

October 15, 2002

The regular meeting of Town Council was held on the above date at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied:

Present were: J. Marshall Stith, Mayor  
Carl J. Smith, Mayor Pro Tem  
Debra Hazen-Martin, Councilwoman  
Patrick M. O'Neil, Councilman  
Alys Anne Wiedeke, Councilwoman

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Stith, followed by a moment of silence. Mayor Stith asked that we keep the family of Councilman Red Wood in our thoughts and prayers, as his sister passed away.

Minutes of the September 17, 2002 meeting were approved as written.

There were two private citizens present.

The floor was opened for comments from the citizens. John Liberatos of 2624 Myrtle Avenue inquired about when Sullivan's Island would have a website. He was told that we do currently have a website, and will need to publish the address again on the water bill. There was discussion about the flooding from the recent rains. Councilwoman Wiedeke stated that she would like to know what the percentage of impervious surface is on the Sand Dunes property.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Wiedeke, to accept the resignation of Christopher McElman from the Police Department, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to adopt a Resolution Supporting the Proposed Half-Cent Sales Tax, carried unanimously.

There was no new correspondence.

Attorney Larry Dodds stated that he had received a request from the lawyers representing Toler's Cove. Toler's Cove is willing to pay some or all of the costs we incur in dredging our cove if we allow them to use the spoil site. The Army Corps of Engineers has said we can do it. We need to review the lease between the state and federal government, and determine if there is a life's end to the spoil area before responding to Toler's Cove.

Ways and Means Committee, Mayor Stith. The League of Women Voters is sponsoring a forum to discuss the proposed half-cent sales tax on October 23, 2002 at the County Library. Adopted the Resolution supporting the proposed half-cent sales tax.

Hospitality and Accommodation Tax Ordinances to be reviewed later in meeting. The preliminary millage figures look good; will have final figure soon.

Personnel Committee, Alys Anne Wiedeke. Chief Stith would like to offer Shift Supervisor position to Billy Topping. Candidates have been interviewed, and Mr. Topping is the best candidate due to his experience and knowledge of Sullivan's Island. The Council agreed that Chief Stith could offer the position pending Mr. Topping's meeting with the Town Administrator. Mr. Topping has already met with Mayor Stith and Chief Stith. Mr. Topping would have no ranking until after probation. Motion was made by Councilwoman Wiedeke, seconded by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin to grant regular employment status, along with compensation pay, to Jose Green in the Police Department, carried unanimously. Motion was made by Councilwoman Wiedeke, seconded by Councilman Smith to grant regular employment status, along with compensation pay, to Joe Wincklhofer in the Fire Department, carried unanimously. Motion was made by Councilwoman Wiedeke, seconded by Councilman Smith, to grant regular employment status, along with compensation pay, to Drew Levay in the Fire Department, carried unanimously. Chief Howard can advertise for a police officer due to Christopher McElman's resignation.

Water and Sewer, Councilwoman Hazen-Martin. Report bids came in for Poe Avenue line replacement. Motion was made by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to resolve to borrow from the special revenue fund the precise shortfall for the repairs to the Poe Avenue line replacement (movement of water and sewer lines to other side of right-of-way) and the water consultants; to be repaid through bond issuance in the future or another water/sewer funding, carried unanimously. The PERs for Phase III of the Sewer Rehab have been received and the price was higher than anticipated. We didn't receive those PERs until a week before our deadline to have the plans to DHEC, so we were faced with whether to submit the PERs. It doesn't mean that we have to get the entire project bid on that schedule or that we have to include all elements of the project described in that PER. DHEC is reviewing the plans which includes the addition of a second clarifier, the engineering for the elevations all over the plant, additional drying beds and the increase in the retention chamber and the chlorine content chamber. The administrative building is also in there. The Red Water logs are due on October 25<sup>th</sup>. We are gearing up to start the phosphate feed. In 60-90 days we will be in a position to clearly assess how much money we want and should borrow for the line replacement on the water system. We will propose a finance plan for possibly long-term financing and a modest increase in rates. In Phase II, the equipment failed and the previous engineers verbally agreed to replace the equipment. We do not have a specific time yet. Chief Stith will look at the demolition of the pad at the water tower bases. The recent massive rains caused the bacteria levels to rise, thus the advisory was issued concerning swimming. The water was retested after two days and the advisory was discontinued.

Building and Construction Committee, Councilman Wood. There have been more questions due to the new international resident code. The Building Inspector will attend a

Floodplain Management meeting the last week in October, which should help with out ratings. It is not for stormwater management.

Fire Committee, Councilman Wood. The Fire Prevention Display went well. We will not be having an oyster roast in November, as oysters are not available in large quantities at this time. We might have a barbeque or fish fry.

Recreation Committee, Councilwoman Hagood. Permit is in for the observation deck. Sealed bids were opened; low bidder was Dock Docs of Mt. Pleasant. A request from Gary Santos regarding a possible Triathlon on Isle of Palms/Mt. Pleasant/Sullivan's Island will be discussed at Committee meetings in the future. On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mayor Stith is hosting a get-together for all of the speakers and attendees of the Island Living History Series to view the photograph collection at Station 22, and anyone else interested is invited to attend.

Real Estate Committee, Councilman O'Neil. Town Administrator McNamara and Scott Parker of the Planning Commission are working with Cooper Consulting. Administrator McNamara will bring information to the next committee meeting. There was discussion concerning the amendment of our currently pending ordinance or writing a new ordinance concerning historic homes. Councilman Smith questioned if we could create a town historic zone. Attorney Dodds stated we cannot spot zone, but we could create a district of several blocks. A map of town property with approximate acreage will be given out at a future committee meeting. The lease to the post office will expire soon, and the Beach Company apparently is not negotiating the contract. Mayor Stith will check the status. Councilman O'Neil raised concern regarding an advertisement for 1/8<sup>th</sup> share of 2624 Bayonne Avenue. The Planning Commission is looking into the timeshare issue.

Police Committee, Mayor Stith. Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to replace the two Expeditions with Explorers, carried unanimously.

Streets and Maintenance Committee, Councilman Smith. Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to rent equipment for repair of Otis Pickett Court, carried unanimously. The Maintenance Department has been clearing the causeway and will be working on the sidewalks. The sidewalk of the bridge will start to be replaced on Sundays.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Wiedeke, to pass, by title only, First Reading An Ordinance to Amend the Sullivan's Island Code of Ordinances by Adding Chapter 23, Establishing a Local Accommodations Fee for the Town of Sullivan's Island, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, to pass, by title only, First Reading on An Ordinance to Amend the Sullivan's

Island Code of Ordinances by Adding Chapter 24, Establishing a Hospitality Tax for the Town of Sullivan's Island, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, to defer second reading on An Ordinance Amending Section 21, Zoning Code of The Sullivan's Island Code of Ordinances By Establishing An Historic Old Fort District Overlay District, Identifying Its Location, Amending The Official Zoning Map and Including Provisions Regarding the Removal and Demolition of Certain Buildings; carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to defer second reading of An Ordinance Amending Section 21, Zoning Code of the Sullivan's Island Code of Ordinances by Establishing an Historic District Overlay District, Identifying Its Locations, Amending the Official Zoning Map and Including Provisions Regarding the Removal and Demolition of Certain Buildings, carried unanimously.

There being no other business to come before Council, motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, to adjourn, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen McQueeney  
Town Clerk