

September 17, 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  
Penn L. Hagood, Councilwoman  
Debra Hazen-Martin, Councilwoman  
Patrick M. O'Neil, Councilman  
Alys Anne Wiedeke, Councilwoman  
William J. Wood, Councilman

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Stith, the Invocation delivered by Councilman Wood. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Sullivan's Island residents who passed away during the last month.

Minutes of the August 20, 2002 meeting were approved as written.

There were approximately nine private citizens present, including a member of the news media.

The floor was opened for comments from the citizens. Carl Hubbard of 2530 Myrtle Avenue stated that Sullivan's Island School was having a surf and fishing tournament from 8 am – 2 pm on September 28<sup>th</sup>. He requested that a golf cart, which is licensed and insured, be allowed on the beach during the tournament for supplies, drinks, and trash collection. Mayor Stith stated that in the past we have consistently not allowed golf carts on the beach; and the overall golf cart situation was currently being addressed. Mayor Stith suggested perhaps using the golf cart up to a certain point on the beach path, or to use a wagon on the beach should be considered. It was decided that Stewart Kimball would call Chief Howard to determine if they could provide some assistance. Clydie Miller de Brux of the Park Foundation and Greg Watkins of 2256 Myrtle Avenue presented a revision to the landscaping around the Ilderton statue. The landscaping was reduced from a perimeter of ten feet to eight feet. The outer ring will be sod only, with bricks being level with the ground. Only two benches will be installed, instead of four. Council agreed that this revision was acceptable. Two Boy Scouts from Troop 59 were in the audience. Mayor Stith recognized these young men and explained the meeting's agenda.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Hagood, to appoint Philip Dunning to the Sullivan's Island Police Department, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Smith, to accept the resignation of Ronnie Dubose, carried unanimously.

There was no new correspondence, nor Attorney's Report.

Mayor Stith duly endorsed a Proclamation of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Ways and Means Committee, Mayor Stith. The audit began last week, and everything is going well. The Building Officer and Town Administrator are attending the COG Partnership meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The budget looks good; it's still early in the year.

Personnel Committee, Alys Anne Wiedeke. The Town office employees have requested to wear golf-type shirts on non-meeting days. These would be embroidered with the Town logo. The Town will be purchasing the shirts; funds are available in the budget. Interviews for the Training Officer are complete. The selection has been made; but has not yet been offered. Councilwoman Wiedeke said thank you for all of the happy birthday wishes.

Water and Sewer, Councilwoman Hazen-Martin. The Committee agreed to relocate the collapsed line. The engineering has been completed; the elevation has been determined. All residents that have been affected by this were sent a letter explaining the situation. Greg Gress will speak personally with each of the residents involved. Regarding the MPDES permit and copper issue, HDR Engineers drafted a letter, modified it with our input, and sent to DHEC. The response from DHEC was favorable, however, it doesn't eliminate the need for copper testing altogether. Essentially, we are required to submit a monthly report between now and May 31, 2004. If our values are substantially lower than the lowest recommended values, that requirement could be dropped after May 2004. Greg Gress is representing the residents' disputed water bills. The preliminary engineering report from HDR has been received for the evaluation of final phase of sewer project with plans. Councilwoman Debra Hazen-Martin will review and the Water and Sewer Committee will make a decision, since the next Committee Meeting is after the DHEC due date of September 30<sup>th</sup>. The August results for water monitoring were satisfactory. There were no excursions in August.

Building and Construction Committee, Councilman Wood. Building has slowed on the island the last two months. We might be able to get a better rating on the flood insurance program after their audit.

Fire Committee, Councilman Wood. Councilman Wood commented how nice the Remembrance Service for September 11, 2001 was, and thanked Chief Stith. Councilwoman Hagood commented she had received several e-mails from people commenting how much they appreciated the American flags flying on the street.

Recreation Committee, Councilwoman Hagood. The Mound is continuing to fill up. The landscaping of the Ilderton statue was heard earlier in the meeting. We received a request for a girls' soccer team to use the soccer field when Mt. Pleasant fields were unavailable. The field is available on a first come; first serve basis.

Real Estate Committee, Councilman O'Neil. Council members heard the presentations of the Planning Consultant finalists yesterday. The presenters were Community Builders of Columbia, SC; Ayers/Saint/Gross, Inc. of Washington, D.C.; and Cooper Consulting of Alabama. Motion was made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to make a decision on which company to choose for the job, carried unanimously. Councilman O'Neil stated that the Council Members, members of the Planning, Zoning, and Ad Hoc committees agreed that while all three companies presented a good plan, the Cooper Consulting group was considered the best candidate. While all presenters discussed island involvement, Cooper Consulting particularly stressed the importance of the island voice, and wanted a highly visible process. Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin to enter into negotiations with Cooper Consulting to determine the fee structure, carried unanimously. Councilman O'Neil thanked Administrator McNamara for setting up the presentation candidates. The Planning Commission is looking into time share information.

Police Committee, Mayor Stith. We received a letter from Mrs. Hickman regarding the use of golf carts on the beach by senior citizens. Mayor Stith stated that the Town has to abide by state law, but as stated earlier in the meeting, the golf cart issue is being reviewed. A letter was sent to all businesses in the commercial area regarding the Noise Ordinance. We received one inquiry from Atlanticville Restaurant.

Streets and Maintenance Committee, Councilman Smith. Various members of Council and Town staff met with representatives from the Sand Dunes Club. The pond/drainage problem was not solved, however, SCDOT did come out to clean the pipe. SCDOT has not yet finished. The Engineers talked with SCANA. They are looking at options we brought to the table, and other possible alternatives. They should be back to us by the end of the month. SCDOT agreed to leave the Breech Inlet parking as the Town wanted it, so the purpose of giving homeowners a break from the car lights would be met. The wording for the Breech Inlet markers was reviewed. The traffic count for the Ben Sawyer Bridge from July 18-24 averaged 15,931 vehicles for weekday traffic. Councilman Smith stated that a resident had requested that "stay off dunes" signs be placed at Station 19. Chief Stith said he had the signs, and would put them deeper with two-by-twos instead of the poles so they will stay secure.

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 Councilwoman Wiedeke, seconded by Councilman Smith, to adjourn, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen McQueeney  
Town Clerk