

June 18, 2019

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
Former Councilmember Mark Howard
Former Councilmember Rita Langley

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 fifty (50) 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. **Public Comment:** Mayor O'Neil opened the floor for public comment. There were no public comments.
- II. **Oath of Office:** Mayor O'Neil administered the Oath of Office to Councilmembers Greg Hammond, Bachman Smith, IV, and Kaye Smith for four-year terms, ending in 2023.
- III. **Resolution of Appreciation for Rita Langley:**
Motion: Action: Approve a Resolution of Appreciation for Rita Langley.
Moved by Councilmember Tim Reese, Seconded by Councilmember Sarah Church.
Motion passed unanimously.
Rita Langley received a standing ovation.

Resolution of Appreciation for Mark Howard:
Motion: Action: Approve a Resolution of Appreciation for Mark Howard.
Moved by Councilmember Tim Reese, Seconded by Councilmember Sarah Church.
Motion passed unanimously.
Mark Howard received a standing ovation.

- IV. Discussion and Assignment of Council Committee Positions:**
Motion: Action: Approve the following Council Committees as presented.
Finance- Patrick M. O’Neil (Chair), Council as a Whole
Public Safety- Tim Reese (Chair), Chauncey Clark, Patrick M. O’Neil
Water and Sewer- Bachman Smith, IV (Chair), Chauncey Clark, Tim Reese
Administration- Sarah Church (Chair), Greg Hammond, Bachman Smith, IV
Land Use and Natural Resources- Chauncey Clark (Chair), Patrick M. O’Neil, Kaye Smith
Public Facilities- Greg Hammond (Chair), Sarah Church, Tim Reese
Recreation- Kaye Smith (Chair), Greg Hammond, Bachman Smith, IV
Moved by Councilmember Tim Reese, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chauncey Clark.
Motion passed unanimously.

- V. Motion: Action: Amend Agenda to add Discussion and Assignment of Mayor Pro-Tem Position.**
Moved by Councilmember Tim Reese, Seconded by Councilmember Bachman Smith, IV.
Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Assignment of Mayor Pro-Tem Position:
Motion: Action: Appoint Chauncey Clark to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem.
Moved by Councilmember Tim Reese, Seconded by Councilmember Greg Hammond.
Motion passed by a vote of 6, with Mayor Pro-Tem Clark abstaining.

VI. Council Action Items:

- 1. Approval of Council Minutes –**
Motion: Action: Approve Special Council Meeting/Public Hearing Minutes of May 21, 2019 and the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2019.
Moved by Councilmember Tim Reese, Seconded by Councilmember Bachman Smith, IV.
Motion passed by a vote of 4, with Mayor O’Neil and Councilmembers Greg Hammond and Kaye Smith abstaining.
- 2. Ordinance 2019-01, An Ordinance to Adopt the General Fund Budget for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020-**
Motion: Action: Hold Third Reading and Ratification, Ordinance 2019-01, An Ordinance to Adopt the General Fund Budget for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark, Seconded by Councilmember Sarah Church.

Motion: Action: Amend the General Fund Budget for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 to reflect the adjusted CPI of 2.44% as set by the South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, thereby increasing the revenue by a projected \$60,000 dollars and offsetting said \$60,000 dollars revenue with matching expenses in employees' salaries, wages, benefits and the remainder going toward boardwalk repair and reconstruction.

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

Motion: Action: Approve Third Reading and Ratification, Ordinance 2019-01, An Ordinance to Adopt the General Fund Budget for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, as Amended.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Ordinance 2019-02, An Ordinance to Adopt the Water and Sewer Budget for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020-

Motion: Action: Hold Third Reading and Ratification, Ordinance 2019-02, An Ordinance to Adopt the Water and Sewer Budget for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

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

Motion: Action: Amend the Water and Sewer Budget for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 to reflect the adjusted CPI of 2.44% as set by the South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, thereby increasing the revenue by a projected 1.98% increase in the water side and a 2.65% increase in the sewer side which would be a change from \$133.28 per 6,000 gallon average user to a \$133.49 per 6,000 gallon average user.

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

Motion: Action: Approve Third Reading and Ratification, Ordinance 2019-02, An Ordinance to Adopt the Water and Sewer Budget for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, as Amended.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Ordinance 2019-03, An Ordinance to Provide for the Issuance and Sale of Not Exceeding Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000) Town of Sullivan’s Island, South Carolina, General Obligation Bonds, in One or More Series; to Prescribe the Purposes for Which the Proceeds Shall be Expended to Provide for the Payment Thereof; and Other Matters Relating Thereto-**

Motion: Action: Approve Second Reading, Ordinance 2019-03, An Ordinance to Provide for the Issuance and Sale of Not Exceeding Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000) Town of Sullivan’s Island, South Carolina, General Obligation Bonds, in One or More Series; to Prescribe the Purposes for Which the Proceeds Shall be Expended to Provide for the Payment Thereof; and Other Matters Relating Thereto.

**Moved by Councilmember Tim Reese, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark.
Motion passed unanimously.**

5. **Ordinance 2019-04, An Ordinance to Adopt the Town of Sullivan’s Island Comprehensive Plan 2018-2028:**

Motion: Action: Approve First Reading, by Title Only, Ordinance 2019-04, An Ordinance to Adopt the Town of Sullivan’s Island Comprehensive Plan 2018-2028.

**Moved by Councilmember Sarah Church, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark.
Motion passed unanimously.**

6. **Resolution to Increase Water and Sewer Fees for FY20:**

Motion: Action: Approve a Resolution to Increase Water and Sewer Fees for FY20.

Moved by Councilmember Bachman Smith, IV, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. **Discussion and Consideration of Motion Regarding St. Patrick’s Day Recommendations from the Public Safety Committee:**

Councilmember Tim Reese reviewed the recommended changes.

Motion: Action: To defer discussion so Chair of Public Safety Committee can hold a separate Committee meeting to review details and discuss with the restaurant owners and both Chiefs.

Moved by Councilmember Tim Reese, Seconded by Councilmember Greg Hammond.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. **Discussion and Consideration of a Motion Regarding Cross Walks:**

Motion: Action: To direct Staff to coordinate with SC-DOT for potential crosswalks at Station 21 on Middle Street and strategic locations along Jasper Boulevard.

Moved by Councilmember Tim Reese, Seconded by Greg Hammond.

Motion: Action: To Amend Motion to add “Along with the potential for electronic flashing speed limit signs and explore different speed limit signage on the Island”.

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

Motion: Action: To Approve the original motion, as Amended.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion and Selection of Contractor from Proposals Submitted to Transition Zone Cutting RFP dated April 19, 2019:

Town Administrator Andy Benke presented the 3 bids that were received for trimming from Station 16 to 18.5:

- Gibbs Construction Group, LLC \$47,800.00
- HDR Undergrowth \$66,000.00
- IPW Construction \$118,423.00

Motion: Action: To Authorize Staff to Accept the bid from Gibbs Construction Group, LLC for work proposed for the Transition Zone from the RFP dated April 19, 2019.

Moved by Councilmember Sarah Church, Seconded by Councilmember Bachman Smith, IV.

Motion passed by a vote of 4, with Mayor Pro-Tem Clark and Councilmembers Tim Reese and Kaye Smith opposed.

10. A Proclamation to Recognize Carolina Day was Approved

VII. Reports and Communication:

1. Mayor’s Report- Mayor O’Neil stated that Sullivan’s Island, Isle of Palms and Folly Beach sent a joint letter to DHEC/OCRM in opposition to offshore drilling and seismic testing.

2. Administrator’s Report

I. General Correspondence

- Representative Joe Cunningham- Note of appreciation for Island tour and discussion of resiliency with Representative Kathy Castor (FL 14)
- Diny Adkins- Note of appreciation for Resolution and hospitality during the Day of Remembrance during May 2019

- Rick Graham- Letter and email concerning signage for plastic ordinance
- Erich Ernspiker- Email correspondence of appreciation for assistance to Ernspiker family from Officer Sydney De Nett

II. Construction

Fire Station Structural Repairs- The Town has provided Applied Building Sciences with final Owner comments for the specifications and construction drawings. The only matter for resolution is considerations for Christmas decorations and the method of bid. Attorneys Bundy and McDonald have provided general comments for the Owner GC AIA A-104 contact document.

Boardwalk Repair and Construction- Repairs and elevation to the boardwalks at Station 25 and 26 Streets were completed and accepted by the Town as of May 30, 2019. The Greenbelt Fund grant application review committee met May 7, 2019 and approved the boardwalk application at the Sullivan's Island Elementary School. Charleston County Council Finance Committee approved the disbursement of funds for the application on May 16, 2019. County Council will vote to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee on May 21, 2019.

Sullivan's Island Sign- Many thanks to Laurie Ulmer of Yardworks who recently donated a drip irrigation system and decorative flowers to accent the sign along the causeway.

III. General

Electronic Message Board- The message sign is beyond repair. Staff incorporated a replacement into the FY20 budget and is reviewing options.

Wilson's Plovers Nesting Signs- Students at Sullivan's Island Elementary School recently participated in a program to bring public awareness to Wilson's Plovers which frequent Sullivan's Island to nest. A series of signs designed by students have been placed along the high tide line between Station 13 and Station 16.

Memorial Day Weekend Police Activity- A quick summary of parking and alcohol ticket activity between Monday, 5-20-19 and Monday 5-27-19 indicates that 302 parking tickets and 88 beach alcohol tickets were written.

Carolina Day Ceremony- The Battery Gadsden Cultural Center and the Town will host a small event to bring proper recognition to the Battle of Sullivan's Island at 9:00 a.m. on June 28, 2019 at the flag pole near Town Hall. The BGCC will present a historically accurate "Moultrie" flag replicate the flag which flew over the palmetto log fort that day. Additionally, the BGCC will unveil a new wayside sign that will sit adjacent to the plaza area of the flag pole and tell the heroic story of Sargent William Jasper on the day of the battle.

IV. Personnel

Boards and Commissions- An advertisement for seats on various Boards and Commissions which expire in September 2019 recently appeared in the Post and Courier and resides on the Town website. The following seats will expire:

- Planning Commission- 3 seats with term expiration
- Board of Zoning Appeals- 2 seats with term expiration
- Tree Commission- 2 seats with term expiration
- Design Review Board- 3 seats with term expiration and 1 seat vacant
- Election Commission- no term expirations

3. Attorney's Report- Town Attorney Larry Dodds presented a Fee Simple Title for 1118 Osceola Avenue.

Motion: Action: Approve a Fee Simple Title for 1118 Osceola Avenue.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

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

VIII. Committee Reports:

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

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

Sullivan's Island Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad Fish Fry- The 70th Annual Fish Fry will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Dinners are still five dollars (\$5.00).

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

CCODII Sewer Extension- Work is expected to commence the week of June 24th; residents and visitors should anticipate traffic.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Retrofit- This project is in the permitting phase. The project has been shifted a month.

Water Tower- The water tower is currently being painted. The project should take a week or two.

I&I Phase II- The contractors anticipate being completed by mid-August.

Committee Meeting – The next Water & Sewer Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 8:45 a.m. at Town Hall.

Administration Committee – Councilmember Sarah Church. Monthly report rendered.

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

Public Facilities Committee – Councilmember Greg Hammond. Monthly report rendered

Recreation Committee – Councilmember Kaye Smith.

Independence Day Celebrations- The community bike/golf cart parade will begin at 9:00 a.m. with line-up at 8:30 a.m. at the Sullivan’s Island Elementary School. Fireworks will begin at 9:00 p.m. at Stith Park.

Farmer’s Market 2019- The 2019 season will be April 4, 2019 through June 27, 2019.

IX. Executive Session

Personnel- Salary FY2020

Motion: Action: To go into Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. to Discuss: Personnel- Salary FY2020.

Moved by Councilmember Bachman Smith, IV, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Action: To come out of Executive Session at 7:26 p.m.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion: Action: to Approve Salary Adjustments discussed in Executive Session.

Moved by Bachman Smith, IV, Seconded by Councilmember Sarah Church.

Motion passed unanimously.

X. Adjournment

Motion: Action: Adjourn Meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark, Seconded by Councilmember Tim Reese.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Courtney Liles