

September 19, 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 5 members in the audience, and two members 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.

Emily Brasher, 3025 Marshall Boulevard- expressed concern regarding erosion on the beach from the recent storm.

II. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:

1. Motion was made by Councilmember Church, seconded by Councilmember Reese, to amend the agenda to add Executive Session at the end of the meeting to receive Legal Advice from the Town Attorney, carried unanimously.

2. Approval of Council Minutes –

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

Motion was made by Councilmember Reese, seconded by Councilmember Church, to approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2017, carried by a vote of 6, with Councilmember Howard abstaining.

III. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:

1. Administrator's Report

General Correspondence-

- Eric Adams, Charleston County- Notification that the 2018 TST application for drainage improvement at Station 18 ½ between Flag Street and I'on Avenue was not funded.
- Mary Pringle, Island Turtle Team- The final newsletter for the 2017 turtle nesting season has been published.
- Yaron Miller, PEW Charitable Trusts- Request for a Resolution from the Town of Sullivan's Island supporting the PEW campaign to "Restore American Parks"
- Camille Washington, 3009 Brownell Avenue- Concerns regarding flooding at Station 30 and Brownell.

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 punch list has been completed.

Report following Hurricane Irma- OPCON 4 September 5, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. returning to OPCON 5 September 12, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

1. Staff worked quickly to prepare the Island for a potential threat and impact from Hurricane Irma
2. First responders and volunteers were out during Tropical Storm conditions responding to calls for assistance, water rescues, electrical matters, flooding and downed trees to name a few.
3. Following the event, work commenced immediately to clear roads, secure downed power lines and begin the task of recovery.
4. By and large power remained in service to the Island during the event.
5. There was minimal damage to Town property.
6. Structural damage to private property was estimated at \$929,000.00.
7. Staff has identified several areas of stormwater infrastructure in need of maintenance.

Report following the Solar Eclipse and Labor Day Weekend

1. Eclipse Event- The Island experienced busy summer holiday visitors. Post event traffic took approximately 3.5 hours to clear.
2. Labor Day Weekend- The usual volume of summer holiday traffic visited the Island with Friday, Saturday and Sunday more congested than Monday. The additional police presence assisted with traffic flow, parking and alcohol violations.

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.

2. Mayor's Report- SC Beach Advocates- The Board of Directors for the South Carolina Beach Advocates has extended an invitation to Mayor O'Neil to serve on its Board of Directors.

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

4. Boards and Commissions Reports – Zoning Administrator Joe Henderson gave a brief update on the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Due to Hurricane Irma, the Public Workshop and Open House dates have been pushed back. The Public Workshop will be held on October 10, 2017 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. and the Open House will be held on November 8, 2017 from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS- DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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

Comptroller Jason Blanton will present the July and August financial reports at the October Workshop Meeting. Also, the FY 2017 annual audit report will be presented at the October Council Meeting.

Recreation Committee – Councilmember Church.

Poe Park- The new equipment installation is progressing. The majority was installed before Hurricane Irma; the Town is awaiting on a few more parts before completion.

Drainage on the Mound- **Motion was made by Councilmember Church, seconded by Councilmember Langley, to jetvac the storm water drain along the base of the mound and trim the foliage along the southern face of the mound and fill the areas that have been eroded by storm water with sand or an appropriate medium in the southeast corner of the bamboo forest, carried unanimously.** Mayor O'Neil stated that this item has already been covered by the existing budget.

Battery Gadsden Cultural Center- Councilmember Howard reported. September 21, 2017, Roy Williams will speak about WWII from 6:00-7:15 p.m. at the Fort Moultrie Visitors Center.

Public Facilities Committee – Councilmember Howard. Monthly report rendered.

Committee Minutes- **Motion was made by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve the Public Facilities minutes from August 9, 2017, carried unanimously within the Committee.**

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

Comprehensive Plan- A Public Workshop will be held on October 10, 2017 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. and an Open House will be held on November 8, 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.

Committee Meeting – The next Water & Sewer Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at Town Hall.

Public Safety Committee – Councilmember Clark. Monthly reports rendered.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to go into Executive Session at 7:04 p.m. to receive Legal Advice from the Town Attorney, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Reese, to come out of Executive Session at 7:17 p.m., carried unanimously. Mayor O'Neil stated that no votes or actions were taken during Executive Session.

VI. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Reese, to adjourn at 7:18 p.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Courtney Liles