

TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 17, 2018
9:00 a.m.

The Public Facilities Committee of Council met at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied. Present were Council Committee members Mark Howard (Chair), Chauncey Clark and Bachman Smith IV. Staff members present were Andy Benke, Randy Robinson, Anthony Stith, Joe Henderson and Courtney Liles. There were 6 members of the public present and no members of the media.

Chair Howard called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., and stated the press and public were duly notified pursuant to State Law.

The below list of current status of active and pending projects was reviewed.

Hazard Mitigation Grant- FEMA accepted the Hazard Mitigation Grant application for Phase I Engineer Study for Station 18 and Station 30 basins.

Storage Structure and Sites for Department Needs- Both the Police Department and the Maintenance Department are in need of a 2,400-sq. ft. (approximately) storage structure for their equipment. 125k is budgeted in FY18 for this item. There are two options structurally: a butler building or a wooden building similar to a barn. Staff is currently researching pricing for the different structures.

Fire Station Repairs- An inspection report prepared by Lowcountry Home Inspection, Inc. shows the need for repairs and improvements to the structure. The exterior siding and windows are the main focus at this time. Councilmember Smith recommended getting a few different scopes of work and competitive bids from contractors.

Former Town Hall (1610 Middle Street)- The former Town Hall has a major moisture problem. The American Military Museum has inquired about leasing the space. The Town currently uses the back portion of the building as storage and the Police Department uses the garage to store their equipment and also as a dog kennel. Council also had concerns regarding the value of the building and the Zoning of the building.

General Comments:

-Councilmember Clark- stated it is a residential lot surrounded by other residents so any use of the building is going to have an impact. The current zoning of the building is an issue that would need to be researched before proceeding. The AMM is offering to bring the building back to living

standards by mitigating the mold issue and provide air conditioning and to stabilize the building. This gives the Town a chance to stabilize the building at no direct cost.

-Councilmember Smith- would like to get some numbers for visitor attendance from other local museums such as Fort Moultrie to compare for neighborhood impact and parking purposes.

-Tim Reese, 305 Station 20 Street- expressed concerns regarding the zoning and liability of the structure with environmental issues.

-Rita Langley, 1618 Middle Street- expressed concern with the neighborhood compatibility- wants it to be single-family residential.

-Susan Middaugh, 2420 Raven Drive- asked if Battery Logan could be used as the museum location.

Maintenance Ordinance- Proposal for maintenance ordinance for homeowner to care for all sidewalks, curbs and ditches adjoining their property. Chair Howard would like to make this a requirement for homeowners. Councilmember Smith stated that you cannot require someone to take care of someone else's property. However, the Town could propose an ordinance that states a homeowner can not negatively impact the function of a ditch.

Old Bridge Landing Improvements- Kimley-Horn Engineering Firm has conducted a study of the old bridge landing to evaluate and explore options to stabilize and prevent future erosion of the old bridge infrastructure. It will also provide potential funding strategies. The Committee would like to see some language in the proposal change before going forward.

Battery Gadsden- Proposal for approval of installation of HVAC system. This is a four (4) part construction installation process.

1. Roof vegetative removal
2. Electrical improvements
3. Wall and door construction for insulation needs
4. HVAC unit purchase and installation

Councilmembers Clark and Smith stated they did not want to get involved in funding a non-profit organization. Battery Gadsden could do a fundraiser or campaign.

General Comments:

-Mike Walsh, 2530 I'on Avenue- asked how much was spend on improvements for the Island Club? Councilmember Clark answered roughly \$40K, but it was a budgeted item.

-Susan Middaugh, 2420 Raven Drive- stated BGCC is unusable as is. There is a big mold issue.

-Tim Reese, 305 Station 20 Street- asked if the Island Club could be relocated to next to BGCC and used as a dual purpose for the Island Club, BGCC and museum.

-Sarah Church, 1655 Atlantic Avenue- stated the Recreation budget may have money left over that could be used since the landscape in the park project was taken out of tree funds.

These items will be discussed in further detail at the next Committee Meeting.

Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Clark, to adjourn at 10:34 a.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Courtney Liles