



**Town of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 18, 2022**

The regular meeting of Town Council was held on the above date at approximately 6:00 p.m., all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied.

Present were: Patrick M. O'Neil, Mayor
Bachman Smith, IV, Mayor Pro-Tem
Scott Millimet, Councilmember
Justin Novak, Councilmember
Kaye Smith, Councilmember
Gary Visser, Councilmember

Staff members present were Fire Chief Anthony Stith, Amanda Hawver, Randy Robinson, Joe Henderson, Bridget Welch, Greg Gress, Max Wurthmann, and Larry Dodds.

Mayor Patrick 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 seven (7) members of the public present and zero (0) members of the media present. Mayor Pro-Tem Bachman Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for prayer or reflection.

I. Format: Public Comments

- Ristine Sutton, 1139 Kincannon Drive Mount Pleasant
Requested to teach tennis or pickleball lessons on Sullivan's Island, has been a coach for twenty years and is getting certified to teach pickleball
- Susan Middaugh, 2420 Raven Drive
Spoke on importance of focusing on accredited land issues in the new year
- Karen Byko, 2862 Middle Street
Spoke in favor of protecting accredited land and encouraged Council to continue to work to preserve it

II. Council Action Items

A. Approval of Minutes:

December 21, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, seconded by Councilmember Millimet to approve all December 21, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes, passed unanimously.

B. Resolution of Appreciation to Randy Robinson for 34 years of service to the Town.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, seconded by Councilmember Kaye Smith to approve a Resolution of appreciation to Randy Robinson for thirty-four years of service to the Town, passed unanimously.

C. Third Reading and Ratification, Ordinance 2021-20, An Ordinance to Amend the Ordinances of the Town of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina, Chapter 14, By Amending Section 14-34 (SIC35) to Read as Follows: Section 14-34 (SIC35) The Lease of Certain Real Property to the Battery Gadsden Cultural Center Inc., An Eleemosynary Corporation.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, seconded by Councilmember Visser to approve Third Reading and Ratification, Ordinance 2021-20, An Ordinance to Amend the Ordinances of the Town of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina, Chapter 14, By Amending Section 14-34 (SIC35) to Read as Follows: Section 14-34 (SIC35) The Lease of Certain Real Property to the Battery Gadsden Cultural Center Inc., An Eleemosynary Corporation, passed unanimously.

D. Second Reading, Ordinance 2021-21, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 21 (Zoning Ordinance) of the Sullivan's Island Code of Ordinances by adding thereto a new Article 6 (PF-Public Facilities District) and to Rezone Nine Properties Governmentally owned and operated properties on the Official Zoning Map.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, seconded by Councilmember Millimet to approve the Second Reading, Ordinance 2021-21, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 21 (Zoning Ordinance) of the Sullivan's Island Code of Ordinances by adding thereto a new Article 6 (PF-Public Facilities District) and to Rezone Nine Properties Governmentally owned and operated properties on the Official Zoning Map, passed unanimously.

E. Approval of the Public Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes from October 29, 2021 (Committee Members Only).

Motion was made by Councilmember Novak, seconded by Councilmember Millimet to approve all October 29, 2021 Public Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes, passed unanimously.

F. Approval of the Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes from December 2, 2021 (Committee Members Only).

Motion was made by Councilmember Kaye Smith, seconded by Councilmember Novak to approve all December 2, 2021 Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes, passed unanimously.

G. Approval of Historical Property Signage Vendor Recommendations.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, seconded by Councilmember Millimet to approve the use of Mahoney Sign Company and Dan Roth for Historical Property Signage Vendor Recommendations, passed unanimously.

III. Reports and Communication

- A. Mayor's Report – The Town was the recipient of a Resolution from the House of Representatives by Representative Bustos for protection of the accredited land.
- B. Administrator's Report – One new email correspondence, can be seen in the packet
- C. Attorney's Report – Nothing to Report
- D. Boards and Commission's Reports
 - 1. Planning Commission– Nothing to Report
 - 2. Board of Zoning Appeals– Nothing to Report
 - 3. Design Review Board– Nothing to Report
 - 4. Tree Commission– Nothing to Report
 - 5. Municipal Elections Commission– Nothing to Report
 - 6. Park Foundation– Nothing to Report

IV. Committee Reports – Discussion Items:

- A. Finance Committee – December financial review will be done at January's meeting. The Committee is still waiting to review the plans for Stormwater plans from DHEC, the comprehensive plan for Stith Park, and the repair plan for the Old Fishing Pier.
- B. Public Facilities Committee - Nothing to Report.
- C. Land Use & Natural Resources Committee – Historical ordinance study group meetings have been delayed due to COVID-19.
- D. Administration Committee - Citibot program needs to be discussed with Council
- E. Water & Sewer Committee-the next meeting will be held on January 27 at 8:45 am; the sewer force main at Lift Station 1 will be replaced with construction starting at the beginning of February. Reminder that Bionomics will be on the Island at the end of January. There will be a final review of the Treatment Plant construction in the park hopefully by the end of February.
- F. Public Safety Committee - Nothing to Report. Chief Griffin gave a brief presentation about dangerous dogs and how they are handled on the Island. Tickets are typically issued, and the victim decides whether or not to press charges. Rulings are dealt with on a case by case basis and enforcements are supported by current Town Ordinances.
- G. Recreation Committee – Nothing to Report.

V. Executive Session:

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, seconded by Councilmember Millimet, to go into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss the following items, passed unanimously.

- A. Contractual – Discussion of Contractual Matter Wastewater Lift Station Conversion Project.

- B. Legal Advice – Legal advice by Attorney Dodds regarding Bluestein et al. vs. Town of Sullivan’s Island 2010-CP-10-5449.
- C. Personnel – General discussion regarding employee retirement matters and employee benefits.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, seconded by Councilmember Novak, to come out of Executive Session at 7:22 p.m.

VI. Upon Returning to Open Session, Council may take action on items discussed during Executive Session.

Mayor O’Neil stated that no votes or actions were taken while in Executive Session.

A Special Meeting of Council will be held on February 7 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the legal options for going forward regarding Bluestein et al. vs. Town of Sullivan’s Island.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, seconded by Councilmember Novak, to move forward with Republic Services to wrap up their contract, passed unanimously.

VII. Adjournment

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, seconded by Councilmember Millimet to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m., passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bridget Welch