

March 31, 2008

A Special Meeting of Sullivan's Island 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
Patrick O'Neil, Mayor Pro-Tem
Jerry Kaynard, Councilman
Mike Perkis, Councilman
Everett Presson, Councilman
Mary Jane Watson, Councilwoman

Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to amend the agenda to allow Rusty Bennett, representing Poe's Tavern, to speak regarding a special event permit approved for April 5, 2008, carried unanimously.

Mr. Bennett stated he learned from Administrator Benke last Friday that due to a technical problem, Poe's Tavern would not be allowed to have the outdoor music previously approved by Council in their special event permit for this weekend. He stated that he applied for the special permit three weeks ago; had discussed the event with the Administrator and Police Chief, and there were no problems with having the event or outdoor music. Mr. Bennett asked to be treated equally, and for Council to reconsider their decision.

The current ordinance does not allow for outdoor music with the exception only being made by the Chief of Police when the public interest outweighs the potential disturbance. The former ordinance allowed an exception that allowed businesses to have up to a few occasions a year where they could have an event, which Council believed to still be in effect. In the revised ordinance, however, that exception was inadvertently not included.

Motion was made by Councilman Presson, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to allow Poe's Tavern to have a band on Saturday, April 5 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for this one time exception and this does not set a precedent or negate the ordinance, and the ordinance will be revisited, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Presson, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter concerning 1602 Thompson Avenue and legal advice regarding municipal bond derivatives, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Presson, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to come out of Executive Session, carried unanimously. Mayor Smith noted that no action or votes were taken during Executive Session.

Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, for the Town to make an offer to purchase 1602 Thompson Avenue based on the Town's appraised valuation and subject to contingencies to be specified in a contractual offer, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Kaynard, to retain attorney Mark Tanenbaum on a contingency basis to explore representing the Town in a class action suit involving municipal bond derivatives, carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen McQueeney