

May 17, 2016

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, with no members of the media. Mayor O'Neil led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation by Councilmember Clark.

I. FORMAT: Mayor O'Neil opened the floor for comments.

Nicky Bluestein, 2513 Atlantic Ave., asked Councilmember Middaugh to define the Transition Zone; Mayor O'Neil about Nature Paths in the Accreted Land and Jeff Jackson if he had a list of Native Plants for Sullivan's Island. Mayor O'Neil responded that this time was directly for comments to Council and he would be happy to answer any questions after the meeting.

Vince Musi, 2002 Middle St., suggested to Council to get professional advice regarding the new sign at the entrance of the island.

Chuck Galis, 1817 Back St., suggested to Council to get public input before the final decision is made for the new sign at the entrance of the island.

Sydney Cook, 1614 Thompson Ave., mentioned that she hopes whichever new sign Council chooses for the entrance, it reflects the classiness of Sullivan's Island. She also stated that there may be a more creative solution to inform the residents and visitors of news and upcoming events other than the digital board.

II. PUBLIC HEARING: Town Budget FY2017 and Utility Budget FY2017.

Comptroller Blanton stated that there is a 1.1-million-dollar increase in both expenses and revenue from last year. The majority of the increase is due to a 380K addition

from the Admin Department and 200K for the 2003 GO Bond. Comptroller Blanton also budgeted 50K toward cleaning and maintaining the new Town Hall/Police Station, as well as 29K increase for insurance. The Fire Department has budgeted improvements of approximately 200K to the windows and siding. The Police Department has budgeted two additional officers at approximately 80K, after netting the two salaries against any current overtime from officers. The Police Department will also purchase three additional vehicles, due to regular rotation. The Maintenance Department has 210K budgeted, with roughly 100K for the Accreted Land Management Plan implementation, 50K for the Station 26 boat landing repairs and 60K for the Storm Water System.

Comptroller Blanton stated that the property tax revenue is coming in higher than projected this year. There is no milage increase, so it remains at 33.1 mils. For the debt retirement on the 2014 GO Bond, which paid for the new Fire Department ladder truck and a portion of the new Town Hall/Police Station, the milage had to increase from 5 mils to 6.3 mils to pay off the full debt. That bond will be paid off in 2025.

Mayor O'Neil opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments.

III. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approval of Council Minutes –

Motion was made by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2016, the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2016, and the Special Council Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2016 carried unanimously.

2. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Church, to have Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2016-01, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 17-3 of the Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan's Island to Change the Term Length of Planning Commission Members, carried unanimously.

3. Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Middaugh, to have Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2016-02, An Ordinance to Adopt the Budget for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, carried unanimously.

4. Motion was made by Councilmember Middaugh, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to have Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2016-03, An Ordinance to Adopt the Water and Sewer Utility Budget for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, carried unanimously.

5. **Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Clark, to have First Reading, by Title Only, Ordinance No. 2016-04, An Ordinance to Amend Chapters 11-4 and 11-7 of the Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan's Island to require all wheels off of the pavement when parking on Sullivan's Island, except where otherwise posted, carried unanimously.**

IV. PRESENTATION:

Beverly Bohan with Haute Design gave a brief update on the new Town Hall/Police Station furniture decisions. The majority of the chairs, wall colors, fabrics, floors and desks have been chosen, leaving just a few decisions to be made. Ms. Bohan stated that after everything is ordered, the total will be well under the proposed budget. The State Contract vendor needs a total of nine weeks to make and ship everything, so Ms. Bohan is requesting permission from Council to move forward with the purchase order.

Motion was made by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Langley, to give Beverly Bohan permission to move forward with proposed furniture plan and create a purchase order, carried unanimously.

V. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Administrator's Report

General and New Correspondence –

- Bill Harwell, 1754 Atlantic Ave., Parking considerations for Iron Ave.
- Stacey and Michael Koon, 910 Middle St., Note of appreciation to Council for establishing the Farmers' Market.
- Eric Adams, Charleston County Transportation Committee is soliciting project requests for FY2017 from the Town.
- Katie Zimmerman, Coastal Conservation League, Expression of concern for the draft Transition Zone Plan in the Accreted Land addressed to the Town and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.
- John Paulus, SCDOT, Surface repair and re-paving on SC703 from Ben Sawyer Bridge north to Chuck Dawley Boulevard will begin Sunday, May 1, 2016. The project has been awarded to Banks Construction Company. All work will be performed between the hours of 8:00pm to 6:00am.

Causeway Sign- Council had a lengthy discussion regarding the different sign options, and also each item on the sign. Council consensus was to choose between three designs, all without pilings; and the tide clock should not be included, unless it is on a separate column. Also, the

majority of Council liked the video reader board at the bottom of the sign, as long as it is high resolution. Mayor O'Neil stated that he will be in contact with Rusty Bennett.

Town Hall and Police Station Building- An OAC meeting was held at 10am on May 17, 2016 with the next one to be held on May 31, 2016. Noteworthy are installation of the ice and water shield for the roof, dry wall installation, and elevator installation and painting. The Town processed pay application ten from Hill Construction in the amount of \$460,140.10. The contract balance amount to finish including retainage is \$1,862,221.51.

Parking Plan –The South Carolina Department of Transportation is currently reviewing the proposed parking plan and encroachment permit.

Charleston County Transportation Committee Resurfacing 2016- The CTC has provided a list of Sullivan's Island streets for resurfacing in 2016. The list is approximately 6.5 miles of asphalt. Although the project has been awarded to Sanders Brothers Construction, a schedule is not yet available.

2. Mayor's Report- No items to report.

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

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

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

The April Financial Report will be discussed at the June Workshop Meeting. Third Reading and Ratification for the FY2017 Town budget will be held during the Regular Council Meeting on June 21, 2016.

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

Water and Sewer Committee Minutes- Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve the Water and Sewer Minutes from April 28, 2016, carried unanimously among Water and Sewer Committee members.

Committee Meeting – The next Water & Sewer Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

Public Safety Committee – Councilmember Clark. Monthly reports rendered.

Public Safety Committee Minutes- **Motion was made by Councilmember Church, seconded by Councilmember O'Neil, to approve the Public Safety Minutes from May 9, 2016, carried unanimously among the Public Safety Committee Members.**

Managed Parking – This was discussed during the Administrator's report. Councilmember Clark added that he has received input from citizens and is open to ideas such as making streets one way to the existing plan in the future. One of the main reasons for the parking program is to ensure safety on the island for residents, visitors, and Town staff. Police Chief Howard stated that he has at least one assigned staff member working on managing parking seven days a week.

Brick Campaign- So far, 196 bricks have been ordered. The Town needs a total of 212 bricks to go around the flag pole. The deadline has not yet been assigned, but will be soon.

Recreation Committee – Councilmember Church.

Committee Meeting- The next Recreation Committee Meeting will be Friday, May 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Island Club – The RFP is currently being written. Building Official Randy Robinson is making revisions before the Committee reviews it. This will be discussed in further detail at the Recreation Committee Meeting on May 20, 2016.

Battery Gadsden Cultural Center – Councilmember Church asked Councilmember Middaugh to report. Battery Gadsden Cultural Center is very pleased to announce that Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Mike Walsh will be presenting a video from the 90's of the Island Remembered. He will also be talking about the oral history project that he will be doing for Battery Gadsden. On June 16, 2016, Mayor Tecklenburg will be telling stories about Sullivan's Island and playing the piano at Sunrise Presbyterian Church. On July 7, 2016, Dottie Benton Frank will be speaking about the impact of Sullivan's Island and her books. More information on that venue will be discussed at the next meeting.

Farmer's Market – Approaching the half-way mark for the season, everything is still going well. Councilmember Church has asked for a bike rack to help alleviate the pile up of bikes. The Farmer's Market is every Thursday until the end of June from 2:30-7 p.m.

Independence Day Celebration- The firework show and the band will be on July 2nd this year. The golf cart parade will still remain on July 4th. This will be discussed in further detail at the Recreation Committee Meeting on May 20, 2016.

Public Facilities Committee – Councilmember Smith. Monthly report rendered.

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

Administration Committee – Councilmember Howard. Monthly report rendered.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made at 7:28 p.m. by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Howard to go into Executive Session for:

- A. Legal Advice from John Linton, Esq. regarding Sullivan’s Island Wild Olive Group et al. v Town of Sullivan’s Island and Sullivan’s Island Board of Zoning Appeals 2015-CP-10-0449,**
- B. Legal Advice from Lawrence Dodds, Esq. regarding Seismic Drilling Ruling by Administrative Law Judge;**
- C. Personnel Matter**

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Howard to come out of Executive Session at 7:57 p.m., carried unanimously.

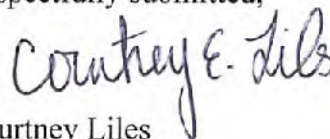
Mayor O’Neil stated that no votes or actions were taken during Executive Session.

Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Clark, for the Town NOT to participate in appeal of Administrative Law Judge action on Seismic Drilling, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Langley, to approve Merit Increases for the Water and Sewer Department employees, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Langley, seconded by Councilmember Church, to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Courtney Liles