



**Town of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 17, 2023 6:00 p.m.**

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, Mayor Pro-Tem
Greg Hammond, Councilmember
Scott Millimet, Councilmember
Justin Novak, Councilmember
Kaye Smith, Councilmember
Gary Visser, Councilmember

Staff members present were Town Administrator Andy Benke, Police Chief Chris Griffin, Fire Chief Anthony Stith, Assistant Fire Chief Amanda Hawver, Charles Drayton, Joe Henderson, Bridget Welch, and Max Wurthmann.

Mayor Patrick 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 two (2) members of the public present and no members of the media present. Mayor O'Neil led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for prayer or reflection.

Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation

I. Format: Public Comments

- Cheryl Clarke, 2119 Pettigrew St, gave a shout-out to the SIFD and SIPD members that participated in Good Night Lights at the MUSC Children's Hospital.

II. Correspondence:

1. Laurie Arthur, 2850 Middle St – Email opposition to timeshares, 12-19-22

No New Correspondence Since Workshop on January 9, 2023

III. Council Action Items:

A. Approval of Minutes

- December 20, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Councilmember Gary Visser, seconded by Councilmember Scott Millimet to approve the December 20, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes, passed unanimously, with Councilmember Greg Hammond abstaining.

B. Third Reading and Ratification, Ordinance 2022-09, An Ordinance to Amend the Ordinances of the Town of Sullivan’s Island, South Carolina, Chapter 14, By Amending Section 14-34 (SIC35) to Read as Follows: Section 14-34 (SIC 35) The Lease of Certain Real Property to the Battery Gadsden Cultural Center Inc., An Eleemosynary Corporation.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Bachman Smith, seconded by Councilmember Novak, to approve Third Reading and Ratification, Ordinance 2022-09, An Ordinance to Amend the Ordinances of the Town of Sullivan’s Island, South Carolina, Chapter 14, By Amending Section 14-34 (SIC35) to Read as Follows: Section 14-34 (SIC 35) The Lease of Certain Real Property to the Battery Gadsden Cultural Center Inc., An Eleemosynary Corporation, passed unanimously.

IV. Reports and Commissions

A. Mayor’s Report:

1. Reminder of the South Carolina Beach Advocates meeting that will be at the end of January on Isle of Palms.
2. Mention of Island residents (or former residents) that passed away in 2022, honored with a moment of silence.

B. Administrator’s Report:

1. Annual Charlie Post 5 and 15K road race across the Island, starting and finishing at SIES, from 8-11 a.m.
2. Toler’s Cove has requested to deposit dredge material in the Island’s dredge site. It has historically been every 5-6 years but will move to possibly depositing every year instead. The contract will be re-negotiated as needed.
3. Negotiations are ongoing with Thomas & Hutton regarding the Master Plan for Stith Park.
4. A timer will be added to regulate the lights on the basketball courts, as well as a master control box and a new electric junction box cover.
5. The boardwalk at Station 21 (SIES) is waiting on handrails, which are backordered, and will be complete when those are in.

C. Attorney’s Report: Nothing to Report

D. Boards and Commissions Report

1. Planning and Commission – There are two items left to be considered in February from the Historic Study Group and new ordinances will likely be introduced in the Spring.
2. Board of Zoning Appeals – Nothing to Report
3. Design Review Board – Nothing to Report
4. Tree Commission – Nothing to Report
5. Municipal Elections Commission – Nothing to Report

V. Committee Reports – Discussion Items:

- A. Finance Committee – Mr. Blanton updated on the finance report and stated that it is budget time and to mention any projects in the next year that will need funding to him.
- B. Public Facilities Committee - Nothing to Report
- C. Land Use & Natural Resources Committee - Nothing to Report
- D. Administration Committee – The next Administration Committee meeting will be set in the next month or so.
- E. Water & Sewer Committee –The department is waiting on permits to complete the rip-rap on the Lift Station Project. The next Water & Sewer meeting will be January 26, 2023 at 8:45 a.m.
- F. Public Safety Committee – A speed radar was placed at the end of the causeway to collect speed data that will be presented at a later time.
- G. Recreation Committee - Nothing to Report

VI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilmember Millimet, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bachman Smith to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m., passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bridget Welch