation Resurfacing- Sanders Brothers Construction completed approximately 6.2 miles of re-surfacing on the Island Friday 12-16-2016. A sub-contractor is currently smoothing out driveway cuts and shoulder drop offs.

Beach Preservation Act- Section 6-1-620 et seq. (also known as the Beach Preservation Act) of the State statute provides for the governing body of a qualified coastal municipality by ordinance, subject to referendum, to impose a beach preservation fee not to exceed one percent. The fee is imposed on the gross proceeds derived from the rental or charges for accommodations within the jurisdiction of the governing body. The code and referendum language is attached for Council review.

2. Mayor's Report- Mayor O'Neil spoke about the two upcoming events on the Island. The Charlie Post Race & a Marsh Cleanup. The Charlie Post Race will be held on January 28th starting at 8:30 a.m. The Surfrider Foundation Marsh Cleanup will be held on January 21st from 9-11 a.m.

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

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

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS- DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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

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

Committee Meeting- The next Land Use and Natural Resources Committee Meeting will be held on January 27, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Administration Committee – Councilmember Howard. Monthly report rendered.

Plaque for Previous Mayors- Councilmember Howard proposed for a plaque to be displayed in the new Town Hall listing all of Sullivan’s Islands Previous Mayoral terms of service. This will be discussed further at the February Workshop.

Ben Sawyer Boulevard Planting- Councilmember Howard, along with Zoning Administrator Joe Henderson, has prepared a GIS rendering of the potential tree locations. The Town is preparing to reach out to SCDOT for a conceptual review of the plan prior to submitting encroachment permits.

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

Committee Meeting – The next Water & Sewer Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

REU Rate Study- This will be discussed in further review at the Water & Sewer Committee Meeting on January 26, 2017.

December 2016 I&I- For the month of December, 2016, I&I was 64%, which means for every 1 gallon of wastewater we processed at the wastewater treatment plant, 2 gallons of infiltrated ground water was also processed at the wastewater treatment plant.

New Fence for Water Utility Site at Station 17 and Middle St.- This is currently under construction. Once the current stumps can be removed, the fence contractor will deliver the materials and can get started.

Public Safety Committee – Councilmember Clark. Monthly reports rendered.

Fire and Rescue Oyster Roast- The Annual Oyster Roast will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at the Fish Fry Shack. The event is from 5-8 p.m.

Recreation Committee – Councilmember Middaugh.

Island Club- Renovations for the Island Club are scheduled to start at the end of this week.

Farmers Market 2017- This season's farmers market will remain the same length as last seasons, 13 weeks. The first week will begin on April 6th, with the last week being June 29th. Application packets are now available on the Town's website.

St. Patrick's Day- The St. Patrick's party in the park family event will take place on Saturday, March 18th.

Battery Gadsden Cultural Center – On February 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., Roy Williams will be speaking about the Spanish-American War.

Public Facilities Committee – Councilmember Smith. Monthly report rendered.

Art in Town Hall- A plan to develop criteria for the art wall in the new Town Hall was discussed.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to go into Executive Session at 6:31 p.m. for the following items:

- 1. Legal Advice: Contractual- American Tower Property Lease Agreement**
- 2. Legal Advice: Zoning Ordinance 21-68B RC-2 Area District- Uses and Deed Restrictions for RC-2 area.**
- 3. Personnel: Water and Sewer Department Vacancy.**

The motion to go into Executive Session carried unanimously.

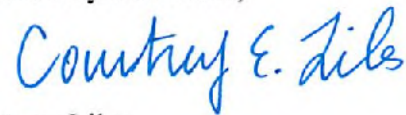
Motion was made by Councilmember Middaugh, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to come out of Executive Session at 7:04 p.m., carried unanimously. Mayor O'Neil stated that no votes or actions were taken during Executive Session.

Motion was made by Councilmember Middaugh, seconded by Councilmember Langley, to approve a merit increase, based on the Water Department Managers recommendation, for Darrell Noisette, carried unanimously.

VI. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to adjourn at 7:05 p.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Courtney Liles