

November 20, 2012

The regular meeting of Town Council was held on the above date at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied:

Present were: Carl Smith, Mayor  
Mike Perkis, Mayor Pro Tem  
Hartley Cooper, Councilwoman  
Jerry Kaynard, Councilman  
Madeleine McGee, Councilwoman  
Patrick O'Neil, Councilman  
Mary Jane Watson, Councilwoman

Mayor Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Councilwoman Watson.

Mayor Smith opened the floor for public comment.

Wayne Stelljes, 3104 I'on Avenue, commented and praised resident Edith Beckham, who will be turning 100 years old this week.

Susan Middaugh, 2420 Raven Drive, stated the proposed changes in the ordinance for house additions should be closely examined. Councilman O'Neil responded that the Real Estate Committee has looked at the proposed changes, and will continue to review.

Pat Votava, 2214 Jasper Blvd, stated the noise from early morning deliveries continues, and the businesses have no tool for consequences. This issue has been referred to the Streets and Maintenance Committee.

Rusty Bennett, 3124 Marshall Blvd, stated Poe's Restaurant has asked all vendors to come no earlier than 8 am. Administrator Benke stated he would develop a flyer explaining delivery hours for restaurants to give to their delivery vendors. Mr. Bennett continued he wanted to register a complaint concerning the cement planters in the right-of-way at 2214 Jasper Blvd. Mayor Smith stated the commercial delivery issue will continue to be studied by the Committee.

#### **I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Watson, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on October 16, 2012, carried unanimously.

#### **II. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS**

Mayor Smith noted that a Resolution to recognize resident Edith Beckham will be presented to her at her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party this week.

Motion was made by Councilman Perkis, seconded by Councilman Kaynard, to have Second Reading and Ratification of Ordinance No. 2012-06, An Ordinance to Amend Section 10-20, Classification Rate Schedule, Provisions for Insurance Companies, carried unanimously.

**Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Kaynard, to have Second Reading and Ratification of Ordinance No. 2012-07, An Ordinance to Amend Section 21-139 of the Zoning Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan's Island, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilman Perkis, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to have Second Reading and Ratification of Ordinance No. 2012-08, An Ordinance to Amend Section 10-20 of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan's Island to Revise Business License Fees, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilwoman McGee, to eliminate 1610 Middle Street site as a location for Town Hall and concentrate on either 1714 Middle Street or 2050 Middle Street sites, and narrow that down as quickly as possible.**

Councilwoman McGee stated that in addition to eliminating the 1610 Middle Street site, Council should look at further defining the options adjacent to the fire house and come back to 1714 Middle Street site if those options do not work.

**Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to amend the motion to add and to proceed with the proper means of selling the 1610 Middle Street asset, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard to amend the motion that the 2050 Middle Street site be approved as a first priority based on the consultant study and that we continue to study cost and alternative site locations on town property.**

Councilman Kaynard withdrew his amendment and called for the question on the original motion.

**The motion, as amended, is "to eliminate 1610 Middle Street site as a location for Town Hall and concentrate on either 1714 Middle Street or 2050 Middle Street sites, and narrow that down as quickly as possible; and to proceed with the proper means of selling the 1610 Middle Street asset". The motion, as amended, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, that Council approve as a first priority 2050 Middle Street for a new town hall; with a study of the costs and the alternate site locations on town property near the fire station. Councilman O'Neil stated that as long as this is a prioritization and not a site selection, he agreed. Council also authorized Administrator Benke to inquire about the status of the post office property as a possible alternative. After discussion, motion carried unanimously.**

Councilwoman McGee suggested that island residents should be asked to help with a charette and to attend the Real Estate Committee meeting for input.

Councilwoman Watson left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

### **III. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**General and New Correspondence** – Correspondence was received from Fleming Harris regarding his water bill; Jimmy Hiers regarding his resignation from the Board of Zoning Appeals; Mary English regarding Battery Gadsden; and Hal Currey regarding the 1714 Middle Street potential site for the new Town Hall.

**Motion was made by Councilman Perkis, seconded by Councilman O’Neil, to amend the agenda to add a personnel matter regarding the Board of Zoning Appeals to the Executive Session tonight, carried unanimously.**

**Attorney Report** - no report.

**Boards and Commissions** – no report.

**Administrator’s Report – Mayor Smith** – The 2013 meeting dates for regular Council meetings were approved. Councilman Kaynard requested that a date for the annual retreat be discussed at the next meeting. The Charleston County Urban Entitlement Grant Public Hearing will be held before the Council meeting on December 18, 2012. Dunleavy’s Pub submitted a special event request to hold the Polar Bear Swim. Chief Howard, Chief Stith and Administrator Benke met with the businesses, and the plan will be similar to last year. Station 22-1/2 from Middle Street to I’on Avenue, and Middle Street from Station 22-1/2 to Station 22 will be closed from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm. Outside service will be from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Historic Cemetery Association will host a dedication ceremony for the new memorial at the Myrtle Avenue cemetery on November 30, 2012 beginning at 12:30 pm. The Cemetery Association will notify the neighbors, an E-newsletter will invite the Island residents, and a press release has been issued to the media.

**Ways and Means Committee, Councilman Perkis.** Monthly report rendered. The revenues are strong, and business licenses are increasing due to increased construction. The Town contributed about \$120,000 toward the new basketball and tennis courts, and the Park Foundation contributed over \$43,000. The operating expenses are on budget. A new \$9,000 camera for the Sewer Department was purchased due to a pipe bursting in the control building; and it is expected to be reimbursed through insurance. A six month review will be conducted after December.

**Personnel Committee, Councilman Kaynard.** Monthly report rendered. The Committee will meet with Administrator Benke concerning the Zoning Administrator applications, and will be ready to act on it at the December meeting. There are two vacant seats on the Board of Zoning Appeals with terms expiring in September 2015; and one Planning Commission vacant seat expiring in September 2013. Town Hall will be closed for the holidays on December 24, 25 and 26, 2012; and also on January 1, 2013.

**Water and Sewer Committee, Councilman Perkis.** Monthly reports rendered. Water and Sewer Manager Gress stated that when Council considers the new Town Hall area, to consider the infrastructure issues, primarily the sewer lines. The annual inspection by DHEC in July was reported as satisfactory. The Town is waiting on the permit from DHEC in order to provide service to Raven Drive property.

**Building and Construction Committee, Councilwoman Cooper.** Monthly report rendered. Councilwoman Cooper will attend a meeting with Ed Strack after the holidays to discuss the ground breaking ceremony date and the next review of color detail and landscaping plans. The leadership of the SIES SIC has put in place an ad hoc committee to work on four areas of the new school: green initiatives, curriculum, fundraising and physical plant.

**Fire Committee, Mayor Smith.** Monthly report rendered. The annual lighting ceremony for the Fire Station and Park will occur on November 30, 2012.

**Recreation Committee, Mayor Smith for Councilwoman Watson.** The ribbon cutting for the tennis and basketball courts will take place on December 7, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. The Recreation Committee met on November 19, 2012 regarding the use of Town property. The Committee will continue discussion and make a recommendation to Council regarding commercial or organized activity in the park and open spaces. The Committee will meet with representatives of the Island Club to determine their intention for the future. Battery Gadsden Cultural Center will be sent a notice in January (currently on month-to-month lease); with the idea to make the Center active again.

**Real Estate Committee, Councilman O'Neil.** A date will be scheduled for the next Real Estate Committee meeting to focus on the new Town Hall location and to follow-up on the recommendation by the Planning Commission about attached additions. Council agreed to have tree consultant Jeff Jackson proceed with the proposed nature trail at Station 16 on the west side, and to provide more information regarding the boardwalk.

**Police Committee, Mayor Smith.** Monthly report rendered. Mayor Smith reported that the guidon of the S.C. Army National Guard Charlie Co. 4<sup>th</sup> BN 118<sup>th</sup> IN(LT) was delivered by SGM(R) John C. Evans, Jr., SCARNG, for display in Town Hall until January 11, 2013.

**Streets and Maintenance Committee, Councilwoman McGee.** The request from a resident to reduce the speed limit in the commercial district was not given strong consideration by Council; therefore, Council will not proceed with the matter.

**Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to go into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. for legal advice on the accreted land and the sale of town property; and for personnel – Board of Zoning Appeals, carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Perkis to come out of Executive Session, carried unanimously. Mayor Smith stated that no action or votes were taken in Executive Session.

Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to approve Bachman Smith IV for appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals, carried unanimously. Mr. Smith, IV will fill the expired seat of Bachman Smith, III, who did not apply for reappointment in September.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Kaynard, to adjourn at 8:33 pm, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen Miller