

March 18, 2014

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: Mike Perkis, Mayor
Jerry Kaynard, Mayor Pro Tem
Chauncey Clark, Councilman
Hartley Cooper, Councilwoman
Susan Middaugh, Councilwoman
Pat O'Neil, Councilman

Mayor Perkis led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Councilman Clark. There were twenty people in the audience including one member of the media.

I. FORMAT – Mayor Perkis opened the floor for comments.

Everett Presson, 1718 Otis Pickett Court, stated his street is in need of repair and asked Council to address the problem. This will be referred to the Public Facilities Committee.

Wayne Stelljes, 3104 I'on Avenue, suggested Council have public comment before every Workshop and also during the meetings if Council desires.

Nancy Carroll Geckler, 1620 Atlantic Avenue, stated everyone should pray for healing and the spirit of community unity.

Mark Howard, 1820 Central Avenue, spoke on behalf of the Historic Cemetery Committee. They wish to make a minor change in the plan. The planned walkway from Myrtle Avenue is 185 feet long. Instead, they propose an ADA sand shell walkway from Patriot Street which is only 95 feet long. There will still be an entry at the fencing from Myrtle Avenue, but there will not be a walkway. The families on Patriot Street do not have any objections. Administrator Benke will contact residents in the area to ensure they agree with the change. Council agreed that the Committee could extend the walkway to the street if the SCDOT approved an encroachment permit.

Heidi Brown, 405 Station 22, expressed her objection to the proposed public dock being discussed by the Planning Commission. Mayor Perkis stated that Council informed the Planning Commission not to pursue this option as Council has no interest in building the dock.

Loren Ziff, 1412 Thompson Avenue, stated the Push-Up Challenge that originated on Sullivan's Island to benefit communities-in-schools and children at risk, will be held May 17th at Marion Square; and asked for members to join his team. He also thanked Council for their support for the Sullivan's Island Elementary School.

II. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilwoman Cooper, to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2013 regular meeting. Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard,

seconded by Councilwoman Cooper to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2014 regular meeting, carried by a vote of five, with Councilman O'Neil abstaining due to his absence from that meeting.

2. Motion was made by Councilwoman Middaugh, seconded by Councilman Kaynard, to approve a Resolution approving the application for a loan from the S.C. Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority and the pledge of combined water and sewer utility revenue for repayment of the loan for the Phase 1 Wastewater Collection System Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Program, carried unanimously. Councilwoman Middaugh stated that Council approved the application in December 2013.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilwoman Middaugh, to defer Second Reading and Ratification of Ordinance No. 2013-09, An Ordinance Amending Section 14-25 of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan's Island to Revise Franchise Fees for Filming, Video Taping, and Still Photography for Commercial Purposes; and, to Add Language Prohibiting Filming of Any Type within the RC-1/RC-2 Zoning Districts or on the Beach, carried unanimously.

3. Motion was made by Councilwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to have First Reading of Ordinance 2014-01, Ordinance to Amend Section 5-12B of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan's Island, to specify holidays that work, construction or otherwise, is prohibited; carried unanimously.

III. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. **General and New Correspondence** – Correspondence was received from Ken Hill of the Charleston Water System regarding capital charges for the West Ashley Booster Station.

2. **Attorney Report** - no report.

3. **Boards and Commissions** - Written report from Planning Commission Chair Gary Visser was rendered.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Mayor Perkis. Monthly report rendered. Correspondence from Ken Hill, CEO of Charleston Water System (CWS) was received in response to the Town's letter concerning capital charges for the West Ashley Booster Station. This will be discussed in the Water & Sewer Committee.

Public Safety Committee – Councilman Clark. Monthly reports rendered.

Ladder Truck Request for Proposal – This will be discussed at the next workshop. The RFP is almost ready for release.

St. Patrick's Day - Councilman Clark expressed his thanks to the Police and Fire Departments for their work during the St. Patrick's Day celebrations. Chief Howard reported that the Saturday crowd was not respectful; and there was a shortage of port-o-lets. There were three arrests, and several medical calls. Councilwoman Middaugh stated on Station 22-1/2 and Station 23 the cars were parked on both sides and it was difficult for two-way traffic to flow. Chief Stith stated he would like to have no parking all the way down permanently. Councilman O'Neil reported there needs to be a method to control store-

bought beer in the closed area. Councilwoman Cooper reported that the family event held in the park on Saturday morning was fabulous and very well attended.

Water and Sewer Committee – Councilwoman Middaugh. Monthly reports rendered.

SRF funding update for I&I reduction project – The application should be submitted to DHEC by the end of March.

Charleston Water System - Correspondence from Ken Hill, CEO of Charleston Water System (CWS) was received in response to the Town's letter concerning capital charges for the West Ashley Booster Station. After their review, CWS will delete all capital charges for its newly-constructed West Ashley Booster Pumping Station, which reduces the total capital charge to the Town of Sullivan's Island by \$262,500. The letter also clarified requirements for any similar situations in the future, and CWS wants a Town Memo of Agreement on the other capital items in the contract. Administrator Benke, W&S Manager Gress and Attorney Dodds will review the contract and forward information to the Water and Sewer Committee for recommendation to Council.

Clarifiers – A diver was hired for Clarifier Two, and both clarifiers are now flowing well.

Administration Committee – Councilman Kaynard. Monthly report rendered.

Personnel – Brian Jenerou has completed the Class "B" Water Distribution Certification Exam. **Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilwoman Middaugh, to approve the salary adjustment according to scale for Mr. Jenerou, carried unanimously.**

Ethics Commission Hearing – The Ethics Commission will render a formal opinion regarding large class/small class exemption of Planning Commission member on March 19, 2014. Administrator Benke will attend the meeting.

Special Event Requests –

1. Park Foundation "Round on the Mound" – **Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilwoman Cooper, to approve the application for the "Round on the Mound" event on April 5, 2014, carried unanimously.**

2. Charleston Running Club Floppin Flounder Race on June 7, 2014 – This event is already approved to be run by staff.

Land Use and Natural Resources Committee – Councilman O'Neil. Monthly report rendered.

Committee Meeting - The Committee had a meeting on March 14, 2014. Hal Currey, representing Planning Commission Chair Gary Visser, updated them on recommendations of the five-year mandated review of the Town Comprehensive Plan. A summary will be provided to Council members for their review before the April workshop. The status of the Accreted Land Management Plan was also discussed. They were presented information on additional ideas and will review at the Committee workshop.

Biggert-Waters Update – The Senate passed the House bill and it was sent to the President's office today. It will offer relief to many property owners. Post firm structures (built after the federal flood insurance program began) will be kept at the building's original zone for rating. The pre firm structures which includes homes built before the federal flood insurance program began, received some relief. The increase in premiums will be no less than 5 percent a year, and no more than 15-18 percent a year based on location and zone. However, this does not apply to secondary or commercial structures. The

two-year affordability study will look at historic properties, as those are not addressed in this Bill. These two years will allow private companies to join the market.

Public Facilities Committee – Councilwoman Cooper. Monthly report rendered.

Construction Work Hours Ordinance – Staff will work with Attorney Dodds on language for Ordinance No. 2014-01.

Committee Workshop meeting – The Public Facilities Committee and the Town Hall Design Committee will meet on March 25th with the architect to continue work on the conceptual design of Town Hall.

Otis Pickett Court – Chief Stith reported it would cost approximately \$3,500 for basic ROC with sand shell to repair the road; however, the residents want a better base than ROC. Administrator Benke stated that Charleston County measured the road today with a contractor and will quote a price. The road will be the same material (57 Stone) as Raven and Conquest because the County does our maintenance and we want to use the same product. The Committee will move forward with Otis Pickett, and will review other street inventory needing attention.

Recreation Committee – Councilwoman Cooper for Councilwoman Watson.

Tennis Courts at Citadel and Middle Streets – The engineering bids were opened yesterday and are being reviewed.

St. Patrick's Day Family Festival – The Family Festival held in the Park the morning of March 15th was very successful.

Councilman O'Neil noted he received a comment that it would be helpful if the Committee agendas were clear regarding discussion items. He suggested Council discuss this during the next Council workshop.

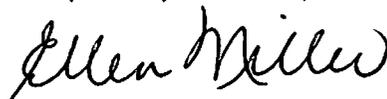
Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to go into Executive Session at 7:26 pm for legal advice – CM at Risk Contract and Terms and Conditions; and Contractual Matter on Lot Sales, carried unanimously.

Council returned to regular session at 9:08 p.m. Mayor Perkis stated no action or votes were taken in Executive Session.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Kaynard, to sell each of the two Raven Drive lots with MLS with a listing price of \$849,500, and the Middle Street property with a listing price of \$625,000; all listed with Tim Reese of Dunes Properties, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Clark to adjourn at 9:10 pm, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen Miller