

June 20, 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: Patrick O'Neil, Mayor Pro Tem
Debra Hazen-Martin, Councilwoman
Jane Ellen Herron, Councilwoman
Charles Howle, Councilman
Michael Perkis, Councilman
Everett Presson, Councilman

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem O'Neil, followed by the invocation given by Councilwoman Herron. There were 15 private citizens and two members of the media present.

The floor was opened for comments from the citizens. Susan Middaugh of 2424 Raven inquired about the building for sale behind Town Hall. Administrator Benke stated he is going to the Budget and Control Board meeting in Columbia tomorrow to ask for an extension for the Town to finish preparing the appraisal of the property. Bobby Thompson, 2917 I'on, reported on the Planning Commission's last meeting. He stated the Board agreed to recommend to enlarge the Board of Zoning Appeals to seven members and to restate the quorum; however, the Planning Commission needs more information regarding erosion control structures. Tim Holbook, Station 19, stated he would like Council to consider an amendment to Section 14-29 tonight. Mayor Pro Tem O'Neil stated that legal advice was to be received on that ordinance tonight.

Chuck Jarmon of Charleston County Stormwater Utility presented information concerning the NPDESII, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. Mandated by federal law, this program states the requirements for the discharge of storm water. A stormwater management plan will need to be developed for Sullivan's Island. The construction and post-construction only compliance deadline is September 1, 2007. The entire permit compliance plan deadline is not yet set, but will be around January 2008.

Motion was made by Councilman Howle, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to go into Executive Session for legal advice regarding (1) proposed amendment to Section 21-20 D(2); (2) Court of Common Pleas Case Number 06-CP-10-1355; (3) Court of Common Pleas Case Number 06-CP-10-1889; (4) Section 21-69F; (5) proposed amendment to Sections 21-12(A) (5) and 21-21B; (6) Section 14-29; (7) Section 21-108C; (8) Section 21-111; carried by a vote of five, with Councilwoman Hazen-Martin abstaining. Council returned to open session.

Motion was made by Councilman Howle, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2006 regular meeting as written, and the June 5, 2006 special meeting as corrected, carried unanimously.

General and New Correspondence – Correspondence was received from Ms. Chatham regarding the oleanders on the causeway; Dr. Carolyn Reed, Tim Holbrook and Father McInerny regarding the smoking ordinance.

Attorney's Report – There was no Attorney's Report.

Administrator's Report, Administrator Benke. Marilyn Bowers, Executive Director of Charleston County Board of Elections and Voter Registration, presented at Committee meeting the merits of a county-wide election date and Charleston County Board of Elections & Voter Registration management of the municipal election process. The July Committee meeting has been changed to Monday, July 10, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. The DHEC Beach Monitoring reports for April and May indicate a very clean beach for the period. Mayor Smith attended a reception to welcome new Park Superintendent Bob Dodson on June 8th. A Carolina Day ceremony will be held at Fort Moultrie National Monument on June 28, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Ways and Means Committee, Councilman Perkis. The May statement shows balances are fairly well in line with year-end projections. We are waiting to hear back from two finalists concerning the cell tower project.

Personnel Committee, Councilwoman Hazen-Martin. Applications are being received for expiring seats on the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Election Commission and Design Review Board.

Water and Sewer, Councilwoman Hazen-Martin. The water line project is essentially completed; final issues are being worked out. We are waiting on details of the 1401 Middle Street sewer line encroachment plan.

Building and Construction Committee, Councilman Howle. An amendment to Section 21-139A regarding iron gates as part of a fence is being drafted to be sent to Planning Commission.

Fire Committee, Councilwoman Herron. The 57th annual fish fry fundraising event will be held on June 24th from 5-8 pm at the Fish Fry Shack.

Recreation Committee, Councilwoman Herron. The Isle of Palms recreation department assisted staff with lining the old ball field for games organized by Creative Spark. The games began on June 6, 2006 and are held every Tuesday through June.

Real Estate Committee, Councilman O'Neil. Commercial district parking will continue to be researched. A proposal regarding Dual Zoned Lots was reviewed. It will be revised and sent to Planning Commission so a public hearing can be held. A special meeting of the Real Estate Committee will be advertised for July 13, 2006 at 3:30 pm to review the baseline study of the accreted land with Dr. Levine.

Police Committee, Councilman Presson for Mayor Smith. The Police Committee met on June 13th to discuss complaints received about the police department. A formal process will be set-up for the submission of citizen complaints. Chief Howard stated that the street talk program will start next week.

Streets and Maintenance, Councilman Presson. We are waiting to hear from engineer Mark Nesbitt of SCDOT, who has been out of the office for two weeks.

Mayor Pro Tem O'Neil duly ratified An Ordinance to Adopt Budget for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

Mayor Pro Team O'Neil duly ratified An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the Town of Sullivan's Island, Chapter 14, by Adding a New Section 29 therein, Establishing Regulations and Requirements Relating to Smoking of Tobacco Products in the Town of Sullivan's Island.

Motion was made by Councilman Howle, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to have Second Reading of An Ordinance to Amend Section 21-75 B (10) of the Zoning Code of the Town of Sullivan's Island Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Boatlifts, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Howle, seconded by Councilman Presson, to have Second Reading of An Ordinance to Amend Section 21-15 A (1) (b) of the Zoning Code of the Town of Sullivan's Island Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Driveway Width, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, seconded by Councilman Presson, to have Second Reading of An Ordinance to Amend Section 21-22 (1) (c) of the Zoning Code of the Town of Sullivan's Island Code of Ordinances Pertaining to HVAC stands, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, seconded by Councilwoman Herron, to have Second Reading of An Ordinance to Amend Section 21-137 B (2) of the Zoning Code of the Town of Sullivan's Island Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Fences, 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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen McQueeney
Town Clerk