

May 21, 2013

The regular meeting of Town Council was held on the above date at 6:05 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  
Mary Jane Watson, Councilwoman

Mayor Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance; followed by the prayer by Councilwoman Watson. There were approximately 40 citizens in the audience, including two members of the media.

**Motion was made by Councilwoman Watson, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to move Item 4 on the agenda, Resolution of Appreciation, to the present time, carried unanimously.**

Mayor Smith presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Robie Scott, Chair of the Municipal Election Commission, and resident volunteer Stephanie Dehart for their leadership and time conducting the May 7, 2013 Municipal Election.

Councilwoman Watson stated she would be leaving the meeting about 6:30 pm, during public comment.

Mayor Smith opened the floor for public comment.

Linda West, 1714 Middle Street, commented on the resident concerns regarding the potential multi-family Overlay District. Her comments are on file at Town Hall.

Barbara Spell, 1702 Atlantic Avenue, read her letter regarding the municipal election which was printed in the Post and Courier newspaper this week. She congratulated Mayor-Elect Perkis with his victory, and stated the final numbers were very revealing. Councilman Perkis won with only 6 votes shy for a recount and runoff. Interestingly, those six votes are equal to the number of Town Council members who continue to vote to deny residents to vote on the referendum. Her letter is on file at Town Hall.

Sydney Cook, 1614 Thompson Avenue; Melissa Kelly, 1456 Thompson Avenue; Rita Langley, 1618 Middle Street; and Michael Mithoefer, 407 O'Neil Court; expressed their opposition to the potential multi-family Overlay District discussed at the last Planning Commission meeting. Sydney Cook also inquired how many signatures she should get to present to Council of the opposition to this. Because there is no certain number, she will continue to get signatures.

*(Councilwoman Watson left the meeting at this time.)*

Chauncey Clark, Planning Commission Chairman, gave a brief explanation of the potential overlay district, and stated the public hearing would probably be scheduled for July. At the last Planning

Commission meeting, there was strong opposition from residents within a two block area of the proposed overlay district, with two in favor of the proposal.

Barbara Spell indicated her concern this subject was discussed at a Planning Commission meeting set up for the day after the election; it should have been discussed during the election. Councilman Perkis stated the meeting was the usual monthly meeting as set by the Town calendar published in December. The public asked Council to look into the multi-family dwelling; therefore, Council unanimously agreed to send it to the Planning Commission for their study and review. This is the very beginning of the process.

Karen Coste believed that Mr. Clark's statement that the attendance of residents within two blocks of the proposed multi-dwelling area out of an island of 2,000 implied that the majority of the island is not interested in the issue, and that is not true.

Councilwoman McGee suggested that the Planning Commission Public Hearing be held in the Fall, rather than July. Councilman Perkis stated that there is no reason to wait until the Fall.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting on April 8, 2013; Special Meeting on April 12, 2013; and Regular Meeting on April 16, 2013, carried unanimously.

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

1. There was no motion to have First Reading of Ordinance No. 2013-02, An Ordinance to Amend Section 21-20 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding attached structures.

2. Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to amend the Recreation budget to increase it from \$92,500 to \$187,000 for the FY14 budget, and include it for second reading of the ordinance at the next meeting, carried unanimously. Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to defer Second Reading and Ratification of Ordinance No. 2013-04, An Ordinance to Adopt Budget for July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, as amended, carried unanimously.

3. Motion was made by Councilman Perkis, seconded by Councilman Kaynard, to defer Second Reading and Ratification of Ordinance No. 2013-05, An Ordinance To Adopt the Water and Sewer Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14, carried unanimously.

4. Motion was made by Councilman Perkis, seconded by Councilman Kaynard, to approve a Resolution to S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control Affirming Effort by the Town to Reduce Inflow and Infiltration, carried unanimously.

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

**General and New Correspondence** – Correspondence was received to Mayor Smith from Dr. Byron Bailey regarding his resignation from the Municipal Election Commission.

**Attorney Report** - No report.

**Boards and Commissions** – Planning Commission – Chairman Clark gave report earlier in the meeting. Board of Zoning Appeals – Chair Susan Middaugh stated her seat will be open on the Board, and she is pleased to have the new Zoning Administrator with the Town.

#### **Administrator's Report, Mayor Smith.**

Memorial Day Holiday – Town Hall will close on Monday, May 24 in observance of Memorial Day; all essential departments will be fully staffed. The summer schedule for household garbage begins on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> due to holiday (normally on Friday).

Charleston County Single Stream Recycling Program – The new 95 gallon roll out all-in-one bins will be delivered to the Island the week of June 10, 2013. Mayor Smith suggested Council consider an ordinance to have property owners keep the containers out of sight.

Floppin' Flounder Run and Walk – The Charleston Running Club will host the 22<sup>nd</sup> Floppin' Flounder run on June 8, 2013.

Turtle Team Newsletter – The May 7<sup>th</sup> Turtle Team Newsletter indicated the first stranding of the season was located near Ft. Moultrie.

**Ways and Means Committee, Councilman Perkis.** Monthly report rendered. Revenue from business licenses will exceed the six month projection. Dog Tag revenue is a little lower at this time but it should meet the projected amount, while the Hospitality Tax revenue will be less due to restaurants closing to remodel. All other revenue received as of the end of April was as expected. For expenditures, the Sewer Fund's sludge disposal expense has exceeded the budgeted amount for the year due to significant amount of rain the past few months, including 4.5 inches in April. All other expenses through the month of April were as expected. Comptroller Blanton will research a general obligation bond for the Town Hall and Inflow and Infiltration capital projects.

**Personnel Committee, Councilman Kaynard.** Monthly report rendered.

Zoning Administrator position - Mr. Joe Henderson has accepted an offer to serve as the Zoning Administrator, and is expected to begin employment on June 1, 2013.

Boards and Commissions Vacancies – The May 2013 election created a vacancy on the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals; and a letter of resignation was received from a member of the Municipal Election Commission. In addition, twelve terms will expire on all boards and commissions this September. Councilman Kaynard recommended advertising the three vacant seats starting this week with a closing date of June 28. Council can make a decision on the July 1<sup>st</sup> workshop special meeting so the seats will be filled for the July meetings; and the applications could also be considered for September vacancies. **Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilwoman McGee, to advertise the three vacancies - Planning Commission vacated by Chauncey**

**Clark, Board of Zoning Appeals vacated by Susan Middaugh; and Municipal Election Commission vacated by Bryon Bailey, with a deadline of noon, June 28, 2013; with the decision to be made by Council at a Special Meeting on July 1, 2013, carried unanimously.**

**Water and Sewer Committee, Councilman Perkis.** Monthly reports rendered. The FY14 Annual Budget was previously discussed. The Committee met this morning regarding the design flow capacity as well as review of relief from high water/sewer bills. There is a grouting demonstration on May 22, 2013 at Station 20-1/2 and I'on Avenue, and approximately 35 are expected to attend, some from other municipalities and agencies.

**Building and Construction Committee, Councilwoman Cooper.** Monthly report rendered.  
Town Hall Construction project – Selection of architectural firm will be discussed in executive session tonight.

SIES New School Construction Project – The steel package and construction contract is next to bid. The project is still on schedule and will be completed for move in by August 2014.

**Fire Committee, Mayor Smith.** Monthly report rendered. No new activity to report.

**Recreation Committee, Councilman Kaynard for Councilwoman Watson.** There is no new activity to report, as the budget was discussed earlier in the meeting. Councilman Perkis mentioned that the Charleston Orchestra is planning a concert at Fort Moultrie in the early fall, and tickets *will be favorably* priced with first available to Island residents. Councilwoman Watson will have more information on this in the near future.

**Real Estate Committee, Councilman Kaynard for Councilman O'Neil.**

Raven Drive lots – The Board of Zoning Appeals approved the Town variance request for the two Town lots on Raven Drive. **Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to authorize the Administrator to get an appraisal done on one of the two Raven Drive lots for Council information for the potential sale, carried unanimously.**

**Police Committee, Mayor Smith.** Monthly report rendered. The Committee will reschedule its meeting previously set for May 31, 2013 for continued discussion of St. Patrick's Day activities. Council agreed to the Town of Mt. Pleasant's request to sign a revised mutual aid agreement to reflect the name of their new Police Chief.

**Streets and Maintenance Committee, Councilwoman McGee.** Councilwoman McGee encouraged Council to continue with the beachside sidewalk at Station 22-1/2 and Station 23. The Town has the funds to complete this, including a possible pedestrian bump-out to give greater protection to pedestrians.

Mayor Smith asked the Council-elect to join Council for the Executive Session. **Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilwoman Cooper, to go into executive session for discussion of a personnel issue and legal advice – contractual, carried unanimously.**

Upon returning from executive session, Mayor Smith stated that no votes or action was taken.

**Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilwoman Cooper, to approve the 40-hour vacation cash-out for Chris McDaniel based on special circumstances as verified and recommended by Administrator Benke, carried unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen Miller