

January 19, 2021

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  
Chauncey Clark, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Sarah Church, Councilmember  
Greg Hammond, Councilmember  
Tim Reese, Councilmember  
Bachman Smith, IV, Councilmember  
Kaye Smith, 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. This meeting was conducted via virtual meeting as a result of COVID-19 Pandemic. There were approximately ten (10) members of the public present and one (1) member of the media present. Mayor O'Neil led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark.

2020 Deceased Islanders: Mayor O'Neil read a list of seventeen (17) Islanders who passed away in 2020 and asked for a moment of silence. Those who passed away in 2020 were: Mitchell D. Feller, Nancy A. Henchey, Craig Miller Bennett, Jerome Edwin Place, Mary Catherine Campbell, John David Basto, Juleanne Judy Bryan, Tim Jenkins, Howard Douglas Richardson, Mildred W. Dodds, Patricia Holmes Spicer, M.S., Helen Novick Antman, Neeley Katherine Asman Proctor (Miss Kitty), John D. Cappleman, Jr., Thomas Pinckney Rutledge Rivers, M.D., Robert Lancaster and Stuart Early Huston, Sr.

I. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

II. **Council Action Items:**

1. Approval of Council Minutes –

**Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark, seconded by Councilmember Kaye Smith, to approve the following minutes of Town Council:**

- **December 15, 2020 Regular Council Meeting**
- **January 8, 2021 Special Council Meeting**

**Motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Sarah Church abstained from the January 8, 2021 Special Council Meeting minutes.**



2. Third Reading and Ratification, Ordinance 2020-22, An Ordinance Amending Section 22 Purchasing Ordinance of the Sullivan's Island Code of Ordinances in its Entirety:  
**Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark, seconded by Councilmember Bachman Smith, IV, to approve Third Reading and Ratification, Ordinance 2020-22, An Ordinance Amending Section 22 Purchasing Ordinance of the Sullivan's Island Code of Ordinances in its Entirety.**  
**Motion passed unanimously.**
  
3. Second Reading, Ordinance 2021-01, An Ordinance Amending Section 5-80 of the Building Ordinance in Support of Floodplain Management Regulations:  
**Motion was made by Councilmember Tim Reese, seconded by Councilmember Sarah Church, to approve Second Reading, Ordinance 2021-01, An Ordinance Amending Section 5-80 of the Building Ordinance in Support of Floodplain Management Regulations.**  
**Motion passed by a vote of 6-0-1, with Councilmember Greg Hammond recusing himself.**
  
4. Consideration of a Motion to Suspend the Rules of Procedure for Third Reading and Ratification, Ordinance 2021-01, An Ordinance Amending Section 5-80 of the Building Ordinance in Support of Floodplain Management Regulations:  
**Motion was made by Councilmember Tim Reese, seconded by Councilmember Sarah Church, to Suspend the Rules of Procedure for Third Reading and Ratification, Ordinance 2021-01, An Ordinance Amending Section 5-80 of the Building Ordinance in Support of Floodplain Management Regulations.**  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

Third Reading and Ratification, Ordinance 2021-01, An Ordinance Amending Section 5-80 of the Building Ordinance in Support of Floodplain Management Regulations:  
**Motion was made by Councilmember Tim Reese, seconded by Councilmember Sarah Church, to approve Third Reading and Ratification, Ordinance 2021-01, An Ordinance Amending Section 5-80 of the Building Ordinance in Support of Floodplain Management Regulations.**  
**Motion passed by a vote of 6-0-1, with Councilmember Greg Hammond recusing himself.**

### III. Reports and Communication:

1. Mayor's Report- None.
  
2. Administrator's Report





## I. General Correspondence

- Alys Anne Wiedeke, Correspondence regarding accreted land mediated settlement agreement
- James Swittenberg- Dominion Energy, Note of appreciation for assistance from BJ Van Marel of the Water and Sewer Department

## II. Construction

Fire Station Structural Repairs- Contractual agreements for the project have been completed with Applied Building Sciences. Staff and Trident Construction are making final edits to that agreement.

Preconstruction meetings with Trident Construction, Applied Building Sciences and the Town continue with an effort to establish project parameters, basic timeline and work toward conceptual drawings. Construction is expected first quarter of 2021 with Design Development documents by late January 2021.

Station 18 Street Stormwater Project- Anticipate that Thomas and Hutton will submit deliverables to SCEMD and FEMA for Phase I in December 2020.

Temporary construction easement and permanent force main easement has been rejected by property owners at 1807 P'On Avenue. Thomas and Hutton to consider alternatives.

Accreted Land Mediated Settlement- Staff continues to dialogue with the regulatory agencies for the best approach to the settlement plan. Sabine and Waters began wetland delineation on Thursday 01-14-21. Zone 1 has been completed with Zone 2 slowing progress somewhat due to vegetation density. Thus far all wetland areas have been identified as freshwater.

## III. General

South Carolina Beach Advocates 2021 Annual Meeting- The annual meeting for the SC Beach Advocates will be held February 8-9, 2021 at the Wild Dunes Resort on Isle of Palms.

Bluestein et al. vs. Town of Sullivan's Island- The final court order was signed by Judge Jennifer McCoy on 10-15-2020. Staff has been working with Thomas and Hutton to prepare a plan for review by regulatory and for contractor bidding.

**3. Attorney's Report-** No items to report.

**4. Boards and Commissions Reports** – Joe Henderson reported that all of the Boards and Commissions have approved their respective 2021 meeting dates.

## IV. Committee Reports:



**Finance Committee** – Mayor O’Neil. Monthly report rendered.

Comptroller Jason Blanton presented the November financial report.

**Public Facilities Committee** – Councilmember Greg Hammond, Chair. Monthly report rendered.

Beach signage- Councilmember Greg Hammond recommended adding signage on each beach path stating no smoking, single use plastics, Styrofoam or E-bikes. Chief Griffin stated that he will increase enforcement on the beach.

Status updates:

- i. Seal and tack-weld openings at Battery Logan and large cement building behind the mound for safety purposes
- ii. Seal and tack-weld openings at Battery Thompson for safety purposes, remove remaining extraneous ply-wood structures, re-paint, remove power line from pole to structure
- iii. Sale process for Formal Town Hall Property
- iv. Evaluate safety of shallow-well structures in the Jasper & Station 26 area
- v. Master plan for beach paths with goal of ensuring usability of each beach path, including prioritizing of work (funding of work to remain TBD)
- vi. Station 18 stormwater work

**Land Use and Natural Resources Committee** – Mayor Pro-Tem Chauncey Clark, Chair. Monthly report rendered.

Next Transition Zone Work- Station 22.5 to Station 28. This is still in progress.

**Administration Committee** – Councilmember Sarah Church, Chair. Monthly report rendered.

Codification of Town Ordinances- in progress, to be reviewed by Council upon completion.

Personnel Handbook- in progress, to be reviewed by Council upon completion of draft.

**Water and Sewer Committee** – Councilmember Bachman Smith IV, Chair. Monthly reports rendered.

Project Updates- Councilmember Bachman Smith, IV and Greg Gress gave project updates for the CWS project, Lift Station project and the WWTP project.



Committee Meeting – The next Water & Sewer Committee Meeting will be January 28, 2021 at 8:45 a.m.

**Public Safety Committee** – Councilmember Tim Reese, Chair. Monthly reports rendered.

Overview and discussion on potential island-wide paid parking implementation

Town Council consensus on two items:

- a. SC DOT Encroachment Permit authorization for Stantec
- b. Stantec develop scope of work to craft a potential paid parking program for presentation to Council and potential RFP process for vendors. This is only to obtain a quote from them.

**Recreation Committee** – Councilmember Kaye Smith, Chair.

**V. Executive Session**

Legal Advice- Attorney Dodds to provide legal advice regarding Section 21-149 et. seq. for Nonconformities

**Motion was made by Councilmember Tim Reese, seconded by Councilmember Bachman Smith, IV, to go into Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. to discuss the above item.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Tim Reese, seconded by Councilmember Bachman Smith, IV, to come out of Executive Session at 7:08 p.m.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

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

**VI. Adjournment**

**Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark, seconded by Councilmember Tim Reese, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:09 p.m.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Courtney Sottile



