

July 16, 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

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 ten (10) 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.

Cyndy Ewing, 2514 I'On Avenue- Expressed concern regarding vehicles parking in front of her property. She stated that her front gate gets blocked by vehicles and it is not safe if there were an emergency.

Jeff Parish, 3034 I'On Avenue- Expressed concern regarding trash and litter on the beach, especially cigarette butts. He supports the discussed smoking ban.

Emmett Lynch, 1121 Middle Street- Supports the discussed smoking ban. Also expressed concern regarding cigarette butts on the beach and the damage to marine life.

II. Council Action Items:

1. Approval of Council Minutes –

**Motion: Action: Approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2019.
Moved by Councilmember Tim Reese, Seconded by Councilmember Bachman
Smith, IV.
Motion passed unanimously.**

**2. 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 Third Reading and Ratification, 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 Sarah Church, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark.
Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Motion: Action: Approve Second Reading, 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: Action: Amend motion to incorporate the comments submitted to Joe Henderson by Council on July 3, 2019 (Attachment 1).

Moved by Councilmember Greg Hammond, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark.

Motion to accept as amended passed unanimously.

4. Ordinance 2019-05, An Ordinance Regarding the Conveyance of a Temporary Easement to Helen N. Antman for Ingress and Egress to Lot 31, Area J, TMS # 523-07-00-114:

Motion: Action: Approve First Reading, by Title Only, Ordinance 2019-05, An Ordinance Regarding the Conveyance of a Temporary Easement to Helen N. Antman for Ingress and Egress to Lot 31, Area J, TMS # 523-07-00-114.

Moved by Councilmember Bachman Smith, IV, Seconded by Councilmember Greg Hammond.

Motion passed unanimously.

Water and Sewer Committee Chair Bachman Smith, IV stated that this area is where the Town replaced a sewer line during the Poe Avenue/Citadel Street sewer line replacement project. The temporary easement is so they can access their house across Town property. This temporary easement would extinguish with sale of the lot by either the seller or the Town.

5. Consideration and approval by Council for use of \$4,400.00 from funds previously approved by the Tree Commission for the initial tree and vegetation replacement at the completion of the Poe Avenue Wastewater Collection Line Replacement Project and associated with parcel TMS # 523-07-00-113 (Lot 32, Area J):

Motion: Action: Approve the use of \$4,400.00 from funds previously approved by the Tree Commission for the initial tree and vegetation replacement at the completion of the Poe Avenue Wastewater Collection Line Replacement Project and associated with parcel TMS # 523-07-00-113 (Lot 32, Area J).

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Water and Sewer Committee Chair Bachman Smith, IV stated that this area is where the Town replaced a sewer line during the Poe Avenue/Citadel Street sewer line replacement project. The homeowners, along with the Town's arborist Joe Henderson and the Tree Commission, have a plan to replace the buffer the homeowners lost from the trees that were cleared during the project.

III. Reports and Communication:

- 1. Mayor's Report-** Mayor O'Neil took a moment to thank all Town Staff, especially the Fire and Police Departments, for their hard work during the 4th of July festivities. He also congratulated Councilmember Hammond on the arrival of his new baby girl.

2. Administrator's Report

I. General Correspondence

- Ross Nelson, Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc.- Request on behalf of Yacht Club at Toler's Cove Marina to place 52, 000 cubic yards of sediment material in the Sullivan's Island spoil area.

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.

III. General

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

Accreted Land Transition Zone Contractor Agreement- The Town will be reviewing the contract of service from Gibbs Construction Company.

Accreted Land Invasive Report- The spring through early summer update on invasive removal from the Accreted Land is provided by Jeff Jackson.

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- No items to report.

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

IV. Committee Reports:

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

Greene Finney, LLP will present the FY19 Financial Audit at the regular Council meeting of either September or October.

Land Use and Natural Resources Committee – Mayor Pro-Tem Chauncey Clark, Chair. Monthly report rendered. Mayor Pre-Tem Clark thanked Joe Henderson and the Planning Commission for their dedication and hard work with the Comprehensive Plan. Third Reading and Adoption will be held on August 20, 2019.

Upcoming Committee Meeting- The next Land Use and Natural Resources Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

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

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

Committee Meeting – The next Water & Sewer Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 8:45 a.m. at Town Hall. This is one week ahead of the regularly scheduled meeting.

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

Speed Limit- Chair Reese met with SCDOT to discuss speed limit and cross walks. They are looking into changing the speed limit on Middle Street to 25mph. The goal is to change the speed limit island-wide to 25mph.

Recreation Committee – Councilmember Kaye Smith, Chair.

Independence Day Festivities- The bicycle/golf cart parade was a great success. There was over 500 people present. The firework show at dusk also had a great turnout.

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

During the Public Facilities Committee meeting on July 16, 2019 at 8:30 a.m., the Committee recommended that Town staff proceed with crafting an ordinance that would prohibit smoking in public places and on the beach. Staff is working on the definition of smoking and language for the ordinance. This item will be discussed in further detail during the August workshop meeting.

SCDOT is supportive of a cross walk at Station 22.5 and Jasper Boulevard. This would require relocating storm drains. Chair Hammond discussed a “Connect the Island” block party to help raise private donations to defray the cost of moving the stormwater drains.

Summertime Sweep- This is an effort to remove litter from the beach. The Committee suggested that the Town host a summer contest where children (under the age of 18) pick up trash and have it weighed and recorded. The child with the most amount of trash collected at the end of summer will win a prize. This item will be discussed in the Recreation Committee going forward.

V. Executive Session

Legal Advice- Public Access to Town Property

Legal Advice- Liability Insurance Coverage for Parking on Municipal Property

Legal Advice- Title Search for Stormwater Outfalls

Motion: Action: To go into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. to Discuss: Legal Advice- Public Access to Town Property, Legal Advice- Liability Insurance Coverage for Parking on Municipal Property; and Legal Advice- Title Search for Stormwater Outfalls.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Action: To come out of Executive Session at 7:11 p.m.

**Moved by Councilmember Tim Reese, Seconded by Councilmember Greg Hammond.
Motion passed unanimously.**

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

VI. Adjournment

Motion: Action: Adjourn Meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark, Seconded by Councilmember Greg Hammond.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Courtney Liles