

July 19, 2005

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: Carl J. Smith, Mayor  
Patrick M. O'Neil, Mayor Pro Tem  
Debra Hazen-Martin, Councilwoman  
Jane Ellen Herron, Councilwoman  
Michael Perkis, Councilman  
Everett Presson, Councilman

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Smith, followed by the invocation given by Councilwoman Herron. There were five private citizens present and two members of the media.

The floor was opened for comments from the citizens. Dave Wheeler of Bayonne Street stated he was a newly appointed member of the Park Foundation. He stated that dirt is being placed in the mound for the water project, and the Park Foundation is still interested in preserving the mound for use as an amphitheatre. Mayor Smith stated that the issue has not been forgotten. David DeAntonio of 2250 Jasper Blvd. asked Council to ask the Town Administrator to contact Charleston County regarding the mosquito population. Bobby Thompson of 2917 I'on Ave. wanted to remind Council how far we have come for preservation and conservation on the island, and to consider the new ordinance when appointing members to the Board and how we implement the Design Review Board.

Motion was made by Councilman Perkis, seconded by Councilwoman Herron, to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2005 regular meeting and July 5, 2005 special meeting, carried unanimously.

Appointments – Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilwoman Herron, to appoint Councilman Presson as Chairman of the Streets and Maintenance Committee, carried unanimously.

Reports and Communications – Motion was made by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, seconded by Councilwoman Herron, to approve a Resolution to Approve Financing of Kubota RTV and Viper Thermal Imager, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to approve A Resolution to Approve the CARTA FY 2006 Budget and Recognize the Amendment of Section 5 of Article IV of the Enabling Act, carried unanimously.

General and New Correspondence – Motion was made by Councilman Presson, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to approve The Friends of the Hunley request for a possible press event at Breach Inlet on August 8, 2005 for the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hunley raising (as a contingency plan in case of bad weather at the original ocean site), carried unanimously.

There was no Attorney's Report.

Administrator's Report, Mayor Smith for Administrator Benke. An improvement in service has been observed by Suburban Disposal. Suburban should be reminded to pick up all

debris before hurricanes, as they have done in the past. The Town received an update regarding the turtle rescued at Station 12, that it had passed away. Residents in the areas of the three osprey nesting locations have been notified via mail that SCE&G will be erecting a pole in each of these three locations. No responses have been received from the residents. Certified letters have been sent to residents along Marshall and Middle Street between Station 28-1/2 and Station 32 identifying right-of-way landscaping impacts that are anticipated along those streets.

Ways and Means Committee, Councilman Perkis. The CARTA Budget FY06 Resolution was approved. Councilman Perkis is working on a five year plan and analysis, and presented Council with a copy. The purpose is to evaluate and improve cash management, along with improving administrative practices.

Personnel Committee, Councilwoman Hazen-Martin. Letters of interest regarding the Planning Commission vacancy have been received and will be discussed in executive session. Interviews for the Water and Sewer vacancy will be conducted in the next two weeks.

Water and Sewer, Councilwoman Hazen-Martin. Monthly report rendered. The water line replacement project is now at Station 28-1/2 to Breach Inlet and from Marshall Boulevard to Jasper Boulevard. At the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, Eadie Construction requested to change the course of the water line on Jasper Boulevard at Station 28 and 28-1/2. The change order will cost approximately \$600 and one fence on the right-of-way will need to come down. Water & Sewer Manager Greg Gress will contact the property owner where the equipment will be on her property, but the water line will not be on her property. Three palm trees will be moved from the right-of-way on Jasper Boulevard to the cemetery on the corner of Station 22 and Myrtle Street.

Building and Construction Committee, Mayor Smith. Monthly report rendered. Randy Robinson inquired how to handle items in the right-of-way that the water line does not effect. Council agreed that the priority would be to contact residents whose landscaping or structures in the right-of-way effect functional significance or are hazardous, specifically safety, parking, or infrastructure. The building ordinance specifically states that only grass can be planted in rights-of-way. Mr. Robinson will discuss with Attorney Dodds.

Fire Committee, Councilwoman Herron. Monthly report rendered. The resolution was approved for the Thermo Imager camera. The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Fish Fry was a huge success. The Fire Department gave tours to 100 adults and 220 children. Firefighter Corbett completed IFSAC Firefighter Level 1; Firefighter Hawver completed Leadership 2 and 3; and Captain McDaniel attended training on Charleston County EOC web program. Mayor Smith noted that Jodie Copeland has been working on the Disaster Relief Plan.

Recreation Committee, Councilwoman Herron. The Sullivan's Island 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party will occur between July 21-24, 2005. The tennis court lighting project is proceeding according to schedule and should be complete in late July or early August. The baseball field will soon get an uplift from parents of baseball players. These improvements are still being considered by the parents and will be formally requested before Council at a later time.

Real Estate Committee, Councilman O'Neil. At the July 5<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting, Mr. Haney from the Open Land Trust was present to answer questions about various options for preserving the Battery Logan property with various forms of deed restrictions or deed

restrictions on portions of that property. Councilwoman Hazen-Martin stated she would like to see the dump site and other marsh parcels as had been discussed earlier included when the Battery Logan property is preserved. Attorney Dodds stated that title research will need to be done on the marsh parcels, however, the dump site could be easily included. This will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

Cell Tower - After Council met with the cell tower group, we decided to obtain information from other cell tower service providers. Optima had staked off the length of the proposed site at the rear of the mound outside of the fence to show the amount of space needed for equipment. Councilmen Presson, O'Neil and Perkis will spearhead to obtain information and options on this project.

DRB membership – On the advice of our attorney, we have asked the Planning Commission to consider possible changes to the requirements for membership for 1 or 2 seats on the Design Review Board, and to also possibly increase the number of members from 5 to 7. There will be a public hearing at the Planning Commission's meeting on August 10, 2005.

Request to permit enhancements to Station 15 Street. - Direction given to Administrator at Committee meeting.

Correspondence from owner of 3019 Marshall to restack groin. - The resident would like to access his property via the beach access path one lot down to do the stacking. Council approved the use of the beach path as long as the resident states in writing that he accepts liability for any damage by the bulldozer.

Historic Districts - The proposal from David Schneider for historic preservation was discussed in the Committee meeting. The main part of the proposal was to put together the nominations for three historic districts and submit to the State Department of Archives and History to see if we can obtain National Register Designation and National Register Eligibility Designation. This proposal to prepare and submit totals \$15,728 and is budgeted for in the current fiscal year budget. Alternate One was to prepare nominations for several individual historic resources that are outside of the historic district, for a cost of \$19,233. The Second Alternate was to prepare a data base and other information resources to document all the information that he has on the current status of all the historic resources within the district so it could be used by the Design Review Board. Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, to accept the proposal from Schneider Historic Preservation, LLC to prepare and submit the nominations for the historic districts with the estimated price of \$15,728, carried unanimously.

Police Committee, Mayor Smith. Monthly report rendered. Resolution for a Kabuta RTV was approved. George and Dawn Durst, 1018 Middle Street, stated they were concerned about the amount of traffic and speeding from the Boat Landing. Their son was hit by a boat trailer pulled by a car coming down the street. They asked Council to consider solutions to this problem. Mayor Smith will meet with Chief Stith, Chief Howard and Administrator Benke concerning this. Charles McCraw has completed the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy and is in the process of field training. Officers Wallace, Griffin, and Reserve Officer Mast attended a Criminal Domestic Violence class. Councilman Presson stated the Police Committee had an excellent meeting with the officers of the Police Department.

Streets and Maintenance, Councilman Presson. The street flooding issues around Station 18, Station 18-1/2, Station 25, and Station 28-1/2 were not as severe as during previous heavy rains in June.

Mayor Smith duly ratified An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 14, Section 29 of the Ordinances of the Town of Sullivan's Island, Franchise Fee for Delivery and Supply of Electric Service.

Motion was made by Mike Perkis, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to go into executive session to discuss the Planning Commission vacancy and the Personnel Ordinance, carried unanimously. No action or votes were taken in executive session.

Motion was made by Councilman Presson, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to nominate Aussie Geer to the Planning Commission, carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen McQueeney  
Town Clerk