

December 19, 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  
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 Smith, followed by the invocation by Councilwoman Herron. There were 27 citizens and no members of the news media present.

Mayor Smith acknowledged Den Leader John Lancto and Cub Scout Group #59 attending to earn the Citizen Badge.

The floor was opened for comments from the citizens. Jerry Kaynard stated that the second ordinance on the agenda originated as one ordinance and somehow has been split into two ordinances for sub-division and restriction of split-zoned lots. He asked Council to defer decision on that issue and give owners a process to discuss a disproportional impact on undersized lots. Mr. Kaynard also asked Council to reconsider not taking away the Design Review Board's discretion on the split-zoned lots, and he suggested that Council consider putting the limitation on foundation height instead of a 20% reduction in scale on the residential side of split-zoned lots. Madeline McGee of 2211 I'on thanked Council members Presson and Perkis for meeting with herself, Loren Ziff, and property owners from the 2200 and 2100 blocks of I'on Avenue to hear their concerns with the current proposal to allow subdivision of split-zoned lots. She has submitted the recommendations their group would like Council to consider. Rusty Bennett of 3124 Marshall agreed with the comments of Jerry Kaynard. Heidi Bloom of 405 Station 22 stated that the Design Review Board should be given authority to look at each house separately, and not as a blanket restriction.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to have Second Reading of An Ordinance to Amend Sections 12-12A and 12-21 of the Zoning Ordinance to Allow the Subdivision of Split-Zoned Lots; motion failed by a vote of 4-2, with Councilman Perkis and Mayor Smith casting the nay votes, and Councilman O'Neil abstaining.

Motion was made by Councilman Presson, seconded by Councilman Howle, to defer Second Reading of An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance as Contained in

Sections 21-19D; 21-24F; 21-27D; 21-49D; 21-52C; 21-54F and 21-59D and a Resolution to Invoke the Pending Ordinance Doctrine, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Howle, to defer Section Reading of An Ordinance to Convey Battery Logan Property to Federal Government, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Howle, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to have First Reading, by title only, of An Ordinance to Amend Sections 21-20C.(2)(b); 21-25A.(2); 21-25(C).(1); 21-27A.(2); and 21-27(C) of the Zoning Ordinance Regarding Size, Principal Building Lot Coverage and Square Foot Limitations of Historic Structures as Accessory Dwelling Units, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Howle, seconded by Councilwoman Herron, to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2006 meeting, carried unanimously.

Reports and Communications – The employee luncheon is scheduled for December 21<sup>st</sup> and 12:00 noon. Medical Claims Management Corporation made a donation on behalf of the Town of Sullivan's Island to several charities. The American Stroke Association has sent information on their "Take Back Your Youth Project". The United States Corps of Engineers has advised that the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the container terminal at the Charleston Naval Complex is available for public comment. The 30 day comment period started on December 15, 2006 and ends on January 16, 2007.

There was no Attorney's Report.

Administrator's Report, Administrator Benke. The Town will be closed on Friday, December 22 and re-open on December 27 for the holiday. The January Committee meeting is rescheduled to January 8, 2007. Roy Canterbury has acknowledged the Town request to participate in the County NPDES II administration program. The request has been submitted to County Council for final approval. A request to earmark Transportation, Treasury and HUD (TTHUD) funding to rehabilitate the Ben Sawyer Bridge was presented to Congressman Brown for FY 2008. A letter was received from Madeline McGee as stated during the citizens' comments.

Ways and Means Committee, Councilman Perkis. The changes to the interest accounts have resulted in a major increase in interest revenue. After the December financial statement, a meeting will be set up with the department managers and the Ways and Means Committee. The draft audit is not yet available.

Personnel Committee, Councilwoman Hazen-Martin. The recently appointed members of the Board of Zoning Appeals served at the December meeting. The required training for all Board and Commission members has been completed. All new appointees have also received training with the exception of Fred Reinhard (due by January 2008).

Water and Sewer Committee, Councilwoman Hazen-Martin. Greg Gress has prepared the preliminary use and rate analysis for 2006/2007. Attorney Dodds completed the paperwork for the McLean Sewer Easement. Greg Gress stated that there is a storage structure on the easement that apparently is not on the plat.

Building and Construction Committee, Councilman Howle. Monthly report rendered. The number of permits issued has decreased; number of inspections has increased.

Fire Committee, Councilwoman Herron. Monthly report rendered. The holiday Station Lighting was a big success.

Recreation Committee, Councilwoman Herron. No items to report.

Real Estate Committee, Councilman O'Neil. The ordinances concerning split-zoned lots and historic structures as accessory dwelling units were discussed earlier in the meeting. A discussion of set back allowances by the Design Review Board and set back variance by the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held at the January 2007 Committee meeting. The quit claim deed to abandon "Star of the West" street and convey a new right of way to the town refer to the roadway as an "unimproved street with 30 foot right of way". Staff will designate the new roadway as "Star of the West Street".

Police Committee, Mayor Smith. Monthly report rendered.

Streets and Maintenance Committee, Councilman Presson. A reply was received to the Town's request for additional information from SCDOT Highway Engineer Tony Chapman regarding the announcement that the Ben Sawyer Bridge project would be delayed. The SCDOT visited the Island on December 19 to inventory the pot holes on Middle Street. Some minor repairs have been completed.

Motion was made by Councilman Presson, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to adjourn, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen McQueeney