



**Town of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina  
Town Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, July 15 2025, 6:00 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the 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 O'Neil, Mayor  
Ned Higgins, Councilmember  
Carl Hubbard, Councilmember  
Jody Latham, Councilmember  
Scott Millimet, Councilmember  
Gary Visser, Councilmember

Councilmember Justin Novak previously notified Council he would not be available for this meeting.

Staff members present were Deputy Police Chief Monty Anders, Jason Blanton, Charles Drayton, Rebecca Fanning, Amanda Hawver, Town Administrator Joe Henderson, Town Lawyer John Linton, Police Chief Glenn Meadows, Fire Chief Anthony Stith, and Bridget Welch. Multiple members of the Police Department were also present.

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 eight (8) members of the public present and no (0) members of the media present. Mayor O'Neil led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for prayer or reflection.

**I. Presentation: CARTA Proposed 2026 Budget (Andrea Kozloski)**

Mayor O'Neil stated the CARTA Budget must be approved by every municipality in its service each year, thus the presentation.

Matthew Spath presented the FY2026 CARTA Budget and provided updates on the Beach Reach program and the LCRT project, as per the mayor's request. The Beach Reach vehicle is new this year, is free to users, and runs in the summer season on Saturdays and Sundays. It runs from Mt. Pleasant to the County Park on Isle of Palms and has seen a 30% increase in usage this year. The LCRT project is moving ahead on schedule and is currently in the engineering state. The new system will offer upgraded vehicles and stations on a route from Ladson to Downton Charleston. It is expected to be fully implemented and open to the public by 2029. The full budget is available in the packet. He then took questions from Council.

**Motion was made by Councilmember Visser, seconded by Councilmember Latham, to approve the FY2026 CARTA Budget, passed unanimously.**

## **II. Format: Public Comments**

- Kimberly Brown, 2118 Pettigrew St – concerned with the new sign with the slogan “Gateway to Liberty” that will be added to the existing welcome sign on the Ben Sawyer Blvd as part of the SC 250 celebration. Does not feel it is an appropriate slogan given the Town’s history, especially related to the slave trade.
- Barbara Spell, 1702 Atlantic Ave – feels the new mural painted on historic Battery Thompson is fanciful and is not serious enough for the historic battle it depicts. She also would like more information about the pond that has formed at Station 28.

## **III. Council Action Items:**

### **A. Approval of Minutes:**

- June 17, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

**Motion was made by Councilmember Visser, seconded by Councilmember Millimet, to approve the June 17, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes, passed unanimously.**

- ### **B. Third Reading, by Title Only and Ratification, Ordinance 2025-05, An Ordinance to Amend the Section of Special Ordinances Table III: Property, to Establish Lease Agreement of Real Property owned by the Town of Sullivan’s Island with the Sullivan’s Island Club (Henderson)**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Millimet, seconded by Councilmember Hubbard, to approve Third Reading and Ratification, Ordinance 2025-05, An Ordinance to Amend the Section of Special Ordinances Table III: Property, to Establish Lease Agreement of Real Property owned by the Town of Sullivan’s Island with Sullivan’s Island Club and extend it to five years, passed unanimously.**

Mr. Henderson explained the current ordinance dealing with this Town lease allows for a one-year lease renewal and this text change would change that to up to five years. The language would also change to reflect the new start date of July 15, 2025.

## **IV. Reports and Communication:**

- ### **A. Mayor’s Report: The Mt. Pleasant Chamber of Commerce recognized all the first responders that were involved in the hit-and-run incident on May 1, 2025. Police Chief Glenn Meadows stated it was to recognize everyone from all the different agencies that participated.**
- An update concerning possibly burying the power lines from Dominion Energy – an engineering study will be done and is funded by non-standard service funds. Dominion has sent us a draft of the RFP and is being reviewed by Council and staff.
- ### **B. Administrator’s Report**



## **July Correspondence:**

- Steven & Mary Gordon Kerr, 1424 Thompson Ave – Email thanking Council and Town Staff for tennis court resurfacing project
  - Jim Mackey, 2724 Bayonne – Email Thanking Public Works team and hard work on beach path and Maritime Forest
  - SI Planning Commission – Dredging of Cove Creek Memo
  - Joy Morris, 1402 Thompson Ave – Concerned with the new welcome signs on Sullivan’s Island
  - Kimberly Brown, 2118 Pettigrew St – Concerned with the new welcome signs on Sullivan’s Island
- a. Project Updates:
- i. SCIIP Grant Funding: A kick-off pre-construction meeting was held July 15 and the notice to proceed with be granted Tuesday, July 22. The official start of the project will be held in about two weeks and is open to the public and media. This project will cover work to be done at Stations 31, 28 ½, and possibly 25 and 16, if funding is secured.
  - ii. Emergency Management – had second meeting with department heads regarding preparedness for the upcoming hurricane season. Another meeting regarding a controlled access plan will be held on Friday, August 1.
- b. Personnel anniversaries:
- Tyler Potter, 5 years – Water & Sewer Department
  - Jacob Padgett, 1 year – Police Department BSO
  - Andy Williams, 7 years – Water & Sewer Department
  - Paul Sottile, 8 years – Fire Department
  - Christina Oxford, 1 year – Building Department
  - Marc Micalizzi, 8 years – Fire Department

Mr. Henderson also spoke about financial transparency and the ways residents are able to access the Town’s financial information.

- C. Attorney’s Report: Town Attorney John Linton – The Pacaso appeal from 3115 I’On Avenue – the briefing was received in December 2024 and the Court of Appeals reported they will possibly set the case for oral argument for November of this year. He then took questions from Council.
- D. Boards and Commissions Report:
- a. Planning Commission – Nothing to Report
  - b. Board of Zoning Appeals – Nothing to Report
  - c. Design Review Board – Nothing to Report
  - d. Tree Commission – Nothing to Report

## **E. Committee Reports – Discussion Items:**

- A. Finance Committee – Jason Blanton presented the budget report for June, reviewed FY 2025, and stated the 2025 audit will begin the third week of August. He then took questions from Council.

- B. Public Facilities Committee – There will be a meeting in August regarding participation in the SC250 projects.
- C. Land Use and Natural Resources Committee – Meetings will be scheduled soon to discuss the Cove Creek Dredge possibilities, rain garden demonstration by Clemson University, and funding with the Tree Commission.
  - a. Rebecca Fanning gave an update on the Station 28 pond, stating testing has been done weekly over the past few months. They are meeting with DES, which tests the ocean water on the Island but not any gullies or ponds that form. We will be seeking information about their process and their advice on how to move forward. With the warm weather, it is not expected for the bacteria levels to decrease. It will likely not increase until plants other than algae begin to grow in the pond.
- D. Administration Committee – Nothing to Report
- E. Water & Sewer Committee – Nothing to Report
- F. Public Safety Committee –Police Chief Meadows stated Monty Anders graduated from the Charleston Police Department Executive Leadership Summit on July 10.
- G. Recreation Committee – There will be a meeting date set soon to discuss the tot lot, SC 250, pocket parks, and Stith Park drainage.

**F. Adjournment**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Millimet, seconded by Councilmember Higgins, to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m., passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Bridget Welch