

February 20, 2018

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 fifteen members in the audience, and one member of the media present. 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.

Rick Graham, 2102 I'On Avenue- stated concerns regarding liability and zoning issues for boat parking by the former Town Hall.

**II. OATH OF OFFICE:**

Mayor O'Neil administered the Oath of Office to Christopher "Chris" Griffin, Steward "Sam" Sparks, Stephen Dunbar and Courtney Liles.

**III. MEMORIALIZE 2017 DECEASED ISLANDERS:**

Mayor O'Neil read the list of twenty (20) Islanders who passed away in 2017 and asked for a moment of silence. Those who passed away in 2017 were: Thomas Francis Simmonite, Jr., Bachman Shirer Smith III, Hazel S. Thomas, Lucy Jones, Pauline Joseph Sottile, Norwood L. Smoak, Cynthia "Cindy" H. Edmiston, Harold "Sonny" Enloe, Bill Barley, Sha Lynn Molony, Raymond A. McLaughlin, Ercole "Ark" Pierpont Chiola, Mary Mayo, Barbara Jean Simon Robinson, Herbert Edward "Mac" Macmurphy III, Roy E. "Sonny" Meavers, Jr., Robert Dunlap Browne II, Daniel DeSales Newman, Richard D. Marks, Jr., MD, and Robert Tilghman Kronsberg.

#### **IV. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1. Approval of Council Minutes –  
Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Langley, to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2018, carried unanimously.**
- 2. Motion was made by Councilmember Reese, seconded by Councilmember Clark, to approve Third Reading and Ratification, Ordinance 2017-06, An Ordinance to Amend Sections 3-7 C. of the Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan’s Island Pertaining to Dog Permits and Badges, carried by a vote of 4, with Councilmembers Church, Howard and Smith opposing.**
- 3. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Council member Smith, to approve a Resolution for the Adoption of the Revised Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, carried unanimously.**

#### **V. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:**

- 1. Mayor’s Report-** Mayor O’Neil took a moment to review a number of Town accomplishments in 2017. A few of the accomplishments are:
  - Management of the Eclipse event, which drew hordes of visitors to the Charleston area and thousands to the Island
  - Preparation for Hurricane Irma, protection during the storm, and assessment, outreach and cleanup afterwards. All of our Town departments worked very hard to protect our safety and property, communicate with our residents and maintain the operation of Town facilities.
  - Life-saving actions by Town first responders: Firefighters Don Harbaugh and Adam Ivan observed their colleague Curt Gibbons suffer cardiac arrest during a shift and Police Chief Chris Griffin, while driving on I-526, observed a car strike the median and burst into flames, and then rushed to the burning car to extract the helpless driver and get him to safety,
  - New playground equipment at Poe Park, thanks to the generosity of the Park Foundation
  - Initiation of live traffic cameras on the Causeway/SC703
  - Stith Park improvements: We began rehab on “The Mound” so the generations-long sliding tradition could resume. The maintenance schedule for the Park landscaping was accelerated. Thanks to Town Council Recreation Committee Chair Sarah Church for her leadership in this and related achievements!



- Initial award of a \$1.46 million Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for storm water mitigation in the two flood-prone areas of the Island. The initial design work was funded, and the construction will be funded pending approval of the design. The project will provide relief in the Station 18 and Station 30 drainage basins. Both areas contain repetitive loss structures that experience damage during flood events.
- Dedication of our new Town Hall
- New windows and some structural repairs to the Island Club building
- Completion of preliminary engineering analyses for Wastewater Plant upgrades
- Boardwalk extensions and construction at Stations 22 and 25.

## **2. Administrator's Report**

### General Correspondence-

- Laura Sertich 3030 Marshall Boulevard- Yard debris collection and FEMA clean-up. Answer by Councilmember Smith.
- Marshall De Bruhl, 1121 Middle Street #4- Erosion at Station 11 Street.

Fire Station- Building inspection report attached for consideration by Council. Staff is scheduled to meet Thursday 2-22-18 in order to review the report and begin crafting a scope of work.

### Town Hall Staff-

1. Jessi Gress- will assume the duties of Permit Clerk at the retirement of Kat Kenyon
2. Kate Daniel Stith- began work as receptionist 1-29-18 replacing Jessi Gress

Coyote Information Expo- The City of Isle of Palms, Town of Sullivan's Island and Dewees Island POA Inc. recently met with South Carolina Department of Natural Resources to discuss the State policy on coyotes, mutual issues in each community and current local coyote policies. The group will sponsor a Coyote Information Expo on Thursday February 22, 2018 5:30 p.m. at the Isle of Palms Recreation Center. In addition to booths staffed by each community participants will include Jay Butfilowski/South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, various State approved trappers and other coyote experts.

Commercial District Traffic and Pedestrian Safety- Councilmember Reese has initiated discussion with staff regarding traffic and pedestrian safety in the Commercial District. The Administrator has met with Stantec for a review of the Commercial District traffic flow. The engineer will identify any solutions and coordinate a meeting with South Carolina Department of Transportation.

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

**4. Boards and Commissions Reports** – Planning Commission: Comprehensive Plan- The Committee approved the Population Element at the February 15, 2018 meeting. The next meeting will be held on March 14, 2018.

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS- DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

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

The January Financial Report will be discussed at the March Workshop Meeting.

**Public Facilities Committee** – Councilmember Howard. Monthly report rendered.

Fire Station- A building report for the repairs to the fire station has been received. Staff is scheduled to meet Thursday, 2-22-18 to review the report and begin crafting a scope of work.

Yellowstone Landscape- **Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Church, to accept the Proposal by Yellowstone Landscape for Rooftop Debris Cleaning at Battery Gadsden at roughly \$2,700.00. After discussion, Councilmember Howard withdrew his motion.**

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

Committee Minutes- **Motion was made by Mayor O’Neil, seconded by Councilmember Clark, to approve the Land Use and Natural Resources Committee Minutes of the February 7, 2018 Meeting, carried unanimously within Committee.**

Transition Zone- Committee will continue review and discussion of potential transition zone management at future Committee meetings.

Beach Litter- Committee received Staff information on anti-litter public outreach/education program. Committee will continue discussion of a potential ordinance banning polystyrene and single-use plastic bags.

**Administration Committee** – Councilmember Reese. Monthly report rendered.

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

Funding for the Sewer plant up-fit and for remaining I&I work are both now on the Finance Committee agenda.



Committee Meeting – The next Water & Sewer Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at Town Hall.

**Public Safety Committee** – Councilmember Clark. Monthly reports rendered.

SIFR Oyster Roast- The annual Sullivan’s Island Fire & Rescue Oyster Roast will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 5-8 p.m. under the Big Tin. Tickets can be purchased at the Fire Station, Town Hall, Harris Teeter at Sea Island Shopping Center and Simmons Seafood.

**Recreation Committee** – Councilmember Church.

Stith Park- The landscape improvements work for Stith Park will begin Thursday, February 22, 2018.

2018 Farmers Market- The 2018 Farmers Market season will be April 12-June 28 from 2:30-6:30 p.m. The deadline for vendor applications was on February 16, 2018. Staff is currently reviewing vendor applications and will select vendors between February 26-28, 2018.

St. Patrick’s Day in the Park- The St. Patrick’s Day in the Park event will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. There will be Irish music, No Hands Magic show, face painters, balloon twisters, cookies and refreshments.

Bamboo Forest- the bamboo forest has become a safety concern due to some eroded areas and vegetation overhang. The Town has received two estimates for repair work. This will be discussed in further detail before a decision will be made.

Battery Gadsden Facility- Consideration of request for funds to mitigate moisture intrusion at the facility. The Recreation Committee has left-over funds in this year’s fiscal budget and recommended the remaining goes towards the repairs at the Battery Gadsden facility.

**Motion was made by Councilmember Church, seconded by Councilmember Langley, to authorize staff to seek out prices for electrical system upgrades and obtaining of two HVAC units for the Battery Gadsden facility, carried unanimously.** This motion is not to authorize staff to proceed with the purchasing, only to seek out prices for the two items.

Pickleball- An Island resident has requested for pickleball lines to be added to only one existing court of the Citadel/Poe Avenue tennis courts. The estimated cost for this project will be \$300.00.

## **VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Church, to go into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. for:**

- 1. Legal Advice- South Carolina Environmental Law Project Surveying Along the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf**
- 2. Legal and Contractual Advice- Advice Regarding Town Owned Property**
- 3. Legal Advice- Poe Avenue Sewer Line Replacement**

**The motion to go into Executive Session carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Langley, to come out of Executive Session at 7:39 p.m., carried unanimously.** Mayor O'Neil stated that no votes or actions were taken during Executive Session.

## **VIII. ADJOURN**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Church, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to adjourn at 7:39 p.m., carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Courtney Liles