

October 16, 2007

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
Charles Howle, Councilman
Jerry Kaynard, Councilman
Mike Perkis, Councilman
Everett Presson, Councilman
Mary Jane Watson, Councilwoman

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Smith, followed by the invocation by Councilman Howle. There were ten members in the audience, including three members of the media.

The floor was opened for comments from the citizens. Garry Lohr, an MBA student at the College of Charleston, stated he is working on a research study regarding the local dog ordinance and would like to set up meetings with Council members.

Motion was made by Councilman Howle, seconded by Councilman Kaynard, to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2007 regular meeting, carried unanimously.

General and New Correspondence – There was no general and new correspondence.

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

Board and Commission Reports:

Board of Zoning Appeals – Susan Middaugh reported that the Riley family withdrew their BZA application.

Administrator's Report, Administrator Benke. Mr. Chris Gossett of SCDOT Columbia updated Council on the Ben Sawyer Bridge project and timeline. No information has been provided to date on repairs to the Bridge Tender's House and required time for bridge closure to vehicular traffic.

Ways and Means Committee, Councilman Perkis. Jason Blanton assumed the responsibility of Comptroller for the Town as of October 1, 2007. Councilman Perkis will discuss the September 2007 financial statement with Mr. Blanton and report at the next Committee meeting. The RFP for an auditor has been distributed and is due back to the Town on November 16, 2007. The ground lease document for the Cell Tower was signed by the Town and was forwarded to American Tower on October 10, 2007.

Personnel Committee, Councilman Kaynard. The Veteran's Day holiday will be observed on Monday, November 12, 2007. Councilman Howle requested that work begin again on the personnel manual.

Water and Sewer Committee, Councilman Perkis. Darrell Noisette has been selected as the Chief Operator for the department effective October 8, 2007. Water and Sewer Manager Greg Gress will meet with the Isle of Palms this week to schedule a test run for a back-up emergency water system. There is a slight difference in water pressure than water received from Charleston Water System, but residents should not notice a difference. This information will be placed on the website when a date is selected for the test. Councilman Howle stated the main reason this back-up emergency system was chosen was because it is cheaper to maintain than the current back-up wells. Greg Gress will be at the next Committee meeting and will discuss the entire DHEC permitting process, and the status of the lawsuit. A meeting will be scheduled with the Water and Sewer department and the financial analyst.

Building and Construction Committee, Councilman Howle. Monthly report rendered. Amendments to Sections 21-138A and 21-138B regarding accessory structures is on the agenda for Third Reading tonight. The FEMA representatives were pleased with the work here and will return in three years.

Fire Committee, Mayor Smith. Monthly report rendered. The annual Fire Prevention Week celebration was a big success. Councilman Presson stated after talking with Chief Stith, he was informed that the Town has the same type of hoses that the City of Charleston uses. Due to the Sofa Super Store fire, there was discussion as to whether Sullivan's Island needed to purchase a 5 inch hose. The Town currently has automatic aid agreements with the Town of Mt. Pleasant and Isle of Palms, who can lay our supply lines. Chief Stith stated it would probably cost \$15,000 to outfit a truck with the 5 inch hose. Chief Stith will research and present cost of the hose at the next Committee meeting.

Recreation Committee, Councilwoman Watson. The turtle exhibit acquired from the Aquarium's fundraising auction through private donations is currently on display at the Fire Station. A permanent site is to be designated. Councilwoman Watson will meet with the Park Foundation this week. Repairs were made to the electric switch box damaged by vandalism at the tennis court, and three light bulbs were replaced in late September.

Real Estate Committee, Councilman O'Neil. David Schneider has submitted the preliminary survey report of what was initially a list of 136 properties on the island which appeared to be at least 60 years old but had not been included in the original survey. He found that about 1/3 of these 136 buildings actually had been recorded in the previous surveys. He received permission from most property owners to look at the exterior of the houses. Mr. Schneider found five houses he believed could qualify to be on the historic resource list, and he also indicated another nine properties that he had looked at in

2004/05 that he thought merited designation on the list. Council agreed this report would be released to the public after contacting Mr. Schneider for the final report, as they have only received the preliminary report. Letters could be mailed to the affected property owners before the report is released to the public. This will be discussed in executive session tonight.

Mayor Smith, Administrator Benke and Councilman O'Neil attended the Budget and Control Board meeting in Columbia on September 25, 2007 regarding the property at 1602 Thompson Avenue. The Board unanimously approved a six month delay on the auction of 1602 Thompson Avenue in order for the Town to consider options to acquire this property.

At a special meeting last night, Town Council, Planning Commission members Anne Kilpatrick and Nicky Bluestein, and Randy Robinson and Andy Benke met as the selection panel for the Accreted Land Management Plan RFQ. Four companies were selected that will be invited to interview at a date to be determined.

A phenomenal response was received to the RFP for the Community Commercial District Master Plan. A review panel, date and time to review will be scheduled.

Destination Club ownership is on the agenda for executive session tonight.

Police Committee, Mayor Smith. Monthly report rendered. Chief Howard is currently attending a comprehensive training seminar and workshop. The Police Committee will schedule a meeting with Chief Howard and Administrator Benke for an update on the department. Councilman Kaynard requested a copy of the court activity at the next Committee meeting.

Streets and Maintenance Committee, Councilman Presson. A request has been received to install traffic calming structures (speed humps) on Station 17 between Middle Street and Atlantic Avenue. The interested party will be given a list of residents to contact regarding the devices. The Administrator will meet with Mr. Nesbit of SCDOT on October 17 to discuss traffic safety at Station 12 Street on Sundays, various requests for "no parking" signs, and traffic calming devices at Station 17 Street.

Ordinances

Motion was made by Councilman Howle, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to have Third Reading of An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 21, Zoning, Article XV, Sections 21-138(A) and 21-138(B) Regarding Accessory Structures, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilman Howle, to amend the agenda to add legal advice concerning the Ordinance to Convey Battery Logan Property to the Federal Government to Executive Session, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Howle, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to have Executive Session for Legal Advice regarding the Town Lease Agreement, Section 21-94A and 21-94B (Historic Property Designation), Section 21-117 as applied to Destination Club Properties, Section 21-20 C(1) and 21-20 C(2) Accessory Structures,

and an Ordinance to Convey Battery Logan Property to the Federal Government, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Howle, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to come out of Executive Session. Mayor Smith stated that no action or votes were taken during the Executive Session.

Mayor Smith called for a motion to have Second Reading of An Ordinance to Convey Battery Logan Property to the Federal Government. There was no motion, so the Ordinance failed.

Mayor Smith requested the administrator to advertise a Special Meeting prior to the Committee meeting on November 5, 2007 regarding consideration of an amendment to Section 21-94C, and a Resolution to be placed on the agenda that sends any designated properties in the historic survey to the DRB for consideration.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen McQueeney