

May 11, 2020

A Special Meeting of Town Council was held on the above date at approximately 3:00 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 3:04 p.m. and stated the press and public had been notified in accordance with State Law. There were approximately fifty (50) members of the public present with no members of the media present. This meeting was conducted via virtual meeting as a result of COVID-19 Pandemic.

Motion was made by Councilmember Sarah Church, Seconded by Councilmember Kaye Smith, to go into Executive Session at 3:06 p.m. to receive Legal Advice regarding Emergency Ordinance and Restrictions due to COVID-19.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Sarah Church, Seconded by Councilmember Bachman Smith, IV, to come out of Executive Session at 3:47 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion was made by Councilmember Tim Reese, Seconded by Councilmember Bachman Smith, IV, to amend Ordinance 2020-07 to read:

- 1. While under the Governor's Emergency Order, the Town of Sullivan's Island temporarily suspends the normal operating procedures of the Town Council meetings and hereby allows for the Mayor and Council Members to remotely participate in voting and operational procedures by telephone or other means of electronic communication provided compliance with the provisions of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act continues and shall be extended, when needed and appropriate, to all Town Boards and Commissions.**
- 2. All deadlines imposed by Town Ordinance, applicable to the municipality or applicant, shall be suspended until July 15, 2020.**

3. **The Town Administrator is authorized to modify the Town plan for continuity of service during the pandemic or any restrictions specifically placed on Town owned property during the pandemic as necessary.**
4. **The Town Administrator is authorized to cancel and revoke any special event permits issued prior to the date of the ordinance for events taking place through June 30, 2020.**
5. **All residents and non-residents shall comply with social distancing mandates of the Governor's Executive Order; and, there shall be no public gatherings on all Town-owned property and beaches over three (3) people unless they are related family members.**
6. **Access to the beach on Sullivan's Island shall be for exercise only. Beach chairs, shading devices and coolers are prohibited. Permitted exercise includes running, walking, dog walking within permitted hours and Town-issued dog permit, biking, swimming, surfing and other recreational activities consistent with social distancing. Sitting in chairs, sunbathing, loitering and congregations of more than three (3) people unless family are prohibited. Beach hoers shall remain six (6) feet apart from each other. People with disabilities who can provide a handicap decal are exempted except for social distancing requirements.**
7. **Any violation of any rule or regulation issued and set forth herein shall be punishable as "Disorderly Conduct" provided in the Town Code of Ordinances.**
8. **Access to Sullivan's Island will no longer be restricted effective 5:00 p.m. Monday, May 11, 2020.**
9. **This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its reading and vote and shall remain in effect as allowed by the State Statute.**

All findings the Town Council previously made shall be incorporated in Ordinance 2020-07.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark, Seconded by Councilmember Sarah Church to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Courtney Sottile