

November 17, 2009

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
Mike Perkis, Mayor Pro Tem
Buddy Howle, Councilman
Jerry Kaynard, Councilman
Madeleine McGee, Councilwoman
Patrick O'Neil, Councilman
Mary Jane Watson, Councilwoman

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

The floor was opened for comments from the citizens. There were no public comments.

Councilman O'Neil stepped briefly out of the meeting at this time.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Watson, seconded by Councilman Howle, to approve minutes from the regular meeting on October 20, 2009, carried by a vote of six.

Motion was made by Councilman Howle, seconded by Councilman Kaynard, to approve a Resolution to Recognize Christ Our King-Stella Maris School as National Blue Ribbon School, carried by a vote of six.

Councilman O'Neil returned to the meeting at this time.

Reports and Communications

General and New Correspondence – Council has been given packets containing the most recent written comments regarding the accreted land, as well as a list (to date) of people requesting to speak at the December 7th meeting. There was discussion regarding the format of the accreted land meeting on December 7th.

Attorney Report – There was no Attorney's Report

Board and Commission Reports – There were no reports.

Administrator's Report, Administrator Benke. The Office of Coastal Resource Management has provided confirmation that the proposed beachfront jurisdictional lines from March 2009 have been adopted. The SCDHEC has reported satisfactory results for the October beach sampling. The National Park Service held an open house on November 8, 2009 at the lighthouse. Mayor Smith recently participated in a meeting with local mayors and Superintendent McGinley of Charleston County School District. Dunleavy's Pub submitted an event request for the Polar Bear Swim on January 1, 2010. The municipalities met with construction representatives from the Ben Sawyer Bridge, and it is possible the bridge will be closed for construction as early as December 1st for vessels and December 4th for traffic.

Ways and Means Committee, Councilman Perkis. October 2009 financial statement rendered. Revenue is coming in as projected. Property tax revenue will start coming in in December. The 2010 dog tags will be sold starting December 1, 2009. All of the restaurants have obtained their proper alcohol permits for Sunday sales. All restaurants will have to renew their Sunday alcohol permits by March 1, 2010.

Personnel Committee, Councilman Kaynard. Monthly report rendered. Christopher Wallace of the Police Department will be recognized for serving the Town for ten years. Voluntary free flu vaccinations were provided to Town staff, volunteer firefighters and Council members, as well as their family members. The Town hosted all East Cooper first responders in need of the H1N1 vaccination.

Water and Sewer Committee, Councilman Perkis. Monthly report rendered. Manager Greg Gress will write SCDOT regarding street paving in coordination of next phase of waterline replacement. Mr. Gress also stated that beginning soon, a pre-recorded phone message will be sent to delinquent customers to notify them of their upcoming water shut-off.

Building and Construction Committee, Councilman Howle. Monthly report rendered.

Fire Committee, Mayor Smith. Monthly report rendered. The annual oyster roast was held November 14. Chief reported that they sold less than the roast in November 2008. Staff and volunteer firefighters are preparing the park and station for the holiday lighting ceremony.

Recreation Committee, Councilwoman Watson. A 5K race was held on October 24 to raise funds for Louie's Kids and the fight against childhood obesity. Councilwoman Watson updated Council on activities planned on the Island during the time the Ben Sawyer Bridge is closed during construction. Chief Stith will inquire about cost to clean and reseal dock at the J. Marshall Stith Park and Dock.

Real Estate Committee, Councilman O'Neil.
Accreted Land Management Plan: Council has set December 7, 2009 pm as the date for the Committee meeting and a meeting to review the Consultant findings, review resident

input data, and construct a direction statement to the Consultant for a final management plan.

Commercial District Consultants: A public meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2010 for presentation of the final plan of the commercial district master plan.

Potential Conservation Protection of Selected Town Properties: Councilman O'Neil met with Mt. Pleasant Land Conservancy (formerly Mt. Pleasant Open Land Trust) to discuss protection of the Station 19 Street landfill and Old Bridge through easement agreements. Mr. John Girault of the Mt. Pleasant Land Conservancy was present to answer questions. Council asked the Town Attorney to certify the titles of the two properties.

Commercial District Uses Review: The Planning Commission has asked Council to be specific on the intent of a public hearing for permitted and prohibited uses in the Commercial District. Council members Kaynard and McGee recently met with property owners in the Commercial District. Vince Graham will present information at the December Council meeting.

Police Committee, Mayor Smith. Monthly report rendered. Chief Howard reported that he spoke with a restaurant owner concerning recent incidents at the establishment, and there have not been any more incidents in the last few weeks.

Streets and Maintenance Committee, Councilwoman McGee. Chief Stith, staff, and contractors have worked on the Station 16 beach path, which served as a demonstration project for beach path trimming. Chief Stith stated that the Station 16 path looked good, and it is something that could be done instead of clear cutting for a fire break. Councilwoman McGee suggested to build on the inventory that Chief Stith did last year and to categorize the paths by type. In coordination with a consultant/arborist, guidelines could be developed as to what type of maintenance would be needed for each type of path. The Town will consult with Tree Consultant Jeff Jackson on this project. Due to the recent dog ordinance change, the signage at the beach front paths is being reviewed to consolidate the signs. Eddie Fava, an architect on the island, is working on a few options to consider. Councilwoman McGee will ask Mr. Fava to present his ideas at the December 7th committee meeting.

Ordinances

Mayor Smith duly ratified Ordinance 2009-08, An Ordinance to Amend Section 3-7(C) of the Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan's Island Regarding Dog Licenses.

Mayor Smith duly ratified Ordinance 2009-10, An Ordinance Amending Section 10-20 of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan's Island to Revise Business License Fees.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to go into Executive Session for a contractual matter – Raven Drive at 7:45 p.m., carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Howle, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to come out of Executive Session, carried unanimously. Mayor Smith stated that no action or votes were taken during Executive Session.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen McQueeney