

September 20, 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
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 no members of the media.

The floor was opened for comments from the citizens. There were no comments.

Motion was made by Councilman Presson, seconded by Councilwoman Herron, to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2005 regular meeting, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to approve the Resolution Approving Communication System, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Perkis, seconded by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, to approve the Resolution Approving Consulting Services, carried unanimously.

General and New Correspondence – Administrator Benke stated he received a letter from Design Review Board Chairman Pat Ilderton requesting to meet with Council and the Planning Commission. He will be asked to come to the next Committee meeting.

Attorney's Report – Attorney Larry Dodds stated he had received a fee simple title request for 1908 Middle Street. Motion was made by Councilman Presson, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to grant a fee simple title for 1908 Middle Street, Lot No. 216 on Humes Plat, carried unanimously.

Administrator's Report, Administrator Benke. The Hurricane Preparedness Guide is posted on the Town website and copies are available at Town Hall.

Ways and Means Committee, Councilman Perkis. The overview of the Seven Year Revenue/Expense Statement has been updated to show unaudited 04-05 results. There was modest revenue above the plan due to increased revenue and expenses were held down. The July 2005 financial worksheet shows expenses on target. A resolution was approved tonight for the procurement of a new voice/data communications system. It should be installed 45-60 days after the paperwork is complete. Meetings have been held with two banks to date regarding the Town's treasury relationships. An RFP will be put out at a later date. Our consultant is working on improving our financial systems and processes, and should be complete by the end of December.

Personnel Committee, Councilwoman Hazen-Martin. At the last committee meeting an anticipated vacancy on the Planning Commission was discussed. Some existing members

have expressed interest in serving again. An advertisement has been placed in the newspaper regarding the vacancy. A letter of appreciation was received from a resident regarding Officer Calvert's performance. Officer Calvert has completed his six month probation period. Chief Howard has requested approval of full time status. Motion was made by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, seconded by Councilwoman Herron to approve Office Calvert to full time status, carried unanimously. The Personnel Committee is continuing to work on the new personnel manual.

Water and Sewer, Councilwoman Hazen-Martin. Monthly reports rendered. The waterline construction is on target. Homeowner property issues have been addressed concerning the waterline project. DHEC compliance is also in order, including the last sampling inspection which took place in March. HDR Engineering has been asked to supply an itemized list for between now and the end of the project of engineering expenses. There was much discussion concerning the sewer line that currently runs through the middle of a few resident properties. Council agreed for Councilwoman Hazen-Martin to proceed to research the option of relocating the line, and cost/financing options of the line.

Building and Construction Committee, Mayor Smith. Monthly report rendered.

Fire Committee, Councilwoman Herron. Monthly report rendered. The Oyster Roast on November 12th is currently still scheduled, however, it is subject to change or cancellation.

Recreation Committee, Councilwoman Herron. Recommendations for a Community Recreation Center were received from Jim Rocco. The concern is the actual sampling of residents is quite small. This information will be kept on record. Mr. Rocco is planning to come to the October Committee meeting.

Real Estate Committee, Councilman Perkis for Councilman O'Neil. Motion was made by Councilman Presson, seconded by Councilman Perkis, approve hiring Koerner Consulting as cell tower consultant, carried by a vote of four, with Councilwoman Hazen-Martin abstaining. The Battery Logan property will be discussed in executive session tonight. A resolution to approve the National Registry Nomination Project was approved tonight. First Reading of the Amendment to Chapter 21 relating to the Design Review Board is on the agenda for tonight. Council has asked the Planning Commission to review the Community Commercial District section of the Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 21, Article 4) for possible changes.

Police Committee, Mayor Smith. Monthly report rendered. The municipalities of Mt. Pleasant and Isle of Palms are introducing a Ben Sawyer/Thompson Memorial Bridge Ordinance to their committees in October, and the plan is for Sullivan's Island Town Council to approve it concurrently with them. Councilman Perkis stated there have been many calls concerning the review of the dog ordinance for a change during the winter months. Councilman Perkis will present ideas at the Committee meeting.

Streets and Maintenance, Councilman Presson. SCDOT will have a meeting on September 22 for environmental comment and public hearing for the Ben Sawyer Bridge rehabilitation. A letter was received from the SCDOT stating they are studying our requests for a traffic study for several roads and intersections. Administrator Benke will write SCDOT to add a request to the list for eliminating the left turn from Jasper onto the causeway. Mayor

Smith attended a CTC meeting and he stated that the Middle Street resurfacing continues to be on the list of the ½ cent sales tax.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to have First Reading, by title only, of An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 21, Section 108 (C) and (D) of the Zoning Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan's Island, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Presson, seconded by Councilwoman Herron, to go into Executive Session for legal advice on Battery Logan property, carried unanimously. No action or votes were taken.

Motion was made by Councilman Presson, seconded by Councilwoman Herron, to adjourn, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen McQueeney
Town Clerk