

August 17, 2010

The regular meeting of Town Council was held on the above date at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied:

Present were: Carl J. Smith, Mayor
Mike Perkis, Mayor Pro Tem
Buddy Howle, Councilman
Madeleine McGee, Councilwoman
Patrick O'Neil, Councilman

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Smith, followed by the invocation by Councilman Howle. There were eight members in the audience and one member of the media present.

The floor was opened for comments from the citizens. Dennis Wyszynski of 3580 Bagley Drive in Mt. Pleasant stated he would like Council to consider the method parking fees are paid, such as an annual fee, because it would be easier for visitors who visit frequently for short periods of time. Bobby Cummings, 1450 Thompson Avenue, and President of the Island Club, asked Council to consider adding an ADA compliant disability ramp to the Island Club, and also external windows. An architectural rendering was presented to Council of the windows.

Motion was made by Councilman Howle, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to approve minutes from the regular meeting on July 20, 2010, carried unanimously.

Mayor Smith administered the Oath of Office to David Burke, a reserve officer for the Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilman Howle, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to approve a Resolution recognizing David Royall Gregorie's achievement as an Eagle Scout. Mayor Smith presented his father, Ferd Gregorie, with a copy of the Resolution, as his son was at his first day of college.

Reports and Communications

General and New Correspondence – Correspondence was received from Marie Louise Ramsdale thanking the Police Department for their excellent work; from the U.S. Department of Commerce stating the State of S.C. had a 73% response rate on the U.S. Census, which is an 8% increase and the largest increase among all the states in 2010; from Alice Freeman regarding paid parking, and a letter from Mayor Smith to Planning

Commission member Nicky Bluestein regarding participation in discussions and actions regarding the RC-1 or Accreted Land area of Sullivan's Island.

Attorney Report – no report

Board and Commission Reports – no reports

Administrator's Report, Administrator Benke. The SCDHEC beach monitoring results for three stations on the island ranked satisfactory in July.

The Hood Law Firm, LLC has submitted a civil action to the Court of Common Pleas Ninth Judicial Circuit on behalf of Nathan Bluestein, Ettaleah C. Bluestein, Theodore Albenesius, III, and Karen Albenesius. The Town and Council have 60 days after service date to respond. The Insurance Reserve Fund has been notified. A reading copy is available in Town Hall or interested parties may purchase a copy for a fee to cover the expense of photocopying. Brady Hair, Esquire, is preparing the response.

The staff has noticed a proliferation of commercial activity on Town property (tennis courts and open fields) and on the beach. Vendors using Town property are not licensed and the status of liability insurance is unknown. The zoning ordinance prohibits commercial activity on the beach.

A special event application has been received requesting to hold the Barrier Island Ecothon on Sunday, October 24, 2010. No assistance is required from the Town. A special event application has been received to hold the Barrier bike ride to raise funds for ECCO on Saturday, September 11, 2010. No assistance is required from the Town.

Town Hall will close Friday, September 3, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. and reopen Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. in observance of the Labor Day holiday. All essential departments will be fully staffed. Chief Howard is arranging the shift schedule to include additional Sheriff Department deputies to manage the anticipated traffic and crowd. Household and yard debris are adjusted to one day later than normal and appropriate notices will be given. The September 6 Council Committee meeting has been rescheduled for September 13, 2010 after a special meeting of Council to select candidates for the various open board and commission positions.

With the close of nesting season on August 15, 2010, the Island Turtle Team reports 25 nests on Isle of Palms and Sullivan's Island, of which 9 nests have hatched.

The United States Post Office has announced modified hours of the Sullivan's Island branch. Administrator Benke will contact officials at the national office for information, and to express concern about these shortened hours.

Ways and Means Committee, Councilman Perkis. Monthly report rendered. Councilman Perkis reported that revenues this July were higher than July 2009, and expense accounts were as expected. A \$100,000 bond matured in July, and it was invested in a six month CD with the CDARS program at First Federal. Comptroller Blanton reported that the auditors were here, and they may be able to make their presentation by September.

Personnel Committee, Councilwoman McGee for Councilman Kaynard. Monthly report rendered. The anticipated date for health coverage through the State of

South Carolina is October 1, 2010. There is one position open in the Water and Sewer department. The deadline to receive applications for the Boards and Commissions seats to expire in September is August 31, 2010. The staff is reviewing criteria for selection of a quarterly and annual outstanding employee.

Water and Sewer Committee, Councilman Perkis. Monthly report rendered. There were no problems or issues in July.

Building and Construction Committee, Councilman Howle. Monthly report rendered. Revenues have increased, mostly due to contractors updating their business licenses at the end of jobs.

Fire Committee, Mayor Smith. Monthly report rendered.

Recreation Committee, Councilman Howle for Councilwoman Watson. Plans for July 4, 2011 will be discussed in the near future. The Bicycle Advisory Committee continues to work toward completing the "Bicycle Friendly Community" designation, and will meet on August 24, 2010.

Real Estate Committee, Councilman O'Neil.
Community Commercial Master Plan – A quote is being obtained from an engineering firm to draw a plan which shows the elimination of all parking that is parallel on the ocean side from Station 20-1/2 to Station 22 Streets which would give room to have all forward angled parking on the park side. If the truck turnaround by the fire station is also omitted, there should be a net increase of 16 parking spaces. The plan would need to be presented to the SC Department of Transportation.
Open Space Protection for Town Parcels – The survey from Chuck Dawley is waiting on a signature from the OCRM of the critical line.
Accreted Land Management Plan – The final draft of the plan has been received, and will be reviewed by Council at a work meeting after the October Committee meeting.
Recreation and Conservation (RC-1) Line Delineation –A general discussion of the RC-1 area relative to properties in the Station 22 block of Atlantic Avenue will be discussed at the September Committee meeting.

Police Committee, Mayor Smith. The Police department has completed training conducted by the Charleston County Sheriff's Department on electronic control devices. Chief Howard reported that their department has been working closely with personnel at Sullivan's Island Elementary School regarding traffic flow to the school's new temporary location. Administrator Benke will contact Charleston County School District to determine the status of Sullivan's Island Elementary School demolition. Chief Howard has requested for personnel help from the County during the Labor Day holiday weekend.

Streets and Maintenance Committee, Councilwoman McGee.
Station 18 drainage - A meeting has been scheduled for September 9, 2010 with residents of Station 18 Street to review drainage options for the stormwater pump at Station 18.
Paid Parking - Councilwoman McGee reported that the public hearing regarding paid

parking went well, and she will present a plan for the process of the parking discussion at the September meeting. Councilwoman McGee stated she would like the terminology of “managed parking” to be used rather than “paid parking.”

Bike lane – Administrator Benke reported the Town had an estimate of \$2750 for a study and survey for improvements for Class A bike riders from around Izlar to Breech Inlet. After further discussion, it was determined the study should be for recreational, or Class B riders, and improvements such as sidewalk widening should also be investigated.

Ben Sawyer Bridge update – Administrator Benke stated the contract between the State and PCL had been extended, and due to the bridge weighing more than designed, the abutments will be strengthened with steel pilings on both the north and south sides. After the Department of Transportation and the federal government approve the plan, it will take about two months to complete. There was discussion concerning lowering the speed limit near the bridge, and it might be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

Mayor Smith duly ratified Ordinance No. 2010-05, An Ordinance to Amend Section 14-8 of the Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan’s Island, regarding disorderly conduct.

Motion was made by Councilman O’Neil, seconded by Councilman Howle, to defer Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2010-08, An Ordinance to Amend the Sullivan’s Island Code of Ordinances by Adding Chapter 27 – Franchise Fees – Granting Consent to Application for Franchise Fee for Cable Service and Setting Franchise Fee, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Howle, seconded by Councilman O’Neil, to adjourn at 7:35 pm, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen McQueeney