

October 20, 2020

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 6:01 p.m. and stated the press and public had been notified in accordance with State Law. This meeting was conducted via virtual meeting as a result of COVID-19 Pandemic. 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 Comments: The following island residents made a public comment regarding the Accreted Land: Dr. Norman Khoury, 1728 I’On Avenue, Susan Middaugh, 2420 Raven Drive, Larry Kobrovsky, 402 Seabreeze Lane, Dan Krosse, 2424 Myrtle Avenue, Darcie Shively, 2320 Middle Street, Karen Byko, 2862 Middle Street, Tracy Knisley Hahn, 2662 I’On Avenue, Howard Holl, 1807 I’On Avenue, Eddie Fava, 2424 Myrtle Avenue, Pete Budko, 2061 Pettigrew Street, Steve Poletti, 1771 Atlantic Avenue, Michael Bourland, 1607 Atlantic Avenue, Kimberly Brown, 2118 Pettigrew Street, Luke Lewis, 2630 Raven Drive and Scott Millimet, 2902 Brownell Avenue. The complete list of residents whom signed up to speak is attached. (Attachment 1)

II. Council Action Items:

1. Approval of Council Minutes –

Motion was made by Councilmember Greg Hammond, seconded by Tim Reese, to approve the following minutes of Town Council:

- **September 10, 2020 Special Council Meeting**
- **September 15, 2020 Regular Council Meeting**
- **October 5, 2020 Special Council Meeting**

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Second Reading, Ordinance 2020-17, Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments: Consideration of Planning Commission recommended text amendments to Zoning Ordinance Sections 21-31, *Foundation Height* and Article 21, *Definitions*:
Motion was made by Councilmember Sarah Church, seconded Councilmember Greg Hammond, to approve Second Reading, Ordinance 2020-17, Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments: Consideration of Planning Commission recommended text amendments to Zoning Ordinance Sections 21-31, *Foundation Height* and Article 21, *Definitions*.
Motion passed unanimously.

3. Second Reading, Ordinance 2020-18, Chapter 5, Article IV Text Amendments for Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance:
Motion was made by Councilmember Tim Reese, seconded by Councilmember Sarah Church, to approve Second Reading, Ordinance 2020-18, Chapter 5, Article IV Text Amendments for Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.
Motion passed by a vote of 6-0-1, with Councilmember Greg Hammond recusing himself from this item due to a conflict of interest. Councilmember Greg Hammond did not participate in any discussions on this item.

III. Reports and Communication:

1. Mayor's Report- None.

2. Administrator's Report

I. General Correspondence

- Helen Hill, CEO Explore Charleston- summary and prognosis of impact of COVID-19 pandemic on Charleston area tourism and hospitality industry
- Elizabeth Nesbitt- request to decorate palmetto trees along SC-703 during Christmas
- William Lesser, FEMA- confirmation of the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System
- Justin Novak, 3103 Middle Street- paid parking
- Kevin Pennington, 1514 Middle Street- paid parking
- Scott Millimet, 2992 Brownell Street- Councilmember conflict of interest question

II. Construction

Fire Station Structural Repairs- Trident Construction has been advised that the Town wishes to pursue a contract for the Fire Station Upgrade and Storage facility project. The contractor has been provided with the standard contract utilized by the Town in order to commence discussions.

Applied Building Sciences has been provided with a contract for design and construction services in the Fire Station Upgrade and Storage facility project.

A kick-off meeting with Trident Construction, Applied Building Sciences and the Town is scheduled for Monday, 10-27-2020 in Town Hall.

Present schedule:

- 8-20-20: RFQ Instructions Published
- 9-1-20: RFQ Pre-submittal meeting in Town Hall at 10:00 a.m.
- 9-8-2020: RFQ Packages due
- 9-15-20: Publish a list of CM at Risk Invitees
- 9/22-24/20: Short List Interviews by Council
- 10-6-20: Notice of Intent to Award provided to Trident Construction
- 10-13-2020: Trident Construction and ABS provided contract format for project
- 10-27-2020: Project kick-off meeting at Town Hall

Thomas and Hutton- Station 22.5 Crosswalk: SCDOT returned the encroachment permit and construction drawings completed. Awaiting Thomas and Hutton contract for permitting, bidding process and construction oversight. Charleston County Transportation Committee will fund up to \$7,800 of construction expense. Town review of documents complete. Thomas and Hutton to advertise bid request.

Transportation Sales Tax Road Paving- The CTC Committee has approved the Town request to pave Conquest Avenue. Charleston County engineers are currently working on construction schematics for bidding. Town staff will be included in design for necessary input. A timeline for the project has not been established yet.

Station 18 Street Stormwater Project- Anticipate that Thomas and Hutton will submit deliverables to SCEMD and FEMA for Phase I in November 2020.

Temporary construction easement and permanent force main easement submitted to property owners at 1807 I'On Avenue.

III. General

Pandemic Planning- Town remains at OPGON-2 with limited public access to Town Hall. Residents and businesses should utilize remote access for Town business until further notice. Staff is present at Town Hall for regular hours 8am to 5pm.

Charleston County Greenbelt Program- The next application dates for project funding have been announced for eligible parties:

- FY21 Fall Cycle- Opens Monday 8-17-20 with applications due by 9-30-20. Approximately \$12.5 million in funding available
- FY21 Winter Cycle- Opens Monday November 2, 2020 with applications due Friday 1-29-2021. Funding available to be determine after fall cycle distribution

South Carolina Beach Advocates 2021 Annual Meeting- The annual meeting for the SC Beach Advocates will be held February 8-9, 2021 at the Wild Dunes Resort on Isle of Palms.

Charleston County Community Development Program- Program updates provided by Anna E. Eskridge, PhD. Noteworthy is the additional HUD funding in the amount of \$1,793,877 through the CARES Act.

Bluestein et al. vs. Town of Sullivan's Island- The final court order was signed by Judge Jennifer McCoy on 10-15-2020.

3. Attorney's Report- No items to report.

4. Boards and Commissions Reports – None.

IV. Committee Reports:

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

Comptroller Jason Blanton presented the September financial report.

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

Beach signage- Councilmember Greg Hammond recommended adding signage on each beach path stating no smoking, single use plastics, Styrofoam or E-bikes. Chief Griffin stated that he will increase enforcement on the beach.

Status updates:

- i. Seal and tack-weld openings at Battery Logan and large cement building behind the mound for safety purposes
- ii. Seal and tack-weld openings at Battery Thompson for safety purposes, remove remaining extraneous ply-wood structures, re-paint, remove power line from pole to structure
- iii. Sale process for Formal Town Hall Property
- iv. Evaluate safety of shallow-well structures in the Jasper & Station 26 area
- v. Master plan for beach paths with goal of ensuring usability of each beach path, including prioritizing of work (funding of work to remain TBD)
- vi. Station 18 stormwater work

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

Next Transition Zone Work- Station 22.5 to Station 28. This is still in progress.

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

Dog Licenses- Councilmember Church recommended pro-rating the dog licenses for 2021 due to the pandemic and beach closures. Town staff is reviewing this item.

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.

Project Updates- Councilmember Bachman Smith, IV and Greg Gress gave project updates for the CWS project, Lift Station project and the WWTP project.

Committee Meeting – The October Water & Sewer Committee Meeting is cancelled. The next Water & Sewer Committee Meeting will be November 19, 2020 at 8:45 a.m.

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

Overview and discussion on potential island-wide paid parking implementation

Town Council consensus on two items:

- a. SCDOT Encroachment Permit authorization for Stantec
- b. Stantec develop scope of work to craft a potential paid parking program for presentation to Council and potential RFP process for vendors. This is only to obtain a quote from them.

Recreation Committee – Councilmember Kaye Smith, Chair.

Halloween- For the first time ever, Sullivan’s Island wants residents to participate in a virtual Halloween costume contest. The details of this contest are on the Town’s website. The deadline to submit is November 5, 2020.

V. Executive Session

Contractual- Architect and Engineering Services with Applied Building Sciences for Fire Station Update and Storage Building Project:

Motion was made by Councilmember Kaye Smith, seconded by Councilmember Sarah Church, to go into Executive Session at 7:19 p.m. to discuss one item: Contractual-

Architect and Engineering Services with Applied Building Sciences for Fire Station Update and Storage Building Project.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark, seconded by Councilmember Tim Reese, to come out of Executive Session at 7:38 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

VI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark, seconded by Councilmember Greg Hammond, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Courtney Sottile



PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tuesday, October 20, 2020 6:00 p.m. Town Council Meeting

Residents who signed up to speak:

1. Dr. Norman Khoury, 1728 I'On Avenue
2. Susan Middaugh, 2420 Raven Drive
3. Larry Kobrovsky, 402 Seabreeze Lane
4. Dan Krosse, 2424 Myrtle Avenue
5. Darcie Shively, 2320 Middle Street
6. Karen Byko, 2862 Middle Street
7. Tracy Knisley Hahn, 2662 I'On Avenue
8. Howard Holl, 1807 I'On Avenue
9. Eddie Fava, 2424 Myrtle Avenue
10. Pete Budko, 2061 Pettigrew Street
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