

February 16, 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 fifteen (15) 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.

I. Public Comments: The following residents made a public comment regarding the shallow well structures along Jasper Boulevard:
Scott Millimet, 2902 Brownell Avenue, Roy Williams, 2513 I'On Avenue, Cyndy Ewing, 2514 I'On Avenue, and Rita Langley, 1618 Middle Street

II. Council Action Items:

1. Approval of Council Minutes –

Motion was made by Councilmember Tim Reese, seconded by Councilmember Kaye Smith, to approve the following minutes of Town Council:

- **January 19, 2021 Regular Council Meeting**
- **February 11, 2021 Special Council Meeting**

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and Consideration of a Motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Beemok Capital, LLC and the Town of Sullivan's Island pertaining to operations of the Sand Dunes Club in the event a sale of the club occurs:

Motion was made by Councilmember Tim Reese, seconded by Councilmember Kaye Smith, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Beemok

Capital, LLC and the Town of Sullivan’s Island pertaining to operations of the Sand Dunes Club in the event a sale of the club occurs.

Motion passed by a vote of 6-0-1, with Councilmember Greg Hammond recusing.

III. Reports and Communication:

1. Mayor’s Report- Mayor O’Neil listed a number of accomplishments from the year 2020. Mayor O’Neil met with Rep. Nancy Mace at Town Hall on February 12, 2021.

2. Administrator’s Report

I. General Correspondence

- Grace Perry Huddleston- Request by owner for Town to fill low areas in unimproved Bayonne Avenue
- Isaac Cramer, Charleston County Board of Elections and Voter Registration- Parking Petition validated with 253 signatures
- Elizabeth Hartje, DHEC Coastal Services- Beach litter report

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 and basic timeline. Design Development documents have been delivered and under review by the Team. A hard copy is available in the Administrator’s office.

Station 18 Street Stormwater Project- Temporary construction easement and permanent force main easement has been rejected by property owners at 1807 I’On Avenue. Thomas and Hutton to consider alternatives.

Station 22.5 Crosswalk- Contractor expects to begin work late February or early March. Anticipate 10 to 14 days for substantial completion.

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 01-21-21.

III. General

South Carolina Beach Advocates 2021 Annual Meeting- The annual meeting for the SC Beach Advocates was held February 8-9, 2021 at the Wild Dunes Resort on Isle of Palms and was well attended by the Town Council.

Spring and Summer Special Event Planning- Staff is beginning to plan various special events which occur in the spring and summer months which include but are not limited to St. Patrick's Day events (commercial and Town); Farmers' Market (April through June) and Independence Day fireworks (pyrotechnics order from PRC).

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

4. Boards and Commissions Reports – No items to report.

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.

Legal advice regarding shallow well structures located on Jasper Boulevard in the 1600-1700 area.

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 February 25, 2021 at 8:45 a.m.

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

Recreation Committee – Councilmember Kaye Smith, Chair.

V. Executive Session

1. Legal Advice- Attorney Dodds to provide legal advice on Section 21-90 et. seq. Historic Preservation Overlay District
2. Legal Advice- Attorney Dodds to provide legal advice on State Statute 5-17-10 et. seq. Initiative and Referendum
3. Personnel- Municipal Election Commission Vacancy
4. Personnel- Employee Retirement Option

Motion was made by Councilmember Kaye Smith, seconded by Councilmember Tim Reese, to go into Executive Session at 7:17 p.m. to discuss the above four (4) items.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bachman Smith, IV, seconded by Councilmember Greg Hammond, to come out of Executive Session at 7:54 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Councilmember Bachman Smith, IV stated the paid parking petition that the Town received was a valid petition verified by Charleston County. The Town entered into Executive Session to receive legal advice concerning the legality of a referendum because it has to meet certain thresholds. The Town will continue to discuss this item and will receive further legal advice in Executive Session, as needed, prior to either adding the referendum on the May 4, 2021 election ballot, holding a separate special election for the referendum, or objecting to add it to either ballot on legal grounds. While the Town is not taking action one way or the other, it is not Town Council’s current intention to do anything. Councilmember Bachman Smith, IV added that Councilmember Tim Reese stated at the February workshop meeting that the Town has decided to shelve paid parking at this time.

VI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark, seconded by Councilmember Tim Reese, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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