

July 20, 2021

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
Bachman Smith, IV, Mayor Tem-Pro
Greg Hammond, Councilmember (Via Phone)
Scott Millimet, Councilmember
Justin Novak, Councilmember
Kaye Smith, Councilmember
Gary Visser, 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 no members of the media present. Mayor O'Neil led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation by Town Administrator Andy Benke.

I. Oath of Office: Mayor O'Neil administered the Oath of Office to Joseph Lontrato, Joseph McMullen and Bridget Welch.

II. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

III. Council Action Items:

1. Approval of Council Minutes –

- June 15, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, seconded by Councilmember Scott Millimet, to approve the June 15, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Motions passed unanimously.

2. Third Reading and Ratification, Ordinance 2021-10, An Ordinance to Amend Zoning Regulations Regarding Short-Term Auto Parking Lots, Zoning Ordinance Section §21-50 B. (3): Consideration of Establishing Short-Term Auto Parking Lots as Conditional Uses with Associated Text Changes:

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, seconded by Councilmember Kaye Smith, to approve Third Reading and Ratification, Ordinance 2021-10, An Ordinance to Amend Zoning Regulations Regarding Short-Term Auto Parking Lots, Zoning Ordinance Section §21-50 B. (3): Consideration of Establishing Short-Term Auto Parking Lots as Conditional Uses with Associated Text Changes. Motion failed with a vote of 6-0.

3. Third Reading and Ratification, Ordinance 2021-11, An Ordinance to Amend Zoning Regulations Regarding Driveways in the Single-Family Residential District (RS), Zoning Ordinance Section §21-15: Permitting Second Driveways with Certain Conditions Met:
Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, seconded by Councilmember Scott Millimet, to approve Third Reading and Ratification, Ordinance 2021-11, An Ordinance to Amend Zoning Regulations Regarding Driveways in the Single-Family Residential District (RS), Zoning Ordinance Section §21-15: Permitting Second Driveways with Certain Conditions Met.
Motion failed with 2 votes in favor and 4 against, with Mayor O’Neil, and Councilmembers Scott Millimet, Justin Novak and Gary Visser opposing.

4. Discussion and consideration of a motion to instruct staff to issue an invitation to bid for construction and installation of tennis and basketball court lighting at J. Marshall Stith Park as well as court resurfacing:
Motion was made by Councilmember Kaye Smith, seconded by Councilmember Justin Novak, to approve and instruct staff to issue an invitation to bid for construction and installation of tennis and basketball court lighting at J. Marshall Stith Park as well as court resurfacing.
Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Reports and Communication:

1. Mayor’s Report-

Mayor O’Neil recognized the Recreation Committee Chair, Kaye Smith and Staff for all of their hard work during the Independence Day event. He also informed Council of the expiration of the Emergency Ordinance 2021-12.

2. Administrator’s Report-

General Correspondence

- July 19, 2021 Richard Graham, 2102 I’On Avenue, email: Comments regarding parking for commercial District
- July 16, 2021 Jamie Moore, 2857 Jasper boulevard, email: Note of appreciation for quick response by the Water and Sewer Department.

Construction

Fire Station- Final construction drawings and pricing have been completed. Engineering indicates that construction at WWTP and Fire Station have no adverse impact on stormwater upstream of the projects. Awaiting approval from Charleston County and DHEC.

Construction project schedule update:

- Trident Construction has installed site and silt fencing around the project limits
- Trident Construction delivered office trailer to project site on July 6, 2021
- Contract documents signed July 14, 2021
- Construction drawings and construction specifications available in Town Hall
- Demolition expected to commence mid-July
- Site is now considered a construction area under the control of Trident Construction; entry should be scheduled and hardhats/high visibility vests are required

Station 18 Street Stormwater Project- Temporary construction easement and permanent force main easement has been rejected by property owners at 1807 P'On Avenue. Thomas and Hutton to consider alternatives.

Accreted Land Mediated Settlement Work Plan- Staff has completed plan language and submitted the same to the regulatory agencies. US Army Corps of Engineers has indicated no permit is required for work under the plan. The Town awaits comment from DEHC/OCRM.

Charleston Water System and Mount Pleasant Waterworks AIWW Waterline Project – The contractor completed the pipe pull toward Sullivan's Island on Tuesday, May 25, 2021. Original lane configuration between Toler's Cove north to Center Street has been restored. Speed limit signs are restored to 45 mph.

General

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021- The Department of Treasury interim Final Rule for the Act indicate the revised disbursement for the Town is now \$957,851.78. Columbia has delayed the receipt and disbursement of funds to non-entitlement municipalities.

Town Hall Parking- Approximately ten (10) Town Hall parking spaces will be lost during the Fire Station project. With increased use by the public of the parking area for beach and restaurant parking, it has been necessary to post signage in an effort to regulate use.

Battery Thompson and Logan Maintenance – Two bids were received for the proposed scope of work to paint Battery Thompson and install safety fencing on both locations. Painting at Battery Thompson was completed in mid-June. Installation of fencing began Tuesday, July 13, 2021.

The Coastal Defense Study Group has offered to assist with clearing vegetation around the base of Battery Logan.

Thomson Park Memorial- Douglas Bostick, Executive Director of the South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust and Doug Macintyre would like to present a plan to Town Council at the July meeting that would add the Breach Inlet site to the South Carolina Liberty Trail.

Boards and Commission- Several terms will expire in September 2021

- Planning Commission- 1 seat to be filled due to resignation

- Board of Zoning Appeals- 5 seats with expiring terms
- Design Review Board- 2 seats with expiring terms
- Tree Commission- 2 seats with expiring terms
- Election Commission- 1 seat to be filled due to resignation

3. Attorney's Report- Fee Simple Title for 2802 Brooks Street.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, seconded by Councilmember Scott Millimet to approve the Fee Simple Title for 2802 Brooks Street.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

V. Committee Reports:

Finance Committee – Councilmember Scott Millimet, Chair. Monthly report rendered.

Comptroller Jason Blanton presented the June financial report. He also presented the debt analysis and capital project analysis that Councilmember Scott Millimet requested.

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

Land Use and Natural Resources Committee – Councilmember Gary Visser, Chair. Monthly report rendered.

Public Facilities Zoning District- The Land Use and Natural Resource Committee plans to have a committee meeting in the near future to review historic preservations and ordinances and to assign a task force.

Administration Committee – Councilmember Justin Novak, Chair. Monthly report rendered.

Hybrid Meetings- Discussion of Improving participation in public meetings and including consideration of remote /live Hybrid meeting platforms.

Boards and Commissions- Discussion of solicitation of candidates for Board and Commission for terms expiring in September 2021. The application deadline is Friday, August 13, 2021.

Water and Sewer Committee – Mayor Pro-Tem Bachman Smith IV, Chair. Monthly reports rendered.

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

Committee Meeting – The next Water & Sewer Committee Meeting will be July 22, 2021 at 8:45 a.m. at Town Hall.

Public Safety Committee –Mayor O’Neil, Chair. Monthly reports rendered.

Recreation Committee – Councilmember Kaye Smith, Chair.

Mound update- Councilmember Kaye Smith stated that the Town is in the process of seeding and fencing off the mound to keep it from being disturbed while the grass is being established.

VI. Executive Session

Personnel- Discussion on staffing consideration.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Gary Visser, to go into Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. to discuss personal staffing consideration.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gary Visser, to come out of Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

VII. Adjournment

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, seconded by Councilmember Kaye Smith, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bridget Welch