

August 15, 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

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 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.

Wayne Guckenberger, 2105 Pettigrew Street- expressed concern regarding flooding in his neighborhood and also island-wide.

Everett Presson, 1009 Middle Street- asked Council to begin the process of banning Styrofoam on the beach and of sales within the Town's limits.

Kate Jeffries, 1615 Poe Avenue- stated she would like to help Mr. Presson with banning Styrofoam and would also like to ban plastic bags completely on Sullivan's Island.

II. PRESENTATION: 2017 Beach Monitoring Survey.

Dr. Nicole Elko, President of Elko Coastal Consulting presented to Council the 2017 Beach Monitoring Survey. Dr. Elko is also the Executive Director of the South Carolina Beach Advocates and is Vice President of Science and Technology with the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association.

The purpose of the study is to provide an annual condition survey to monitor the Sullivan's Island beach. The intention is to survey the beach annually at the beginning of hurricane season in order to monitor changes to the beach from normal and/or storm conditions. Annual monitoring will not only provide baseline conditions for

each storm season, but also a comparison of past year's monitoring data that will yield change rates important for understanding beach performance over time.

Analyses of the mean high water (MHW) position relative to the SCDHEC-OCRM baseline and unit volume by monument were conducted. The northeast of the island has little protective beach and dune system in place but has been stabilized with erosion control structures. Despite the relative stability of this section of the island, beachfront homes are located either on or seaward of the primary dune in vulnerable positions.

The data also documented a sandbar attachment event in 2014 and another that is just beginning in 2017. Most of the sediment from the 2014 attachment event has been transported down drift, toward southwestern Sullivan's Island and the Charleston Harbor jetty. As a result, the shoreline between Station 31 and 22 moved about 180ft landward between 2014 and 2016. All indications suggest that the 2017 sand bar attachment will have similar results and the southwest end of Sullivan's Island will continue to accrete. If the present management strategy is maintained, additional dune, beachfront marsh, and maritime forest progradation is expected in the central portion of the island.

III. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approval of Council Minutes –

Motion was made by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Reese, to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2017, carried unanimously.

2. Motion was made by Councilmember Langley, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2017, carried unanimously.

3. Motion was made by Councilmember Langley, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to have Third Reading and Ratification, 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.

IV. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:

1. Administrator's Report

General Correspondence-

- Eric Dodson, Thompson Avenue- Trailer parking.
- Kimberly Brown, Pettigrew Street- Street flooding.

Town Hall and Police Station Building- The final pay application has been processed and payment was issued to Hill Construction on Friday, 8-4-17.

The final main punch list item for resolution is: (1) air flow and air temperature in I.T. room which is being resolved between the Owner, Architect and HVAC contractor.

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.
3. Boards and Commissions- Appointees and applicants notified of results from Special Meeting of Council held on 8-7-17.

DHEC State Beachfront Jurisdictional Lines- DHEC's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resources Management is mandated by the Beachfront Management Act to review the position of the beachfront baseline and 40-year setback line every 8 to 10 years. OCRM is currently reviewing available data on the lines and is expected to announce a public comment period sometime this fall. Seaward property owners should monitor the DHEC website for the information and ability to comment or appeal the placement of the lines. The Department has been requested to specifically notify the Town of the line placement and public comment period.

Eclipse 2017 Planning- For the forthcoming Eclipse on 8-21-17, the Town has crafted (1) and action plan; (2) general public information; and (3) a press release to assist residents and visitors to the Island on the day of the event.

Trailer Parking on Town Property- Discussion continues with residents along Thompson Avenue. Parking trailers along Station 15 Street between Middle Street and Thompson Avenue straddling public R-O-W and Town property is not acceptable to the neighbor.

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.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS- DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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

Comptroller Jason Blanton stated that our new BS&A software program and now live and is running smoothly.

Public Facilities Committee – Councilmember Howard. Monthly report rendered.

Storage Structure for Departments- **Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Clark, to approve an RFP for a suitable storage structure and site recommendations for department needs.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Clark, to amend the motion for permission to prepare the RFP for a suitable storage structure and site recommendations for department needs, carried unanimously.

Fire Station Repairs- **Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to prepare an RFP for the Fire Station maintenance repairs.**

Discussion: Council stated that this RFP is only to do the necessary repairs first (new paint, repair wood on siding, decks, etc.) **This motion carried unanimously.**

Old Pier/Bridge- **Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Mayor O’Neil, to accept the old pier/bridge study by Kimley-Horn.** Discussion: Councilmember Smith stated he was not comfortable with the contract and its language. **Motion was tabled for further study and consulting with the board.**

Old Town Hall- **Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Clark to enter into negotiation for a lease at the Old Town Hall with the American Military Museum.** Discussion: Council had many concerns including: the type and extent of lease, what the Town would do with everything that is currently being stored there, the Zoning of the building, the value of the building and what the museum would have on display. **Motion was tabled until further notice.**

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

Comprehensive Plan- A Public Workshop will be held on September 13, 2017 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. and an Open House will be held on October 18, 2017 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. to kick-off the re-write of the Town’s Comprehensive Plan process.

Administration Committee – Councilmember Reese. Monthly report rendered.

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

CWS- Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Langley, to allow CWS to conduct Geotechnical sampling and soils testing to assess viability of two possible routes for a subsurface waterline for supply to Mt. Pleasant Water and Sewer at the old dump and rear fields behind Stith Park and the mound, carried unanimously.

Committee Meeting – The next Water & Sewer Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 24 , 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at Town Hall.

Public Safety Committee – Councilmember Clark. Monthly reports rendered.

Committee Minutes- Motion was made by Councilmember Church, seconded by Mayor O’Neil, to approve the Public Safety Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2017, carried unanimously within the Committee.

Committee Meeting- The next Public Safety Meeting will be held on August 29, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in Town Hall.

Recreation Committee – Councilmember Church.

Battery Gadsden Cultural Center- Councilmember Howard has been appointed the new Councilmember on the BGCC Board.

Poe Park- The Town is still awaiting the replacement equipment for Poe Park. The equipment is scheduled to be delivered and installed this month.

VI. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Councilmember Langley, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to adjourn at 7:29 p.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Courtney Liles