

April 15, 2003

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  
Penn L. Hagood, Councilwoman  
Patrick M. O'Neil, Councilman  
Carl J. Smith, Mayor Pro Tem  
Alys Anne Wiedeke, Councilwoman

The Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation, was led by Mayor Stith.

There were eight private citizens present and one member of the media.

The floor was opened for comments from the citizens. Mr. Rick Graham of 2102-1/2 I'on stated he would like Council to consider rezoning the undeveloped lot of Station 21. The park side is currently zoned commercial; the backside zoned residential. He would like to see the commercial part of the block zoned residential and commercial. He has spoken with some owners and they are willing to accept a restriction on restaurants in the commercial portions of that block; he will talk to property owners again. Mayor Stith said the key component would be talking with the property owners directly affected as well as owners around that area that would be affected by parking, etc. Councilman Smith stated that the consultants are looking into the commercial area. Councilmen Smith and O'Neil stated to bring it up at the consultant workshop on April 30.

Minutes of the March 18, 2003 meeting were approved as written.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Wiedeke, seconded by Councilwoman Hagood, to pass a Resolution Supporting the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines of the U.S.A., carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Hagood, to pass a Resolution Adopting Charleston County Emergency Operations Plan, carried unanimously.

There was no general or new correspondence.

Town Attorney Larry Dodds stated that he had two requests for fee simple titles for 2620 Bayonne and 1773 Atlantic. Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Wiedeke, to grant these fee simple titles, carried unanimously.

Ways and Means Committee, Mayor Stith. A letter was received from the Town of Mt. Pleasant asking Sullivan's Island Town Council to consider contributing to the cost of placing a new SCE&G transmission line underground, since we are served by that line. We will respond with a letter stating that we will decline this request because it is

not in the budget. Negotiations are continuing with the Post Office and the leaseholder. Mr. Michael Legrand, real estate specialist for the Post Office, will keep us updated on the progress. A Civil War reenactment was held April 12-13 between Fort Moultrie and Battery Jasper. We are preparing a letter in support of Bill H.3658 which provides that a municipality or its employees are not held liable for damage or injury caused to a person who participates in a hazardous recreational activity on municipal property.

Personnel Committee, Alys Anne Wiedeke. There has been a very good response to the Town Administrator position. This will be discussed in executive session. The new police officer, Mike Culnon, begins April 21, 2003. Motion was made by Councilwoman Wiedeke, seconded by Councilwoman Hagood, to approve the upgrade for Paul Fouchecourt for passing the "C" Water Distribution exam, carried unanimously.

Water and Sewer, Councilwoman Hazen-Martin. Greg Gress stated that the Poe Avenue project was complete; we are waiting for vendor to submit final pay request. A meeting was held March 21<sup>st</sup> with HDR; Greg Gress is to meet with HDR again on April 8<sup>th</sup>. HDR will provide us a color-coded map to show which pipes will be replaced by year one and subsequent years. The public meeting is scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Fort Moultrie Visitor Center. Letters have been mailed to residents and signs will be posted concerning this meeting. A legal issue regarding an injunction is currently pending. Motion was made by Councilwoman Wiedeke, seconded by Councilman Smith, to amend the agenda to add discussion of legal and property to the executive session, carried unanimously.

Building and Construction Committee, Councilman Smith reporting for Councilman Wood. Tickets have been issued regarding the RC1 cutting. The Town's Flood Program was evaluated on April 1<sup>st</sup> by the Insurance Services Office. The preliminary score was 1135 which rates us as Class 8. That class will give the residents a 10% reduction in flood insurance rates. At a Building Officials meeting, Building Inspector Randy Robinson was told that the State was not going to adopt the 2003 International Residential Code until 2005, so we will not be required to adopt it until 2005. A letter will be written in response to Mr. Martin Perlmutter's question regarding height limit of a structure, which was found to be within the limitations of the ordinance.

Fire Committee, Councilman Smith reporting for Councilman Wood. The Fire Department's 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party was a great success. Chief Stith reported that he is working with the Town Attorney concerning the bid to repair the dock. A third bid was received after Chief Stith had signed a contract on the second bid, which he was told to do by the insurance company. An additional \$25,000 will be spent to upgrade the road, raise the dock one foot because it has been hitting the water at high tide, along with other improvements. Chief Stith asked if the Volunteer Firemen can postpone giving the \$10,000 to the Town this year due to this project. Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Hagood, to forgive the \$10,000 donation to the Town for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

Recreation Committee, Councilwoman Hagood. Wedding requests on June 21<sup>st</sup> around the lighthouse and on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> around Breach Inlet were approved. The American

Diabetes Association will end its two-day cycling fund raiser from Orangeburg at the Sand Dunes Club on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The OCRM Grant is complete; all the signs are up and the final report has been delivered. The Corp of Engineers has contacted us stating that we did not get a permit through them. Sea Coast Church has requested to erect several temporary volleyball nets around Station 26 every Sunday afternoon between May 11<sup>th</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup>. They expect from 100-200 people to visit the courts during this time. Council agreed that Sea Coast Church should be encouraged to contact other areas such as the county parks or the Isle of Palms that have facilities for larger crowds. Sullivan's Island is a residential area, and we do not have the facilities or parking for large crowds over this time period.

Police Committee, Mayor Stith. New police officer Mike Culnon starts April 21<sup>st</sup>. Patty Maher from Dunleavy's Pub came by Town Hall and expressed her concerns about young children driving golf carts. There was discussion concerning the identification of golf carts. Neighboring communities currently do not issue ID's; they only do what is required by state law. Even though golf carts may be legally registered with the Highway Department, those records are not computerized, therefore it is difficult to identify the carts. There may be a need for a Sullivan's Island sticker in the future. A notice will go out on the water bills this month concerning golf carts. Chief Howard will continue to monitor and enforce the issue.

Real Estate Committee, Councilman O'Neil. The public meeting with the consulting firm has been set for April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Sand Dunes Club. A letter has been mailed to the residents, and signs will be placed on the island as a reminder. Another mailout will be sent to residents to arrive around Saturday before the meeting. Cooper Consulting has sent a memo regarding confirmation of issues and scope of the zoning ordinance and historic preservation work. Councilman O'Neil will draft a letter and circulate it by e-mail to Council. There will be third reading tonight of the ordinance to add Section 21-36A of Chapter 21 Zoning Code pertaining to frontage of business activities. The platted lot recommendation from the Planning Commission will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

Streets and Maintenance Committee, Councilman Smith. The Town Attorney is handling a request from a visitor to the Island who claimed he received a flat tire from potholes in the street, and would like compensation. The force main was being pressure tested and the paving has started. A catch basin is being built at Station 18 and Central. The bad bump in the road there will be fixed. The street light is up at the intersection of Middle and 703. Chief Stith stated they are working on signage and roping or chains for Breach Inlet parking. The sink hole at Middle and Station 17 should be repaired soon. Randy Robinson has spoken with DOT and they said they would take care of it.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Wiedeke, to defer second reading of An Ordinance to Adopt Budget for July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Hagood, seconded by Councilwoman Wiedeke, to pass Third Reading of An Ordinance to Add Section 21-36A of Chapter 21

Zoning Code of the Town of Sullivan's Island Code or Ordinances Pertaining to Frontage of Business Activities, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilwoman Hagood, to defer Second reading on An Ordinance Amending Section 21, Zoning Code of The Sullivan's Island Code of Ordinances By Establishing An Old Fort Historic 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 Councilwoman Hagood, seconded by Councilwoman Wiedeke, 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.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Wiedeke, to go into Executive Session, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen McQueeney  
Town Clerk