

January 18, 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: J. Marshall Stith, Mayor  
Jane Ellen Herron, Councilwoman  
Debra Hazen-Martin, Councilwoman  
Patrick M. O'Neil, Councilman  
J. Carl Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Alys Anne Wiedeke, Councilwoman  
William J. Wood, Councilman

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Stith, followed by the invocation given by Councilman Wood. There were 11 private citizens present and three members of the news media.

The floor was opened for comments from the citizens. Clydie deBrux, 1903 Back Street, President of the Sullivan's Island Park Foundation, requested that Council give consideration to not continue to fill the fourth hole at the mound. It was part of the original plan to not fill the fourth hole, as the plan included an amphitheatre. Mayor Stith stated that was part of the original plan, however, that was years ago, and the Park Foundation has not approached Council about the subject, even though there have been many discussions by Council as to using the mound for different purposes. Rick Graham, 2102 I'on questioned what the time frame was for the commercial portion of the zoning ordinance. Councilman O'Neil stated that the commercial portion had just been reviewed; the residential portion will now be reviewed. Council will vote on the ordinance in its entirety; perhaps having first reading by the March meeting. Bill Barr, attorney, spoke on behalf of property owner Jerry Scheer. Mr. Barr stated they went before the Design Review Board in December, and the Board seems to need some clarification from Council and appears to be waiting on Council to pass the zoning ordinance. He stated Mr. Scheer's house is listed on the September 2003 preservation list as a low priority; but on the Town's 2003 map as a medium priority. Mr. Barr urged Council to point out to the Design Review Board that the historical list prepared by Mr. Schneider is a suggested list and that the Council should adopt the September 2003 map. Seth Fisher, 405 Station 22, stated his wife had inquired if their property was on the historical preservation list. She was told their property was not on the list; however, the address was listed incorrectly on the survey and the house is on the list.

The minutes of the December 21, 2004 meeting were approved as written.

New Correspondence. Mayor Stith stated a letter had been received from Bill Barr, as he referred during the general comments session of the meeting.

There was no Attorney's Report.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Smith, to amend the agenda to add executive session for purpose of legal advice, carried unanimously.

Administrator's Report, Administrator Benke. Mr. Benke has discussed the Polar Bear Swim event with town staff and has had a preliminary discussion with the event sponsor.

A follow-up meeting will be scheduled in the near future. Parsons Brinckerhoff will be conducting a structural and sub-surface evaluation of the Ben Sawyer Bridge during the week of January 17, 2005. Intermittent lane closure will be necessary. The engineer report and recommendations are due back to SCDOT by the end of April, 2005. Dunleavy's Pub has requested permission to close Station 22-1/2 Street from Middle Street to Iron Avenue on March 17 and March 19 for the annual St. Patrick's Day celebration. The annual memorial service for the crew of the Confederate H.L. Hunley will be held on February 17, 2005. The service will include a march by re-enactors from Fort Moultrie to Sunrise Presbyterian Church. Church service will be from 7-8:00 pm, with memorial wreaths to be laid in the water followed by a musket volley and a cannon fire to salute the crews. There will be no bonfire or all night vigil this year.

Ways and Means Committee, Mayor Stith. Financial report was rendered.

Personnel Committee, Councilwoman Wiedeke. The Police Department has one patrol position and one detective position to fill. The Water and Sewer Department has one position to fill.

Water and Sewer, Councilwoman Hazen-Martin. The contractor is expected to reach substantial completion by January 22 of the wastewater treatment plant. The waterline project contract has been received and the attorney is reviewing it. CPW is contributing to Water Missions International and has asked water providers that can contribute to it for the tsunami victims. While it is not consistent with our policy, we can support the effort by placing a note on the water bills to direct our customers to their website if they are interested in donating. We received correspondence from Forsberg Engineering representing the Point Development, known as the Hagerty property. They are asking for Greg to look at their latest plans and give them feedback. Administrator Benke stated that they will be at the February Committee meeting to discuss the plans. Greg Gress will also meet with Forsberg Engineering to discuss.

Building and Construction Committee, Councilman Wood. Monthly report received. A draft has been written of language for the signs to be placed in the accreted land.

Fire Committee, Councilman Wood. Monthly report rendered.

Recreation Committee, Councilwoman Herron. The Mt. Pleasant Recreation Department would like the East Cooper municipalities to sponsor and host a triathlon event. Mount Pleasant Councilman Gary Santos stated that the swim would start on Sullivan's Island, followed by a bike ride to Isle of Palms, and a run over the Isle of Palms Connector to Mt. Pleasant. He stated the plans are not finalized, but they are planning for April 10 or April 17, 2005. The number of participants has been capped at 200. They are not asking for any funding from Sullivan's Island for the event. The SCDOT has given approval for the IOP Connector Run Walk on October 1, 2005. The police department of Mt. Pleasant, Isle of Palms, and Sullivan's Island will coordinate traffic flow. Four beach weddings were approved: March 19, 2005 at 5 pm at Station 26; May 14, 2005 at 4 pm at Station 18; May 15, 2005 at 4 pm near Sand Dunes Club; October 8, 2005 at 3 pm at Station 18-1/2.

Real Estate Committee, Councilman O'Neil. A review of the Cooper Consulting zoning ordinance will take place at a special meeting on February 12, 2005 at 9:00 am.

Police Committee, Mayor Stith. Monthly report rendered.

Streets and Maintenance, Mayor Pro Tem Smith. Council denied a request to install three street lights along the causeway.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wood, to have Second Reading of An Ordinance to Amend Sections 3-7A and 3-8H of the Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan's Island, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wood, to suspend the rules to have third reading of An Ordinance to Amend Sections 3-7A and 3-8H of the Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan's Island, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wood, to have third reading of An Ordinance to Amend Sections 3-7A and 3-8H of the Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan's Island, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Wood, to go into executive session for legal advice, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen McQueeney  
Town Clerk