

December 15, 2015

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
Susan Middaugh, Councilmember
Bachman Smith, IV, Councilmember

Mayor O'Neil called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation by Councilmember Clark. There were two members in the audience, including one member of the media.

I. FORMAT – Mayor O'Neil opened the floor for comments.
There was no public comment.

II. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Council Minutes – Motion was made by Councilmember Middaugh, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to approve the November 17, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes, carried unanimously. Motion was made by Councilmember Middaugh, seconded by Councilmember Clark, to approve the November 23, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes, carried unanimously. Motion was made by Councilmember Middaugh, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to approve the November 30, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes, as amended, carried unanimously.

2. Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Church, to have Second Reading and Ratification, Ordinance 2015-10, An Ordinance Amending Sections 5-76, 5-77, 5-78, 5-80 and 5-81 of the Town of Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan's Island, Regarding Flood Mitigation, carried unanimously.

3. There was no motion for First Reading, by Title Only, Ordinance No. 2015-07, An Ordinance Amending Section 2-27 of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan's Island, to revise the Process in Which Ordinances are Introduced; therefore the amendment failed. Mayor O'Neil stated that he and Councilmember Howard met with Attorney Dodds and will recommend a new version of the amendment.

4. Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Middaugh, to have First Reading, by Title Only, Ordinance 2015-11, An Ordinance Amending Section 2-27 Administration, of the Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan’s Island. Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Church, to amend the first sentence of Paragraph C to read: The second reading of an ordinance shall be at a subsequent meeting of Council, and shall be for the purpose of passing the same to have the full force of the law, carried unanimously. Main motion carried unanimously.

5. There was no motion for First Reading, by Title Only, Ordinance 2015-09, An Ordinance Amending Sections 17-3, 21-108 (C), 21-160(B), and 21-173(A) of the Town Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan’s Island, Regarding Term Limits for Boards and Commissions; therefore the amendment failed.

6. Drainage and Erosion Study - Administrator Benke reported that the drainage of the mound continues to be reviewed, and two of the four flumes have been located.

7. Signage and Landscaping at Entrance to Island - Motion was made by Councilmember Middaugh, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to give a volunteer group permission to proceed to develop a design at their cost for signage and landscaping at the Ben Sawyer entrance to the Island, and present it to Council for review, carried unanimously. The Town will consult with SCDOT and DHEC as needed for approvals.

8. Transportation Sales Tax – Councilmember Smith reported the application deadline was too soon to consider some projects for this funding. After discussion, motion was made by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to instruct the Town Administrator to apply for Transportation Sales Tax funding to do work on the Station 19 storm water system, carried unanimously.

III. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. General and New Correspondence – No items to report.

2. Mayor’s Report – No items to report.

4. Attorney’s Report – No items to report.

5. Boards and Commissions Reports – No reports.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Mayor O’Neil. Monthly report rendered. Administrator Benke briefly reviewed the revenues and expenses from the October 2015 financial report. On the revenue side, business license and building permit revenues are very strong. The business license notices

for 2016 were mailed last week. The water and sewer revenue is slightly ahead of budget. On the expenditure side, the Town Hall relocation and cost to date is approximately \$395K.

Administration Committee – Councilmember Howard. Monthly report rendered.

Water and Sewer Committee – Councilmember Middaugh. Monthly reports rendered. The Committee will meet on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. at the Water and Sewer office.

Public Safety Committee – Councilmember Clark. Monthly reports rendered. The boardwalk at Station 22 is being repaired. The Fire and Rescue Christmas Party was a wonderful event. Staff is prepared for the Polar Bear Swim on January 1, 2016.

Recreation Committee – Councilmember Church. No items to report. Councilmember Middaugh noted that Battery Gadsden Cultural Center is having an informal Christmas party this Thursday for anyone who wants to attend.

Public Facilities Committee – Councilmember Smith. Monthly report rendered.

Art Display at New Town Hall – Battery Gadsden Cultural Center representatives have approached the Town about having dedicated space for a rotating art display in the new Town Hall. This will be discussed further when the walls are framed up.

Brick Sales – The Brick Campaign for the hardscape at the new Town Hall has begun. Information is available on the Town website. The 4”x8” engraved bricks cost \$150; the 8”x8” engraved bricks cost \$350.

Vehicular Traffic and Dump Area – This is a new topic assigned to Public Facilities Committee tonight. It will be discussed at the January Workshop how to best control vehicular access to the dump area.

Station 26 Boat Landing – This is a new topic assigned to Public Facilities Committee tonight. It will be discussed at the January Workshop how to improve the boat landing at Station 26.

Land Use and Natural Resources Committee – Councilmember Langley. Monthly report rendered. No items to report. A meeting will be scheduled in January to discuss the accreted land management plan.

Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to go into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. to receive legal advice – Fee Simple Title for Ward B. Lasso, 2802 Jasper Boulevard, Lot 177 Moultrieville East End, Plat Book D, Page 184, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Langley, to come out of Executive Session at 7:18 p.m., carried unanimously. Mayor O'Neil noted that no votes or action were taken during Executive Session.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen Miller