

March 15, 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
Debra Hazen-Martin, Councilwoman
Jane Ellen Herron, Councilwoman
Patrick M. O'Neil, Councilman
Carl J. 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 ten private citizens present and one member of the news media.

The floor was opened for comments from the citizens. Roy Morris, 1402 Thompson Avenue, inquired of the procedure if a property owner has left the property overgrown. Fire Chief and Safety Officer Stith stated that he should report it to the Building Inspector, and it would be inspected. Eddie Fava, 2424 Myrtle Avenue, inquired when the dog ordinance would be revisited so off-leash hours might be considered in the evening. The Council will come to the next Committee meeting with names of residents to possibly serve on a committee to review the dog ordinance. Rick Graham, 2102 Iron Avenue inquired as to the status of the Cooper Consulting Proposal. Mayor Stith stated that based on our attorney's advice, we will not have first reading of the proposed ordinance tonight. The attorney is reviewing the document for language, proper ordinance form, and coordination of the numbering system. He stated there will probably be a special meeting in April to have first reading. Tim Reese, 305 Station 20 stated he had completed compiling information on properties listed in the first and second groups on the historic list. He is concerned about the square footage of accessory dwellings on historical property. Councilmen O'Neil and Smith thanked Mr. Reese for his hard work. Councilwoman Hazen-Martin and Councilman O'Neil will work on the portion of the ordinance before the next meeting.

The minutes of the February 15, 2005 meeting were approved as written.

Reports and Communications – Mayor Stith duly proclaimed March as American Red Cross Month.

There was no General or New Correspondence.

Lisa Crow of 2908 Iron Avenue stated the Community Organization of Sullivan's Island (COSI) would like to plan, along with the Town, a celebration of the Town Charter's 30th anniversary, sometime this summer between July 15 and August 14.

Attorney's Report - Attorney Dodds stated that he had requests for two fee simple titles. Motion was made by Red Wood, seconded by Councilman O'Neil to approve the request for fee simple titles for Michael and Ann Mithoefer for Lot 10; and William B. Haskins, Jr. for 2808 Jasper Blvd., carried unanimously. Councilwoman Hazen-Martin stated a procedure needs to be developed to inform the Water and Sewer Department of any plat

changes or line changes. Administrator Benke will meet with Building Official Robinson concerning this. Motion was made by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, seconded by Councilman Smith, to send part of the ordinance related to subdivision and movement of lot lines to the Planning Commission for their consideration of impact on infrastructure, especially water and sewer lines, carried unanimously.

Administrator's Report, Administrator Benke. Comcast Cablevision has advised a price adjustment for cable services beginning April 1, 2004 by an average of \$2.80 per month.

Ways and Means Committee, Mayor Stith. Financial report rendered. The administrator and managers are working on the new budget.

Personnel Committee, Councilwoman Wiedeke. Kat Kenyon will reach her six month anniversary in April 2005. The customary salary increase is recommended. Motion was made by Councilwoman Wiedeke, seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve the customary salary increase for Kat Kenyon, carried unanimously.

Water and Sewer, Councilwoman Hazen-Martin. Monthly report rendered. The waterline project is proceeding. March 9th is the scheduled completion date of the sewer project, which is substantially behind schedule. The Water-Sewer Administration building will be discussed at the next working meeting, and then brought to Committee. Other items on the agenda tonight will be discussed at the next meeting. Motion was made by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, seconded by Councilwoman Wiedeke, to approve the resolution to allow the Water and Sewer Department to replace the Water and Sewer truck, carried unanimously. Councilwoman Hazen-Martin requested for Council to be notified ahead of time if the contractor was going to work on Saturdays. Greg Gress will have a notice for them to post concerning this.

Building and Construction Committee, Councilman Wood. Monthly report rendered. The SC Department of Natural Resources and FEMA National Flood Insurance Program awarded Sullivan's Island the Community Rating Service Award for requiring above and beyond minimum standards of the National Flood Insurance Program minimum standards. Kat Kenyon and Randy Robinson have completed training on the building permitting software to be used in Town Hall.

Fire Committee, Councilman Wood. Monthly report rendered. Chief Stith has received another bid for the painting of the Fire Station roof; and will continue to research this.

Recreation Committee, Councilwoman Herron. Carolina Sport Surfaces has submitted a quote to light the tennis courts and basketball court at the playground. Administrator Benke is obtaining competitive bids from other vendors. The following beach wedding requests were approved: March 26th at 2:30 pm at Station 18; May 7th at 1:00 pm at Station 18; May 7th at 5:00 pm at Station 27; July 9th at 6:30 pm at Station 18. Mr. Lane Hudson has withdrawn his request to have a fundraising event at 2216 Middle Street on 3-17-05 or 4-1-05.

Real Estate Committee, Councilman O'Neil. A timeline for the Zoning Ordinance revision was discussed. Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Wiedeke, to have a special meeting on April 11, 2005 at 6:00pm for First Reading of the Zoning Ordinance, carried unanimously.

Police Committee, Mayor Stith. Monthly report rendered.

Streets and Maintenance, Mayor Pro Tem Smith. Foster Gaillard, Esq. submitted a proposal for the road maintenance of Hagerty Point. Mr. Gaillard stated that the developer/owner has agreed to a one year maintenance warranty for the road. During the first year, the owner would take care of the road. The Property Owners Association will be responsible for sweeping/vacuuming the street twice a year. To the extent that the road might need to be cut for access/repairs to the sewer line, the POA will pay the incremental increase cost in repairing the surface by virtue of the fact that it is porous concrete as opposed to asphalt.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Wood, to have Second Reading of An Ordinance to amend Chapter 14, Section 28 of the Ordinances of the Town of Sullivan's Island, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, to amend An Ordinance to amend Chapter 14, Section 28 of the Ordinances of the Town of Sullivan's Island so as to add sub-section three (3) under Section C, Exchange of Quit-Claim Deeds: Prior to the closing of the road and dedication of the road, Town and owners enter into a recordable maintenance agreement for the maintenance and repair of the dedicated road satisfactory to the Town and the owners, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilwoman Wiedeke, to further amend An Ordinance to amend Chapter 14, Section 28 of the Ordinances of the Town of Sullivan's Island so that in Paragraph four (4) of the findings, that the last revision date for the plat be changed from February 1, 2005 to March 9, 2005, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, to give second reading of An Ordinance to amend Chapter 14, Section 28 of the Ordinances of the Town of Sullivan's Island, as revised and amended by the two motions, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, to suspend the rules to have Third Reading of An Ordinance to amend Chapter 14, Section 28 of the Ordinances of 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 Chapter 14, Section 28 of the Ordinances of the Town of Sullivan's Island, carried unanimously.

Councilman Smith stated that Administrator Benke had sent correspondence to the SCDOT asking them for a plan to fill the potholes on the island.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Wiedeke, seconded by Councilwoman Herron, to go into executive session for legal advice and personnel, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen McQueeney
Town Clerk