

June 20, 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
Tim Reese, Councilmember
Bachman Smith, IV, Councilmember
Former Councilmember Susan Middaugh

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 30 members in the audience, and three members of the media. Mayor O'Neil led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark.

Town Attorney Larry Dodds administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Patrick M. O'Neil for a four-year term, ending in 2021. Mayor O'Neil then administered the Oath of Office to Councilmembers Sarah Church, Chauncey Clark and Tim Reese for four-year terms, ending in 2021.

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

- Tom Waring, 2424 Atlantic Avenue- expressed concern regarding the coyote population on the island and highly recommended that the Town conduct an aggressive elimination/removal process of all coyotes and similar predators. Mr. Waring's cat, Marshall, has been missing and he has assumed the worst.
- Cheryl Kaynard, 2501 Atlantic Avenue- also mentioned that her cat, Hoover, had been missing. Ms. Kaynard encouraged Council to take action towards eliminating the coyote population.
- David DeAntonio, 2250 Jasper Boulevard- expressed concern regarding the dangers of traffic and children in Atlanticville crossing Station 22 ½ and stated that a crosswalk is needed.
- Sallie Pritchard, 2830 Middle Street- thanked Andy Benke, Chris Griffin and Joe Henderson for helping her try to resolve an issue she has regarding her neighbor.

- Rick Graham, 2102 Iron Avenue- requested amendments to various sections of the Zoning Ordinance related to coffee shops and parking.
- Carlsen Huey, 828 Middle Street- thanked former Councilmember Susan Middaugh for her service on the Board at the Battery Gadsden Cultural Center.
- Gary Visser, 2924 Middle Street- praised former Councilmember Susan Middaugh for her intellect and work ethic while serving the community.
- Julia Khoury, 1728 Iron Avenue- acknowledged former Councilmember Susan Middaugh for her dedication and hard work while serving on Council.
- Dan Batten, 2430 Atlantic Avenue- expressed concern regarding a drainage problem on the Southwest corner of Atlantic and Station 25.

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 May 16, 2017, carried by a vote of 6, with Councilmember Clark abstaining.

Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Langley, to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2017 and the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2017, carried by a vote of 6, with Councilmember Church abstaining.

2. **Motion was made by Councilmember Langley, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to have Third Reading and Ratification, Ordinance No. 2017-01, An Ordinance to Amend Zoning Regulations Regarding the Historic Design Review Process when Granting Certifications of Appropriateness: Sections 21-97 C. (5) “Criteria for Certificates of Appropriateness”, carried unanimously.**
3. **Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to have Third Reading and Ratification, Ordinance No. 2017-02, An Ordinance to Adopt the Water and Sewer Utility Budget for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, carried unanimously.**
4. **Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Church, to have Third Reading and Ratification, Ordinance No. 2017-03, An Ordinance to Adopt Budget for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, carried unanimously.**
5. **Motion was made by Councilmember Langley, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to have First Reading, by Title Only, Ordinance No. 2017-04, An**

Ordinance to Add Zoning Regulations Regarding Elevating Historic Buildings in the Residential Single-Family (RS) District (§21-44 A-C); and Amend Zoning Ordinance §21-59 B. Standards for Elevating Buildings in the Community Commercial (CC) District, carried unanimously.

- 6. Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to approve a Resolution to Increase Water and Sewer Fees for FY18, carried unanimously.**
- 7. Motion was made by Councilmember Church, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to approve a Resolution for the People Against Rape Organization, carried unanimously.**
- 8. Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to approve a Resolution for the National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center, carried unanimously.**
- 9. Motion was made by Councilmember Church, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to approve a Resolution of Appreciation for Susan Middaugh, carried unanimously. Susan Middaugh received a standing ovation.**
- 10. Motion was made by Councilmember Langley, seconded by Councilmember Clark, to approve the Council Committees as presented, carried unanimously.**

The Committees are:

Administration- Chair Tim Reese, Members Sarah Church and Mark Howard

Finance- Chair Patrick M. O'Neil, all Council Members

Land Use and Natural Resources- Chair Rita Langley, Members Chauncey Clark and Patrick M. O'Neil

Public Facilities- Chair Mark Howard, Members Chauncey Clark and Bachman Smith, IV

Public Safety- Chair Chauncey Clark, Members Sarah Church and Patrick M. O'Neil

Recreation- Chair Sarah Church, Members Rita Langley and Tim Reese

Water/Sewer- Chair Bachman Smith, IV, Members Mark Howard and Rita Langley

- 11. Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Church, to appoint Councilmember Clark to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem, carried by a vote of 6, with Councilmember Clark abstaining.**

III. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:

1. Administrator's Report

General Correspondence-

- A. Thomas Waring, 2424 Atlantic Avenue- Expressed concern about coyotes and requesting aggressive trapping program.
- B. Barb Peters- Note of appreciation for assistance and service provided by Chris Griffin.
- C. Billy Matthews, 405 Sea Breeze Lane- Gave praise to the Fire Department and effort to save the structure at 1026 Osceola Avenue.
- D. Sally and Chuck Geer, 2808 Atlantic Avenue- Requesting resolution to the storm water collection system issues.
- E. Elizabeth von Kolnitz, SC DHEC- Gave information regarding the Department review of the baseline and setback line during 2017 and public notice to impacted properties.
- F. Lila Trussler, 1650 Atlantic Avenue- Request to move boat trailers from the right of way adjacent to 1501 Thompson Avenue. Some of the trailers are parked in the right of way which is owned by SC DOT, and others on a vacant lot that is owned by the Town. Mayor O'Neil asked Zoning Administrator Joe Henderson if there were any zoning issues regarding this matter. Mr. Henderson stated the area is zoned RS (Residential Single-Family). Allowing a vacant property to be used as open storage or for public use could cause liability issues, and the Zoning Ordinance does not allow it. Council agreed to have signs placed in the ground to encourage the boat trailer owners to remove them from their current location within a certain time frame.

SCE&G Community Solar- Mike Malone with Clean Energy Collective presented to Council information regarding the SCE&G Community Solar Program. Community Solar is an optimally located solar array built within the utility's service area. The Town would receive credits directly on the electric bill every month for participating in the solar array. SCE&G Community Solar provides long-term financial savings and an effective hedge against rising energy costs.

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. Balance to completion including retainage is \$42,725.14.

The final main punch list item for resolution is: (1) air flow and air temperature in I.T. room.

Resignations and Open Positions:

1. Water and Sewer- One open position filled and recruiting for a second open licensed operator.
2. Police Department- Recruiting for one patrol officer and Committee established for Police Chief search.

2017 Legislative Session- Highlights and key legislation passed:

1. Continuing budget resolution- allows House and Senate to continue to work out differences in the two versions of the State budget.
2. H3352- changes to the Freedom of Information Act
3. H3516- increases to certain fees and taxes to pay for highway and road repair and maintenance
4. H3150- no change to municipal elections
5. H3726- employer contribution increase to the SCRS and PORS

Boards and Commissions- Seats Expiring in September

1. Planning Commission (3 years)- Sydney Cook, Hal Currey, Carl Hubbard, Gary Visser.
2. Board of Zoning Appeals- No expirations
3. Municipal Election Commission (6 years)- Vivian Scarborough
4. Tree Commission (3 years)- Nat Robb
5. Design Review Board (3 years)- Beverly Bohan, Pat Ilderton

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

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

4. Boards and Commissions Reports –

1. Planning Commission- Zoning Administrator Joe Henderson gave Council a brief update relating to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission plays a significant role in the review and update of the Town's long-range strategic plan, known as the Comprehensive Plan. An Open House will be held on September 13, 2017 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. to kick-off the Comprehensive Plan process.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS- DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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

Comptroller Jason Blanton stated that the May Financial Report was included in the packet. This will be discussed in further detail at the July Meeting.

Committee Minutes- **Motion was made by Councilmember Langley, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to approve the Finance Committee Minutes from May 11, 2017, carried unanimously.**

Administration Committee – Councilmember Howard. Monthly report rendered.

Carolina Day Celebration- An event to commemorate Carolina Day and the Battle of Sullivan's Island will be held on June 28, 2017 at the flag pole between Town Hall and the Fire Station. Councilmember Howard took a moment to thank Chief Stith and his staff for moving the heavy memorial from the old Town Hall at 1610 Middle Street, to the new Town Hall at 2056 Middle Street.

Workshop Meeting- The July Workshop Meeting will be held on July 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. instead of the usual first Monday of the month in the observance of Independence Day.

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

Committee Meeting – The next Water & Sewer Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at Town Hall.

Public Safety Committee – Councilmember Clark. Monthly reports rendered.

Committee Meeting- A Committee Meeting will be scheduled to discuss coyotes, traffic, parking, etc. The date is still to be determined.

Recreation Committee – Councilmember Church.

Poe Park Update- The Recreation Committee had an on-site visit with the equipment vendor from Playworld to review the site plan and placement of the new equipment. The contract will be signed within the week.

Weekly Park Maintenance- A company has been hired to maintain the landscape of Stith Park, Poe Park and the Town Hall grounds. The work began on June 19, 2017.

Independence Day Celebration- The Golf Cart and Bicycle Parade will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Sullivan's Island Elementary School and ending at the Island Club. There will be refreshments and activities under the Big Tin at the Fish Fry Shack following the parade. Fireworks will be held on July 4, 2017 at Stith Park.

Public Facilities Committee – Councilmember Smith. Monthly report rendered.

Station 18 Pump House- The Committee met with a resident who offered to purchase a submersible pump for the pump house to alleviate some of the storm water issues at that location. The following tasks would need to be done before inserting the pump. (1) The Town's engineer Thomas and Hutton would need to speak with SCE&G's engineer to discuss the use of

the shared force-main; (2) the pipes that connect inside the wet-well would need to be examined; and (3) the wet-well itself would need to be examined to make sure it is suitable to take and support a submersible pump.

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

V. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Councilmember Langley, seconded by Councilmember Clark, to adjourn at 7:09 p.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Courtney Liles