

August 20, 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
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 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 Councilmember Kaye Smith.

I. Presentation: 2019 Beach Monitoring Survey

Dr. Nicole Elko, President of Elko Coastal Consulting, Inc. presented to Council the 2019 Beach Monitoring Survey. Dr. Elko is also the Executive Director of the South Carolina Beach Advocates and is Vice President of Science and Technology with the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association.

The purpose of the study is to provide an annual condition survey to monitor the Sullivan's Island beach. The intention is to survey the beach annually at the beginning of hurricane season in order to monitor changes to the beach from normal and/or storm conditions. Annual monitoring will not only provide baseline conditions for each storm season, but also a comparison of past year's monitoring data that will yield change rates important for understanding beach performance over time.

Analyses of the mean high water (MHW) position relative to the SCDHEC-OCRM Baseline and unit volume by monument were conducted. These analyses documented that the northeast end of the island has little protective beach and dune system in place. Despite armoring with erosion control structures, erosion continues along this stretch of the island. Here, beachfront homes are located either on or seaward of the primary dune in vulnerable positions. Despite sand bar attachment events, sediment has not been delivered to this section in recent years.

The data documented a sandbar attachment event in 2014 and another that began in 2018. Most of the sediment from the 2014 attachment event has been transported downdrift, toward southwestern Sullivan's Island and the Charleston Harbor jetty. Data from 2019 indicate that sandbar attachment events result in a pattern of accretion and erosion along the central portion of the island. To date, there is no indication that the shoreline has advanced seaward since 2014 except at Station 19. If the present management strategy is maintained, additional dune, beachfront marsh, and maritime forest progradation may continue in the central portion of the island.

II. Presentation: CARTA FY20 Proposed Budget

Mayor O'Neil introduced Andrea Kozloski, Director of Operations and Support, and Sharon Hollis, BCDCOG Project Manager. Ms. Kozloski gave an overview of CARTA operations last year, as well as their budget. The proposed FY20 budget is \$31,518,304.00. CARTA has recently made, and continues to make, a wide array of advancements in regional public transportation, including operating debt-free. Ms. Hollis presented the Lowcountry Rapid Transit Project. This is a modern transit system that operates like conventional rail in dedicated, separated lanes and with the added flexibility to work in mixed traffic in hopes to improve mobility, increase connectivity and support future development. The anticipated project completion date is 2025.

Motion: Action: Approve the CARTA FY20 budget as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

III. Presentation: 25 Years of Service- Officer Tom McLellan

Chief Griffin presented a plaque to Officer Tom McLellan in honor of his 25 years of service. He received a standing ovation.

IV. Public Comment: Mayor O'Neil opened the floor for public comment.

Mike Walsh, Battery Gadsden Cultural Center (BGCC)- The Coast Defense Study Group (CDSG) awarded the BGCC with a \$3,000 grant to help replace the outdated fluorescent lighting with a new low voltage system similar to what is now in the Poe Library. The CDSG organization is focused on the preservation, protection and re-purposing of the many old coastal defense installations that used to protect our coastlines.

Leddy Chatham, 2814 Middle Street- expressed concerns regarding the Dominion Energy tree trimming project and suggests underground power lines.

Karen Byko, 2862 Middle Street- expressed concerns regarding the Dominion Energy tree trimming project.

Sallie Pritchard, 2830 Middle Street- expressed concerns regarding liability of low hanging trees and agrees with Ms. Byko's comments.

Nolan Schillerstrom, 635 Rutledge Avenue- took a moment to thank Town Administrator Andy Benke for helping put up the shorebird educational signs at the beach paths.

Norman Khoury, 1728 I'On Avenue- expressed concerns regarding the Dominion Energy tree trimming project and suggests underground power lines.

Eve Gentieu, 2672 Jasper Boulevard- Councilmember Greg Hammond read a letter on her behalf. She expressed concerns regarding dogs roaming the beach near bird nesting areas on the dunes.

Cyndy Ewing, 2514 I'On Avenue- asked if the Town could give residents a full accounting of the cost of money spent on the Accreted Land Management Plan to date including: cost of consultant's reports, meetings, and cost of the lawsuit. She also asked that this be given to the public before any consideration be given to spending more money and time on hiring another consultant.

V. Council Action Items:

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

Motion: Action: Approve Third Reading and Ratification, Ordinance 2019-04, An Ordinance to Adopt the Town of Sullivan's Island Comprehensive Plan 2018-2028. Moved by Councilmember Tim Reese, Seconded by Councilmember Sarah Church.

Planning Commission Chair Gary Visser took a moment to thank Council, Town Staff and the Planning Commission members for their hard work and dedication during this process. Commission member Tim Watterson passed away during this project. May he Rest in peace.

2. Approval of Council Minutes –

Motion: Action: Approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2019 and the August 5, 2019 Special Council Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Councilmember Tim Reese, Seconded by Councilmember Sarah Church. Motion passed unanimously.

- 3. 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 Second Reading, 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 Tim Reese.

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. With that as background, while the Town was drafting the Ordinance, it was discovered that the Antman's conveyed the title and put it into a life estate corporation also known as a living trust. Therefore, the property has two owners.

Motion: Action: Amend Ordinance that passed First Reading to insert the life estate corporation "Natanya, Inc." as necessary. The amendment will be inserted and verified in the Ordinance as well as Exhibit B, which is the Non-Exclusive Temporary Easement for Access, Ingress and Egress.

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

Motion and amendment passed unanimously.

- 4. Resolution Approving Financing Terms with Branch Banking & Trust Company for Purchase of Vehicles:**

Motion: Action: Approve Resolution Approving Financing Terms with Branch Banking & Trust Company for Purchase of Vehicles.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 5. Discussion and Consideration of a Motion to direct Town staff to develop an Ordinance prohibiting smoking on Town owned property including the beach:**

Motion: Action: To direct Town staff to develop an Ordinance prohibiting smoking on Town owned property including the beach where feasible to follow the form to the existing Town Ordinance on smoking in a work place.

Moved by Councilmember Greg Hammond, Seconded by Councilmember Sarah Church.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and Consideration of a Motion to direct Town staff to develop an integration plan for enforcing fines following the adoption of a new Ordinance:

Motion: Action: To direct Town staff to develop an integration plan for enforcing fines following the adoption of a new Ordinance.

Moved by Councilmember Greg Hammond, Seconded by Councilmember Kaye Smith.

Town Attorney Larry Dodds suggested receiving legal advice regarding this item in an Executive Session before voting on it.

Councilmember Greg Hammond withdrew the motion and the second.

7. Discussion and Consideration of a Motion to direct Town staff to determine the cost of stormwater drain modifications required at Station 22.5/Jasper Boulevard intersection to allow for installation of SCDOT approved crosswalk:

Motion: Action: To direct Town staff to determine the cost of stormwater drain modifications required at Station 22.5/Jasper Boulevard intersection to allow for installation of SCDOT approved crosswalk without the expenditure of funds at this point.

Moved by Councilmember Greg Hammond, Seconded by Councilmember Sarah Church.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. **Approval of Public Facilities Committee Minutes from July 16, 2019:**

Motion: Action: Approve Public Facilities Committee Minutes from July 16, 2019.

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

Motion passed unanimously within the Committee.

9. **Approval Land Use and Natural Resources Committee Minutes from July 24, 2019:**

Motion: Action: Approve Land Use and Natural Resources Committee Minutes from July 24, 2019.

Moved by Councilmember Kaye Smith, Seconded by Mayor O'Neil.

Motion passed by a vote of 2-1 within the Committee (Mayor Pro-Tem Clark was not there)

10. Approval of Public Safety Committee Minutes from August 9, 2019:

Motion: Action: Approve Public Safety Committee Minutes from August 9, 2019.

Moved by Councilmember Tim Reese, Seconded by Mayor O'Neil.

Motion passed by a vote of 2-1 within the Committee (Mayor Pro-Tem Clark was not there)

VI. Reports and Communication:

1. Mayor's Report- No items to report.

2. Administrator's Report

I. General Correspondence

- Tim Henderson/Josh Johnson, SCDOT- Middle Street Traffic Study

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.

Dominion Energy Tree Trimming- Dominion Energy continues to trim and prune tree limbs around utility lines on the island. The work is expected to continue through August. A number of residents have telephoned or messaged about the results of the project. The Dominion forester and Town staff continue to monitor work performed by Lewis Tree Company. A number of residents have expressed an interest in learning more about a Dominion Energy presentation of the possibility of underground power lines.

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 resolved all issues related to the contract of service from Gibbs Construction Company.

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.

VII. 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 September. Comptroller Blanton presented the June 2019 finance report.

Land Use and Natural Resources Committee – Mayor Pro-Tem Chauncey Clark, Chair. He was absent during this meeting.

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

Video Recording of Town Council Meetings- for archiving on Town website for public access.

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.

Committee Meeting – The next Water & Sewer Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 8:45 a.m. at Town Hall.

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

St. Patrick's Day recommendations will be reviewed with Sullivan's Island Restaurant Association

Potential paid parking at Sullivan's Island Elementary School parking lot and loop area with completion of the upcoming beach access. This will be discussed in further detail at the next meeting.

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.

Committee Meeting- The next Recreation Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. at Town Hall.

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

VIII. Adjournment

Motion: Action: Adjourn Meeting at 7:53 p.m.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Courtney Liles