

August 19, 2008

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  
Pat O'Neil, Mayor Pro Tem  
Buddy Howell, Councilman  
Jerry Kaynard, Councilman  
Mike Perkis, Councilman  
Everett Presson, Councilman  
Mary Jane Watson, Councilwoman

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Smith, followed by the invocation by Councilman Howle. There were ten members in the audience, including two members of the media.

The floor was opened for comments from the citizens. Bobby Thompson, 2917 Iron Avenue, stated he wished to continue serving on the Planning Commission for another term. Loren Ziff, 1412 Thompson, stated his desire to communicate and work with Council to optimize information regarding the split-zone lots. Eddie Fava, 2424 Myrtle, inquired if the parking issue was on the agenda. Mayor Smith replied that information was still being gathered, and that a public hearing will be scheduled in the near future concerning parking.

**Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Howle, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from July 15, 2008; and the Special Meeting minutes from August 4, 2008, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilman Presson, seconded by Councilman Howle, to approve a Resolution to Adopt Revised Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilman Howle, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to approve a Resolution Approving a Policy for the Investment of Public Funds, carried unanimously.**

### **Reports and Communications**

**General and New Correspondence** – Administrator Benke reported that correspondence was received from residents of Jasper Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue regarding hours that suppliers can deliver to businesses. **After discussion, motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Howle, to resolve to send to the Planning Commission consideration of noise and deliveries in the commercial district, carried unanimously.** Correspondence was received from Jack Simmons

regarding concern and opposition to the Water and Sewer facilities charge; a thank you note from Rosanna and Tig Krekel for response to a medical emergency; Richard Lehr regarding concerns about the commercial district, and from Blaine Ewing and Bonnie & Roy Williams regarding favorable reappointment of Bobby Thompson to the Planning Commission.

**Attorney's Report** – No report.

**Board and Commission Reports –**

Planning Commission – Commission member Bobby Thompson reported that the Board is running approximately one month behind schedule on the Comprehensive Plan.

**Administrator's Report**, Administrator Benke. The revised timeline for the Cell Tower Project indicates completion on September 30, 2008. T-Mobile/Suncom requested to place a forty foot truck tower on top of Batteries Capron and Butler from September 1<sup>st</sup> until the tower is completed. Town Council did not approve this request.

Representatives from eleven local governments signed a joint resolution to adopt a regional stormwater runoff education strategy through the Ashley Cooper Stormwater Education Consortium; with Mayor Smith representing the Town. The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) released a report with incorrect data about water quality on Sullivan's Island. The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control will issue a rebuttal to the report, and it will be posted on the website. Town Hall will close on Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> for the Labor Day Holiday, and will re-open on September 2, 2008. Fire and Police departments will be fully staffed.

**Ways and Means Committee**, Councilman Perkis. The July 2008 financial report was discussed, and Councilman Perkis reviewed 2008-2009 figures. Comptroller Blanton commented on the Town's franchise fees, business licenses, and collateralization of funds. Councilman Kaynard inquired to receive a copy of the Bank of New York's financial statement. Comptroller Blanton stated the new software should be installed and in use by November 1, 2008. With the new software, the water billing statements will be a full page, folded and mailed in a business envelope. The initial envelope will indicate that it is a water bill.

**Personnel Committee**, Councilman Kaynard. Monthly report rendered. New employee identification cards are in the process of development. Mayor Pro-Tem O'Neil stated the employee fitness program kickoff meeting was held July 29, 2008, with approximately 19 employees and volunteer firemen participating.

**Water and Sewer Committee**, Councilman Perkis. Monthly report rendered. HDR Engineering of the Carolinas Inc. will prepare a report to summarize the requirements to develop a sewer collection system model. A billing software implementation meeting with CSI, Inc. and staff is scheduled for August 13, 2008. The Water and Sewer Committee recommended and Council approved an agreement with Raftelis Financial Consultants Inc. for a rate study. The contract language has received

approval from the Town Attorney and will be mailed to the contractor. The Thompson and Cove Avenue waterline replacement project is being reviewed by staff as a means of quality control and customer service for future projects. Councilman Kaynard requested to receive a color version of the waterline map.

**Building and Construction Committee**, Councilman Howle. Monthly report rendered. Building Official Randy Robinson will report at the September Committee meeting regarding information for the demolition by neglect ordinance. Councilwoman Watson stated that more information will be available at the September Committee meeting regarding the Sullivan's Island Elementary School Construction Upgrade project.

**Fire Committee**, Mayor Smith. Monthly report rendered. The Sullivan's Island Elementary School PTA has requested use of the Fish Fry Shack on November 22, 2008 for an oyster roast. Chief Stith reported that the current analog radio system went down today, and all municipalities in the area would probably be required to go digital this week, which is several months ahead of schedule. The maintenance fee of \$25 per radio per month would begin sooner than budgeted. Mayor Smith stated he would talk with Councilman Schweers regarding this expense.

**Recreation Committee**, Councilwoman Watson. The summer soiree will be held on August 23 at the Island Club. Councilwoman Watson will report on the Park Foundation at the next meeting.

**Real Estate Committee**, Councilman O'Neil. The work on the Accreted Land Management Plan is on schedule, with 80% of the vegetation study complete, 100% of the bird survey complete, and 50% of the topo survey of vegetated area complete. Seamon Whiteside and Urban Edge Studios are investigating charette dates in late October or early November for the Community Commercial District Master Plan project.

**Police Committee**, Mayor Smith. Monthly report rendered. Chief Howard reported that a suspect is in jail for recent auto break-ins and one car theft.

**Streets and Maintenance Committee**, Councilman Presson. Consideration of a public hearing to receive resident input on paid public parking will be discussed at the next Committee meeting. After receiving an indication that the half-cent sales tax funding (ROADWISE) to pave Middle Street could be in jeopardy for project year 2009, Mayor Smith requested assistance from County Council Member Dickie Schweers. He will make other members of County Council and staff aware of the road conditions on the Island in order to adequately plan and coordinate re-paving with the SCDOT and funding for other ROADWISE projects.

## **Ordinances**

**Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to have Second Reading of An Ordinance to Amend Section 18 of the Town Code – Sewers and Sewage Disposal Section 18-6 Toilet Facilities Required in Buildings, Connection with Public Sewer Required, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Howle, to suspend the rules to have Third Reading of An Ordinance to Amend Section 18 of the Town Code – Sewers and Sewage Disposal Section 18-6 Toilet Facilities Required in Buildings, Connection with Public Sewer Required, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Howle, to have Third Reading of An Ordinance to Amend Section 18 of the Town Code – Sewers and Sewage Disposal Section 18-6 Toilet Facilities Required in Buildings, Connection with Public Sewer Required, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilman Presson, seconded by Councilman Howle, to have Second Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Section 20 of the Town Code – Water Supply Section 20-1 Mandatory Service and Contract for Service Prerequisite to Use, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Howle, to suspend the rules to have Third Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Section 20 of the Town Code – Water Supply Section 20-1 Mandatory Service and Contract for Service Prerequisite to Use, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilman Presson, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to have Third Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Section 20 of the Town Code – Water Supply Section 20-1 Mandatory Service and Contract for Service Prerequisite to Use, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilman Howle, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to go into Executive Session for legal advice regarding Sections 21-19C and 21-49B of the Town Code of Ordinances; Sections 56-5-2540, 5-29-20, and 5-29-30 of the State Code of Laws, Sections 18-6 and 20-1 as related to the unimproved section of Raven Drive; and a personnel item to review applications for the Planning Commission and Design Review Board positions, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilman Howle, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to come out of Executive Session, carried unanimously.**

Upon returning to regular session, Mayor Smith stated that no action or votes were taken during Executive Session.

**Motion was made by Councilman Howle, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to reappoint Bobby Thompson, Aussie Geer and John Winchester to the Planning Commission, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilwoman Watson, seconded by Councilman Kaynard, to appoint John Lancto and Betty Harmon to the Design Review Board, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilwoman Watson to compose a Resolution of Appreciation to Cyndy Ewing for her service on the Design Review Board, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilman Howle, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to adjourn at 9:55 p.m., carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen McQueeney