

February 21, 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
Sarah Church, Councilmember
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 ten members in the audience, and one member of the media. 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.

Bill Dunleavy, owner of Dunleavy's Pub- asked Council for approval to close Station 22 ½ on Friday, March 17th from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. for St. Patrick's Day. Council agreed to his application.

Olivia Bueno & Jana Davis, Charleston Surfrider Foundation- spoke about marsh cleanups and also the Ocean Friendly Restaurant Certification. Charleston Surfrider Foundation, along with the Charleston Running Club, have adopted the Ben Sawyer Boulevard through the Adopt-A-Highway Program; will be cleaning four times a year for two years. On January 21, 2017, 115 volunteers came together to sweep the causeway. The most commonly found items were: 556 pieces of Styrofoam, 351 plastic bags, 691 micro-plastics, 276 plastic food wrappers, 63 straws, 91 utensils and over 2,400 cigarette butts.

The Ocean Friendly Restaurant Certification Program recognizes restaurants that are implementing environmentally friendly practices. The certification is voluntary and its goal is to eliminate Styrofoam. Certified Ocean Friendly Restaurants follow criteria such as: proper recycling practices, only use reusable tableware for on-site dining, only providing to-go utensils upon request and they do not use expanded

polystyrene. The Obstinate Daughter is certified, Mex 1 is working on its certification, and Dunleavy's expressed interest in learning more about the program.

II. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approval of Council Minutes –

Motion was made by Councilmember Langley, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2017, carried by a vote of 6, with Councilmember Church abstaining.

2. Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Middaugh, to approve Fee Simple Title Request by Kenneth Jones and Sandra Jones for Lot 234 at 2018 Middle Street with TMS Number 529-05-00-037, carried unanimously.

III. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:

1. Administrator's Report

Council Correspondence:

- A. Henry W. Frampton IV, McNair Law Firm- FOIA request for information related to the stormwater pump at Station 18 Street and Atlantic Avenue.

Town Hall and Police Station Building- The Architect and Contractor continue to work through the punch list for the inside and outside of the building. Pay application 17 in the amount of \$97,371.19 has been approved by the Architect and Owner and payment submitted to the Contractor. Balance to completion including retainage is \$262,701.09.

South Carolina Department of Transportation- The Department has scheduled a pre-construction meeting with various municipal jurisdictions for resurfacing of US-17A, S-10-1442 (Brownswood Road) and SC-703 on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

Bennett Preservation Engineering PC- The structural analysis of Battery Gadsden has been completed and the report circulated to Council electronically. Mr. Bennett will present his findings at the March 6, 2017 Workshop meeting.

Munnerlyn Pyrotechnics- Staff is currently working through the contract for Independence Day 2017.

Boardwalks and Beach Paths- Request to improve beach paths at Breach Inlet, Station 32, Station 31 and Station 30:

- i. Breach Inlet- Chief Stith to add R-O-C and sand shell to the path

- ii. Station 30- does not appear possible due to erosion and DHEC regulation 30-13(O)(1)(c). High tides often come under the structure at 2923 Marshall Boulevard. DHEC regulation 30-13 (O)(1)(c) (require a 2-foot vertical clearance over surface of dune) would create an extremely steep slope at terminus. Additionally, boardwalk could drop walkers into water at high tide.
- iii. Station 31- high erosion zone and boardwalk not recommended.
- iv. Station 32- Dry sand only exists at ebb slack water. DHEC regulation 30-13 (O)(1)(c) requires 2-foot clearance between the surface of the dune and walkway. A walkway at Station 32 would be extremely steep over the rocks and terminate in the water. Additionally, DHEC regulation 30-13 (O)(1)(h) require walkways to be built perpendicular to the shore.

3. Mayor's Report- Mayor O'Neil read the list of twenty-one Islanders who passed away in 2016, and asked for a moment of silence. Those who passed away in 2016 were: Paul G. Zander, Caleb Huiet Paul, Thomas West Carr, Bernice Greenleaf Inez (Bunny) Hills, Anna Clontz Crawford, Phyllis Karesh Tannenbaum, Anna P. Anderegg, Richard J. Bischoff, Dorthy Jones Webster, Danny Dingle, Lois LeaMond, Joan DeAntonio Solesbee, Ted Louis Pratt, Hugh K. Eason, David Eric Lipman, Mary Grace Grisillo, Anna Enright Moore, Emily White, Peter Condon McManus, Buddy Junior Cumbee, and Dicksie Johnson.

Mayor O'Neil then recapped the events of the Town in 2016. These include: Occupancy of the new facility at 2056 Middle Street, 2016 FEMA HMGP Application for Stormwater Improvements, Transportation Sales Tax Program Stormwater Improvements at Station 19 Street, Credit Card Program, first Farmer's Market, Station 26 Street Boat Landing Enhancements, Hurricane Matthew preparation and recovery, ISO Class 1 (best ISO rating that a Fire Department can achieve), Body Camera Policy developed by the Department and approved by the State, Body Camera Grant application completed and approved for the reward of \$8,736.00, Parking Plan, Completed FY15 years 4&5 Water Line Replacement Program, Relined 3,000 feet of 6" water main along Middle Street from Station 12 to Star of the West, Installed 80' of 4" water main to loop in Station 10 to Middle Street, Developed I&I Reduction Phase II Plan, Rebuilt 4 lift station pumps, and many more.

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

4. Boards and Commissions Reports – Zoning Administrator Joe Henderson gave Council a brief update relating to the Planning Commission. During the February 8, 2017 meeting, the Commission took up two potential Text Amendments related to the Historic design review process. They have moved one of those Amendments to the March 8, 2017 Public Hearing.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS- DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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

Comptroller Blanton gave a brief overview of the 2018 Budget Timeline and encouraged Council to begin to think about capital needs and projects for the upcoming fiscal year. The January Financial report will be discussed at the March Workshop Meeting.

Public Facilities Committee – Councilmember Smith. Monthly report rendered.

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

Committee Meeting Minutes- **Motion was made by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Mayor O’Neil, to approve the Land Use and Natural Resources Committee Minutes from January 27, 2017, carried unanimously among the Committee Members.**

Administration Committee – Councilmember Howard. Monthly report rendered.

Adopt a Station- Councilmember Howard thanked Island Residents Paul and Jenn Vannatta for helping the Town of Sullivan’s Island start the ‘Adopt a Station’ initiative. By adopting a station, residents will volunteer to regularly maintain the walkways to the beaches to pick up garbage and sweeping away leaves, sticks, and sand. So far roughly 10 stations have been adopted. Councilmember Church has adopted Station 16 and Mayor Pro Tem Clark has adopted Station 22.

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

Committee Meeting – The next Water & Sewer Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

REU Rate Study- The intent of this project was primarily to spread the base facility charge more equitably and provide greater funding stability for the Wastewater System. This is also expected, secondarily, to generate some additional revenue. There were problems in the plan that was presented by Raftelis Consultants; therefore, it is going to be used as a starting point and will not be implemented as proposed. The Water and Sewer Committee is continuing to consider additional options and alternatives based on Residents feedback in response to the Consultant’s report. Councilmember Middaugh stated that a revised plan will be developed and presented for discussion over the next several months for possible implementation the middle of FY18.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Buffer- Landscaping along fence adjacent to Stith Park has been completed.

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 will be completed by the end of February.

Public Safety Committee – Councilmember Clark. Monthly reports rendered.

Recreation Committee – Councilmember Church.

Island Club- Renovations for the Island Club are now well underway. There was a slight mix-up with the size of the new windows; those will be replaced.

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 deadline has now been reached; staff will begin to review the applications.

St. Patrick's Day- The St. Patrick's party in the park family event will take place on Saturday, March 18th. There will be plenty of entertainment this year including: a band, magician, face painter, and balloon twisters.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Councilmember Church, seconded by Councilmember Middaugh, to go into Executive Session at 6:51 p.m. for the following items:

- 1. Personnel: Merit Consideration for Fire Department and Water and Sewer Department**
- 2. Personnel: Associate Judge Appointment**
- 3. Personnel: Retirement Clerk of Court**
- 4. Personnel: Police Department Staffing**

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 7:56 p.m., carried unanimously. Mayor O'Neil stated that no votes or actions were taken during Executive Session.

Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Church, to accept the Fire Chiefs Proposed Salary Increases and Promotions Department-Wide for the Fire Department, carried unanimously.

VI. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Councilmember Church, seconded by Councilmember Middaugh, to adjourn at 7:57 p.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Courtney Liles