

February 19, 2019

The regular meeting of Town Council was held on the above date at 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
Mark Howard, Councilmember
Rita Langley, Councilmember
Tim Reese, Councilmember
Bachman Smith, IV, 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. There were approximately forty-five (45) members of the public present and two (2) members of the media present. Mayor O'Neil led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark.

- I. **FORMAT:** Mayor O'Neil opened the floor for public comment. None.
- II. **OATH OF OFFICE:** Mayor O'Neil along with Chief Griffin administered Oath of Office to Code Enforcement and Beach Services Officer Amanda Capone.
- III. **COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Approval of Council Minutes –**

Motion: Action: Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2019.

Moved by Councilmember Tim Reese, Seconded by Councilmember Bachman Smith, IV.

Motion passed by a vote of 6-1, with Mayor Pro-Tem Clark abstaining.

Motion: Action: Approve Town Council Special Meeting & Comprehensive Plan Workshop Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2019.

Moved by Councilmember Tim Reese, Seconded by Councilmember Bachman Smith, IV.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. **Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. Duke Wright for Service on the Design Review Board-**
Motion: Action: Approve Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. Duke Wright for Service on the Design Review Board.
Moved by Councilmember Tim Reese, Seconded by Councilmember Mark Howard.
Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. Wayne Stelljes for Service at Thompson Park.**
Motion: Action: Approve Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. Wayne Stelljes for Service at Thompson Park.
Moved by Councilmember Rita Langley, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chauncey Clark.
Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Proclamation to Support April 2019 as Sarcoidosis Awareness Month. The Proclamation was signed by Mayor O'Neil.**

IV. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:

1. Mayor's Report- None.

2. Administrator's Report

I. General Correspondence

- Kevin Pennington, 1514 Middle Street- Suggestion to place a post and rope fence around Town vacant lots to prevent boat storage
- Arthur Stubbs, Mt. Pleasant- Note of appreciation and farewell to Sullivan's Island
- Bret Godwin, Alliance Consulting Engineers- Agreement to prepare calculations for Battery Logan dirt.
- Lewis Swindler Jr., Director South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy- Proposed changes to the Basic Law Enforcement program
- Emily Cedzo, Coastal Conservation League- Advising the Town about Senate bill S.394 as it pertains to plastic bags et al
- Eli Hyman, 2702 Bayonne Avenue- Beach path and boardwalk improvements

II. Construction

Fire Station Structural Repairs- Applied Building Sciences has submitted the *Owner Review Drawings and Specifications* for review by the Town. The tentative schedule suggests that the documents be let for bid on March 6, 2019 with bids due on April 10, 2019. Attorneys Bundy and McDonald are reviewing the Owner GC AIA A-104 contract documents.

Toler's Cove Dredge Project- Engineers are awaiting final core samples and USACE permitting to commence channel and slip dredging at Toler's Cove. Dredge material will be deposited at site 106-35A (Sullivan's Island Spoil area)

Boardwalk Repair and Construction- Estimates have been provided for repairs to the boardwalks at Station 25 and 26 Streets along with new construction at the Sullivan's Island Elementary School. Funding can be accomplished through the General Fund, Greenbelt Fund and Hospitality Tax fund. The Greenbelt Fund grant money can only be used for new construction and is due by February 22, 2019.

Station 16 Street Nature Trail- The family of Adela Cook has requested to build a memorial bench at the seaward reflection deck on the Nature Trail.

Automated License Plate Recognition- Staff has received an offer from a group of residents willing to fund an ALPR. Discussions and due diligence continue.

III. Personnel

Robert Tennant: Probation period has been successfully completed by Officer Tennant and Chief Griffin is prepared to move the employee to full time status.

Carlos Hernandez- Officer Hernandez completed his twelve-week certification at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy on February 8, 2019. He will continue his field training with senior members of the department command staff and Chief Griffin.

Rhett Beard- Submitted his letter of resignation to be effective February 15, 2019.

IV. General

South Carolina Department of Transportation- The SCDOT completed maintenance and work order crews on Sullivan's Island on 2-1-2019. Town maintenance work included a number of ditches and culverts, removal of unauthorized pipe, pavement striping and sink hole repair. SCDOT is prepared to begin design on replacement of stormwater pipe along Station 28 ½ Street between I'On Avenue and Jasper Boulevard. It has been determined that the outfall ownership belongs to the Town. Additionally, to install stormwater pipe from Atlantic Avenue to I'On Avenue would be for the account of the Town.

General Fund and Utility Budgets- Staff has commenced budget preparation meetings and discussions for the 2019-2020 budget process. Council is encouraged to prepare its list of capital requests.

General Assembly of South Carolina- Bills of interest for municipalities:

- S217 and H3132- provides the ability to use state and local accommodations and hospitality tax revenue to control and repair flooding and drainage in tourist-related areas. The Senate passed S217 and sent it to the House where it was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.
- H3801- the legislation would disregard backflow prevention device manufacturers' recommendations for testing and allow testing one time in any five-year period.
- H3137- sponsored by a bipartisan group of House members, was introduced to change the LGF formula to a more predictable funding level from year to year. The House of Representatives passed H3137 and sent it to the Senate, where it was referred to the Senate Finance Committee.
- H3274- a bill that prohibits municipalities from enacting laws related to the ingredients, flavors or licensing of cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, tobacco products or nicotine products, was given second reading by a vote of 69-37 in the House. Rep. Alan Clemmons (R-Horry) proposed three amendments that would have exempted zoning ordinances from the pre-emption, however, all three amendments were defeated. This bill takes away the authority of cities and towns to protect local youth from harmful nicotine products. A companion bill to H3274 was introduced in the Senate, S492, and referred to the Senate Medical Affairs Committee.

Special Event Requests- two event requests have been received by Council for consideration:

- St. Patrick's Day- outside sales and street closure on 3-16-2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Battery Gadsden Cultural Center- Theatrical performance about Osceola's life on Sullivan's Island

3. Attorney's Report – Fee Simple Title- 1320 Thomson Avenue.

Motion: Action: Approve a Fee Simple Title for 1320 Thompson Avenue.

Moved by Councilmember Tim Reese, Seconded by Councilmember Sarah Church.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS- DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Finance Committee – Mayor O'Neil. Monthly report rendered.

Land Use and Natural Resources Committee – Councilmember Langley. Monthly report rendered.

Administration Committee – Councilmember Reese. Monthly report rendered.

Water and Sewer Committee – Councilmember Smith. Monthly reports rendered.

Committee Meeting – The next Water & Sewer Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 8:45 a.m. at Town Hall.

Public Safety Committee – Mayor Pro-Tem Clark. Monthly reports rendered.

Recreation Committee – Councilmember Church.

Farmer's Market 2019- The 2019 season will be April 4, 2019 through June 27, 2019. The Town is currently taking vendor applications until March 4, 2019.

St. Patrick's Day- Planning is underway for the annual St. Patrick's Day kid friendly celebration in Stith park. This year it is Saturday, March 16, 2019 from 10 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Public Facilities Committee – Councilmember Howard. Monthly report rendered.

Committee Minutes-

Motion: Action: Approve Public Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes of January 29, 2019.

Moved by Councilmember Mark Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Bachman Smith IV.

Motion passed unanimously within the Committee.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Action: Enter Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. for the following:

- 1. Legal Advice- Discussion and advice regarding appeal to Board of Zoning Appeals decision to overturn staff decision in the matter of 2720-B Goldbug Avenue.**
- 2. Personnel- Discussion of Police Department rank and command structure**
- 3. Personnel- Discussion of sick leave policy**

Moved by Councilmember Sarah Church, Seconded by Councilmember Mark Howard.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Action: Exit Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

Moved by Councilmember Bachman Smith, IV, Seconded by Councilmember Mark Howard.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor O'Neil stated that no votes or actions were taken during Executive Session.

**Motion: Action: Allow Chief Griffin to adjust Police Department rank accordingly.
Moved by Councilmember Tim Reese, Seconded by Councilmember Rita Langley.
Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion: Action: Allow staff to contribute up to three (3) weeks sick leave to needy employees.
Moved by Councilmember Tim Reese, Seconded by Councilmember Mark Howard.
Motion passed unanimously.**

VII. ADJOURN

**Motion: Action: Adjourn Meeting at 7:35 p.m.
Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark, Seconded by Councilmember Rita Langley.
Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Courtney Liles