

March 21, 2006

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 fourteen private citizens and two members of the media present.

The floor was opened for comments from the citizens. Dickie Schweers of 931 Shellmore Lane, McClellanville, a candidate for Charleston County Council District 2, stated the key challenges facing County Council, including economic opportunity, property tax relief, traffic solutions, managing urban growth, and managing county funds. Tony Gentile, 5 Conquest Avenue, spoke regarding the dock ordinance's height of 15 feet for boat lifts. Bobby Thompson, member of the Planning Commission spoke on the Planning Commission's meeting about changes in the commercial district (a) division of commercial/residential split-zoned lots and (b) use of the commercial portion of lots along Middle Street for parking. He stated that unfortunately, no residents were present at that meeting. Mary Shahid and Sid Boone, attorneys representing Joe Gentry of 6 Conquest Avenue, asked Council to reconsider the Resolution concerning the boat lift on the agenda tonight.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2006 meeting, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Perkis, seconded by Councilwoman Herron, to approve a Resolution Requesting a Public Hearing to Amend Section 21-137 B(2) of the Zoning Ordinance, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Perkis, seconded by Councilwoman Herron, to approve a Resolution Requesting a Public Hearing to Amend Section 21-22(1) (c) of the Zoning Ordinance, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Perkis, seconded by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, to approve a Resolution Requesting a Public Hearing to Amend Section 21-15 A (1) (b) of the Zoning Ordinance, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Perkis, seconded by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, to approve a Resolution Requesting a Public Hearing to Amend Section 21-75 B (10) of the Zoning Ordinance, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Presson to reconsider the motion to approve a Resolution Requesting a Public Hearing to Amend Section 21-75 (B) (10) of the Zoning Ordinance. Motion was not seconded.

General and New Correspondence – Administrator Benke stated a letter was received from Mary Shahid regarding the boat lift resolution as she discussed during the citizen comments tonight.

Attorney's Report – Attorney Dodds stated that a fee simple title had been requested by 1914 Middle Street, LLC for 1914 Middle Street. Motion was made by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, seconded by Councilman Presson, to approve the fee simple title request for 1914 Middle Street, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Presson, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to amend the agenda to add an executive session for legal advice on the proposed smoking ordinance and the dock ordinance, carried unanimously.

Administrator's Report, Administrator Benke. SCANA officials have invited Council and staff to their luncheon meeting on March 23 regarding processes to prepare for and restore power after serious weather conditions.

Ways and Means Committee, Councilman Perkis. Revenues are on target, while expenses are 2-11% under budget. The financial statement will be reviewed at the Committee meeting. Approximate costs have been assigned to projects on the five year project list. The new Police department reporting software is installed, and personnel are being trained. The 2004-05 audit report has been received from the auditors.

Personnel Committee, Councilwoman Hazen-Martin. The Personnel Committee is interviewing candidates for the Water and Sewer department supervisor position.

Water and Sewer, Councilwoman Hazen-Martin. For the waterline project, DHEC gave the approval for the final tie-in, and it has been initiated. Advice has been received regarding obligations to the contractor, and all issues can now be resolved. The engineered plans for a protective encasement for the sewer line have not yet been received for the sewer line encroachment at Middle and Poe. The engineers report has been received and will be evaluated concerning a possible potable water interconnection between Sullivan's Island and Isle of Palms for back-up water in case of an emergency or closure of the harbor line.

Building and Construction Committee, Mayor Smith for Councilman Howle. Monthly report rendered. The ISO performed an audit on March 8<sup>th</sup>, and results should be available in a month. Our current rating is 4.

Fire Committee, Councilwoman Herron. Monthly report rendered

Recreation Committee, Councilwoman Herron. No items to report.

Real Estate Committee, Councilman Perkis for Councilman O'Neil. Installation of sand fencing by the Charleston Soil and Water Conservation District should begin in August 2006. Mayor Smith and Councilmen Perkis and O'Neil attended Battery Gadsden's workshop to discuss a maintenance plan for Battery Gadsden. Resolutions for zoning ordinance amendments to be sent to the Planning Commission for public hearings have been approved tonight. The Lowcountry Open Land Trust should return the Battery Logan deed to the Town by the end of March. The vendor selection for the cell tower has been narrowed to four vendors. They will supply pricing and plans to the Town by the March 30 deadline.

Police Committee, Mayor Smith. Monthly report rendered. Correspondence was received from Ms. Louise Doyle. Chief Howard, Clerk of Court Frances Varn, and Administrator Benke viewed court administration software at the Town of Orangeburg.

Streets and Maintenance, Councilman Presson. The Town has requested clarification from the SCDOT regarding Mt. Pleasant's request for support to have SCDOT install a bike path on the north side of SC Highway 703.

Motion was made by Councilman Presson, seconded by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, to have Third Reading of An Ordinance to Amend Section 21-75 Paragraphs B(2), B(3-A), B(3-C), B(16) and Paragraph C of Chapter 21, Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Sullivan's Island, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Perkis, seconded by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, to defer Second Reading of An Ordinance to Convey Battery Logan Property to Federal Government, carried unanimously.

Council went into Executive Session for legal advice on the dock ordinance and the proposed smoking ordinance. No votes or action was taken.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen McQueeney  
Town Clerk