

November 20, 2018

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 seventy-five (75) members of the public present and two (2) members of the media present. 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.

Ernest Fava, 2424 Myrtle Avenue- expressed his opposition to any modification to the draft Accreted Land Management Plan.

Rick Reed, 1851 Flag Street- asked Council to consider support of the crab bank restoration.

Caroline Bradner, 328 East Bay, Charleston- works for the Land, Water & Wildlife Program for the Conservation League. The Conservation League applauds the Town's leadership on the issue of plastic pollution and supports the proposed Ordinance.

Susan Middaugh, 2420 Raven Drive- expressed concern regarding removing myrtle trees in the Accreted Land.

Joan Pittman, 2313 I'On Avenue- stated she believes myrtle trees help protect against rising seas, strong winds, collects settlement during storms, etc.

Maria Andrews, 1318 Cove Avenue- supports preserving the maritime forest and believes the forest is protective against storms and Hurricanes and prevents erosion.

Brian Gilhuly, 2118 Pettigrew Street- stated that the Transition Zone is a small percentage of the Accreted Land but the new complexity to the cutting plan would be costly.

Cyndy Ewing, 2514 I'On Avenue- expressed concern regarding the protection and risk factor when removing trees in the Accreted Land.

Dr. Fred Pittman, 2313 I'On Avenue- opposed to cutting the maritime forest except for Station 24. He stated that Station 24 beach path is overgrown.

David Quick, Mt. Pleasant- loves Sullivan's Island, opposes cutting in the Accreted Land.

II. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approval of Council Minutes –

Motion: Action: Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2018 and Special Council Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2018.

Moved by Councilmember Tim Reese, Seconded by Councilmember Rita Langley.

Motion: Action: Amend Minutes of October 16, 2018, Page 7 to read: "Motion was made by Councilmember Langley, seconded by Councilmember Clark, to approve the Land Use and Natural Resources Committee's recommendations for the Accreted Land Management Plan and the Guiding Principles and Written Fact Findings, failed by a vote of 2-5, with Councilmembers Church, Howard, Reese, Clark and Smith opposing."

Moved by Councilmember Rita Langley, Seconded by Councilmember Sarah Church.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Action: Approve Minutes as Amended, Moved by Councilmember Sarah Church, Seconded by Councilmember Rita Langley.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Ordinance 2018-06-

Motion: Action: Approve Third Reading and Ratification, Ordinance 2018-06, An Ordinance Prohibiting the Use and Distribution of Single-Use Plastic Bags, Plastic Straws, Polystyrene Coolers, Polystyrene Food Containers or Polystyrene Cups by

any Business Establishment in the Town of Sullivan's Island, any Property of the Town of Sullivan's Island or in the RC-1 Zoning District of the Town of Sullivan's Island.

Moved by Councilmember Rita Langley, Seconded by Councilmember Sarah Church.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Ordinance 2018-07-

Motion: Action: Approve Third Reading and Ratification, Ordinance 2018-07, An Ordinance to Amend Zoning Regulations Regarding Legal Nonconforming Uses, Structures and Characteristics of Nonconforming Uses and Structures: Article 16, Sections 21-149, 21-150, 21-151, 21-152; Article 21, Definitions; and, Articles 3 and 15, Regarding Historic Accessory Dwelling Units.

Moved by Councilmember Chauncey Clark, Seconded by Councilmember Tim Reese.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Ordinance 2018-08-

Motion: Action: Approve First Reading, by Title Only, Ordinance 2018-08, An Ordinance Amending Section 10-20 of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan's Island to Revise Business License Fees.

Moved by Councilmember Tim Reese, Seconded by Councilmember Mark Howard.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Ordinance 2018-09-

Motion: Action: Approve First Reading, by Title Only, Ordinance 2018-09, An Ordinance to Amend Section 4-24 A of the Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan's Island.

Moved by Councilmember Tim Reese, Seconded by Councilmember Rita Langley.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Resolution-

Motion: Action: Approve Resolution Approving and Supporting the Establishment of Rates and Fees for the Building & Planning Department for the Town of Sullivan's Island.

Moved by Councilmember Tim Reese, Seconded by Councilmember Mark Howard.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Resolution-

Motion: Action: Approve Resolution Approving and Supporting Town Safety Policies.

Moved by Councilmember Tim Reese, Seconded by Councilmember Chauncey Clark.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion and Consideration of language for the Transition Zone as part of the Accreted Land Management Plan to be implemented by staff.

Motion: Action: Approve the Land Use and Natural Resources Committee's recommendations for the Accreted Land Management Plan and the Guiding Principles and Written Fact Findings.

Moved by Councilmember Rita Langley, Seconded by Councilmember Tim Reese.

Motion: Action: Amend Motion to replace the word 'removed' with 'cut' in three (3) areas under Active Management Directives: Band I item B (All understory, shrubs (including myrtles), cedar and pine species and small trees defined as less than 6 inches DBH shall be cut), Band II item B (All understory, shrubs and myrtles shall be cut) and in boardwalks item C (All understory, shrubs (including myrtles), cedar and pine species and small trees defined as less than 6 inches DBH shall be cut).

Moved by Councilmember Sarah Church, Seconded by Councilmember Rita Langley.

Motion to Amend passed by a vote of 6-1, with Councilmember Reese opposed.

Motion: Action: Amend Motion to change Band II (40-100') to read: "All trees, understory, shrubs and myrtles shall be retained except non-native invasive species."

Moved by Councilmember Bachman Smith IV, Seconded by Councilmember Sarah Church.

Motion to Amend failed by a vote of 3-4, with Mayor O'Neil and Councilmembers Clark, Langley and Reese opposed.

Motion: Action: Amend Motion to add the sentence: "Band II shall not extend eastward of Station 28 ½ Street" under Transition Zone Specifications (2).

Moved by Mayor Patrick M. O'Neil, Seconded by Councilmember Rita Langley.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Action: Amend Motion under Active Management Directives, Paragraph 2, Band II (40-100') as follows: subparagraph B, strike "and myrtles" and insert "shrubs shall be cut" for the sentence to now read: "All understory and shrubs shall be cut" and add subparagraph C to be "All myrtles within the landward 45 feet of Band II shall be cut".

Moved by Councilmember Sarah Church, Seconded by Councilmember Rita Langley.

Motion passed by a vote of 6-1, with Councilmember Reese opposed.

Summary of approved changes:

- Replace the word removed with cut
- Band II will not extend eastward of Station 28 ½ Street
- All myrtles within the landward 45 feet of Band II shall be cut

Motion: Action: Approve the original Motion as Amended with the following changes: replace the word removed with cut, Band II will not extend eastward of Station 28 ½ Street; all myrtles within the landward 45 feet of Band II shall be cut. Moved by Councilmember Rita Langley, Seconded by Councilmember Sarah Church.

Motion passed unanimously.

9. The 2019 Council Meeting Schedule was approved.

10. Discussion and Consideration of a Motion Authorizing Thomas and Hutton to Complete Phase I of FEMA Grant 42-41 and Submit to FEMA for Approval of Phase II.

Motion: Action: Instruct Town Staff to Authorize Thomas and Hutton to complete Phase I of FEMA Grant 42-41 and submit to FEMA for Approval of Phase II. Moved by Councilmember Bachman Smith IV, Seconded by Councilmember Tim Reese.

Motion passed unanimously.

III. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:

1. Mayor's Report- None.

2. Administrator's Report

I. General Correspondence

- Messrs. Graham Clifton, Perron Ketchin and Nathan Eloswoith- thank you note to Mayor O'Neil for participating in an interview regarding sea level rise.
- Senator Sandy Senn- confirmation that a future meeting and site visit to Sullivan's Island will be scheduled.
- Ed Fava, 2424 Myrtle Avenue- comments regarding the Accreted Land Transition Zone.
- Rochelle Rutledge, 1764 Atlantic Avenue- comments regarding the Accreted Land Transition Zone.

II. Construction

Fire Station Structural Repairs- The architect anticipates providing the Town with a set of *Owner Review Drawings and Specifications* shortly after Thanksgiving.

III. General

November 2018 Town Holidays- The Town observes the following holidays during November:

- November 22nd- Thanksgiving Day
- November 23rd- Day after Thanksgiving Day

Fire Station Lighting- The annual Fire Station lighting festivities will commence at 5pm Friday, November 30, 2018.

Boards and Commissions- Staff will advertise for an opening on the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission.

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

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

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS- DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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

Public Facilities Committee – Councilmember Howard. Monthly report rendered.

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

Administration Committee – Councilmember Reese. Monthly report rendered.

Dog License Fees- Resolution to increase dog permit fees for non-residents will be discussed at the December workshop meeting.

Beach Fire Permits- Resolution to implement a fee for beach fire permits will be discussed at the December workshop meeting.

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

Committee Meeting – The next Water & Sewer Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 27, 2018 at 8:45 a.m. at Town Hall.

Public Safety Committee – Councilmember Clark. Monthly reports rendered.

Recreation Committee – Councilmember Church.

Gingerbread House Decorating Party- The annual gingerbread house decorating party will be held on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at the Island Club.

V. ADJOURN

Motion: Action: Adjourn Meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Moved by Councilmember Bachman Smith IV, Seconded by Councilmember Tim Reese.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Courtney Liles