

April 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 Pro-Tem  
Debra Hazen-Martin, Councilwoman  
Jane Ellen Herron, Councilwoman  
Patrick M. O'Neil, Councilman  
Alys Anne Wiedeke, Councilwoman

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Smith, followed by the invocation given by Bobby Thompson. There were twenty private citizens present and two members of the news media.

The floor was opened for comments from the citizens. Susie Peterson, 1651 Middle Street, requested permission from Council to leave the shrubs on the right-of-way next to her property. She has contacted SCDOT and is awaiting their reply. She stated should the Town or SCDOT need access to the ground below the bushes, she would remove the shrubs and replace, if possible, at her cost. Councilwoman Hazen-Martin stated that the Town requires access to the infrastructure. There is pipe underground in that area. This request is not different than residents wanting to place a tree or fence on the right-of-way. It would be inconsistent for Council to change the policy or to make an exception, as the Ordinance states no objects are allowed in the right-of-way. It also impedes parking to plant shrubs in the right-of-way because the public can park on the right-of-way. Bobby Thompson, 2917 I'on Avenue, presented for the Planning Commission. He stated that the Planning Commission endorses the new proposed Zoning Ordinance in general, although they moved to delete the appendices. Bobby Cummings, 1450 Thompson, inquired what the submission deadline would be to submit plans under the current zoning ordinance. Councilman O'Neil stated the deadline is 60 days after ratification for submission and approval of plans. A complete set of plans would need to be submitted and a permit application approved within 60 days. There was discussion regarding the length of time not being adequate for the Building Inspection office to approve all the submitted plans. Mayor Pro Tem Smith stated that an amendment concerning this would be introduced at Second Reading of the Ordinance.

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

Reports and Communications – Mayor Pro Tem Smith proclaimed May 2005 as International REACT Month.

There was no General or New Correspondence.

Attorney's Report – Councilwoman Wiedeke inquired about the title search on the marsh property. Attorney Dodds stated the search is moving forward.

Administrator's Report, Administrator Benke. Administrator Benke stated we received correspondence from Mr. Ed Fava regarding a modification to the existing section of the dog ordinance, and from Mr. and Mrs. Geer regarding modifications to 2708 Goldbug. The College of Charleston has begun mapping the parameters of the accreted land as part of the

scientific management plan. This is the first step toward a management plan of the accreted property.

Ways and Means Committee, Mayor Pro Tem Smith for Mayor Stith. Administrator Benke stated that the Charleston County Auditors Office has presented projected revenue information for FY06. The first draft of the Sullivan's Island Town budget will be presented to Council at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee meeting for review and discussion. Schleeter, Monsen & Debacker has presented the 2003/2004 financial audit. Mr. Fischbein will be available for comment and discussion at a subsequent meeting.

Personnel Committee, Councilwoman Wiedeke. At the S.C. Government Assurance Group meeting of March 30, 2005, board members announced an estimated eight percent increase in rates for Group Health Insurance for the coming budget year. Councilwoman Wiedeke stated the revised job description of the Building Inspector was included in the packet. This is a major step in the overall effort to have professional staff support for the revised zoning ordinance. Motion was made by Councilwoman Wiedeke, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to approve the job description change to include zoning responsibilities for the building inspector, carried unanimously. Councilwoman Wiedeke stated this professional staff support is needed for the new zoning ordinance. Mr. Robinson's title will be Chief Building Inspector/Ordinance Enforcement Officer. Councilman O'Neil stated this appropriately recognizes the great increase in the breadth of responsibilities and the breadth of expertise that Mr. Robinson has encountered and demonstrated.

Water and Sewer, Councilwoman Hazen-Martin. Councilwoman Hazen-Martin stated that the Waterline Project is going at a great rate, and the contractor is cleaning-up the job sites daily. We are negotiating to try to get a purchased capacity reduction with CPW. The final completion date for the Wastewater Treatment Plant should have been April 15<sup>th</sup>. The system has been inspected by DHEC so all of the installed components have been approved by DHEC. We are still working with the contractor to finalize both payment and the job. We also filed our standard renewal NPDES permit application for outflow. During the eight inches of rain we recently received, there was an oxidation ditch leak that was repaired within two days. The Water and Sewer Administration building will be discussed at the next working meeting of the Committee, and will be discussed at the next Council Committee meeting. SCDHEC Trident EQC has issued a satisfactory rating for the town water system based on a sanitary survey conducted March 30, 2005.

Building and Construction Committee, Mayor Pro Tem Smith for Councilman Wood. Monthly report rendered.

Fire Committee, Mayor Pro Tem Smith for Councilman Wood. Monthly report rendered. Chief Stith stated that approximately \$6,000 for Carolina Children's Charity was collected.

Recreation Committee, Councilwoman Herron. The following beach wedding requests were approved: July 4 at 6:00 pm at Station 12; May 15 at 5:00 pm at Station 12; May 21 at 7:00 pm at Station 18; June 4 at 5:30 pm at Station 11; June 5 at 2:00 pm at Palmetto Street; October 7 at 7:00 pm in front of Sand Dunes Club. There was no additional information received concerning the Sullivan's Island Birthday Party.

Real Estate Committee, Councilman O'Neil. The revised zoning ordinance is complete and First Reading will be held tonight. Correspondence was received from David Schneider regarding the National Registry Nomination Methodology. We have asked Mr. Schneider to give us an idea of the cost if we were to engage him to help us prepare an application for National Register Designation with the State Archives and History. It is possible that our existing historical districts or some portion of them could be designated National Register eligible. He needs to gather more information, and will let us know. If we are able to achieve that, it will be another means of providing additional incentives for owners of historic properties to keep them preserved.

Police Committee, Mayor Pro Tem Smith for Mayor Stith. Administrator Benke presented the new signs detailing the amended dog ordinance that were posted 4-19-05 on the beach paths. The causeway and Breach Inlet signs will remain in place. A list of candidates for beach services and patrol has been finalized, and interviews will be scheduled. Administrator Benke had a meeting with the majority of the restaurant owners in attendance to discuss their concerns, along with parking, noise, and crowd control. He will continue to meet with them each month or at least before every major holiday.

Streets and Maintenance, Mayor Pro Tem Smith. Foster Gaillard, Esq. is preparing the requested maintenance agreement for the Hagerty Point Road for review by Attorney Dodds. The document should be finalized by the May Council Committee meeting. The potholes on Middle Street west from Station 22-1/2 have been partially repaired. SCDOT crews have been relocated to other areas in need of repair, but they will return to finish the repairs on Sullivan's Island.

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 14, Section 28 of the Ordinances of the Town of Sullivan's Island was ratified.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilwoman Wiedeke, to have First Reading, by title only, of An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 21 of the Zoning Ordinances of the Town of Sullivan's Island, carried unanimously.

A Special Meeting will be held on May 2, 2005 at 6:00 pm for Second Reading of the proposed Zoning Ordinance.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilwoman Herron, to go into Executive Session for legal advice and personnel, carried unanimously. No action or votes were taken.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen McQueeney  
Town Clerk