

October 21, 2014

The Public Hearing for the Charleston County Urban Entitlement Program was cancelled due to the agency's conflict and will be rescheduled.

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: Jerry Kaynard, Mayor Pro Tem  
Chauncey Clark, Councilman  
Hartley Cooper, Councilwoman  
Susan Middaugh, Councilwoman  
Pat O'Neil, Councilman  
Mary Jane Watson, Councilwoman

Mayor Pro-Tem Kaynard led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Councilwoman Watson. Mayor Pro-Tem Kaynard also paused for a period of silence in memory of Mayor Mike Perkis, and stated two plaques have been made in Mayor Perkis' honor. Town Council hopes to present it to Mrs. Perkis in the near future. Residents and one member of the media filled Town Hall.

**I. FORMAT** – Mayor Pro-Tem Kaynard opened the floor for comments.

Tim Reese, 305 Station 20, stated concern regarding three items: the affects the Gateway Project to be built on the Mt. Pleasant side of the causeway will have on Sullivan's Island; the parking situation, especially if Isle of Palms begins managed parking; and the Fire Station façade should be considered while designing the new Town Hall.

Linda Lee, Vice President of the Carolina Film Alliance, stated her concerns about Ordinance 2013-09 on the agenda.

Michael Mithoefer, 407 O'Neil, stated his concern regarding the tree survey, but understands his concern has been resolved.

Julia Khoury, 1728 l'on, stated she was glad Council agreed on the 6 inch diameter all tree species to be included in the survey; and would like an intelligent thought-out land plan involving experts.

Chad Waldorf, 3112 Marshall, stated he was present to answer any questions regarding the conservation easement for 3117 Marshall on the agenda.

Rusty Bennett, 3124 Marshall, stated he was present in support of the project with Chad Waldorf.

Alice Morrisey, 1652 Thompson, read a quote to Council about land use.

Norman Khoury, 1728 l'on, stated he supported the comments of Julia Khoury and Mike Mithoefer.

Nickie Bluestein, 2513 Atlantic, stated a newspaper article recently compared the property values of nearby island communities, and expressed concern about Sullivan's Island properties decreasing in value. He suggested to hire experts to determine what is happening to decrease value and the revenue received by the Town.

Barbara Spell, 1702 Atlantic, stated her concern of the potential Isle of Palms managed parking affecting Sullivan's Island, and inquired on when there will be public meetings on Sullivan's Island regarding the parking plan. Councilwoman Cooper stated that Council has publicly met in the past and decided not to have managed parking because SC DOT required the parking areas to be improved (paved). However, SC DOT has recently changed its philosophy and does not have that requirement. Mayor Pro-Tem Kaynard stated that the Town is watching the progress of the Isle of Palms' decision on managed parking, and can benefit from its progress. The Public Safety Committee will continue to monitor. Ms. Spell also inquired about the motion on the agenda concerning the Town Hall sewer tie-in. Councilwoman Middaugh responded she would explain during that portion of the meeting.

## **II. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Motion was made by Councilman Clark, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to approve the September 16, 2014 Regular Council meeting minutes, carried unanimously.**

**2. Motion was made by Councilwoman Middaugh, seconded by Councilman Clark, to approve a Resolution Committing Funds for the Town's Non-Federal Share of the cost for the Project Known as FEMA-DR-4166-SC, Sullivan's island Wastewater Treatment Plant Flood Proofing, carried unanimously.**

**3. Motion was made by Councilwoman Middaugh, seconded by Councilman Clark, to approve to tie-in the new Town Hall into the Sewer Treatment Plant by way of Gull Drive and Station 20-1/2 and authorize URS to update their engineering plan and provide cost estimates for project, carried unanimously.** Councilwoman Middaugh explained the new Town Hall needs to be tied-into the sewer plant. The current Town trailers are operating on temporary tanks that are not tied-in. There are two ways to tie-in the new Town Hall, and the Committee discussed the best route is to go down Station 20-1/2 from Gull Drive, and placing a manhole at the level where Town Hall will be for connection. Later improvements can be extended up Middle Street for the businesses there, as part of that project. This method will not cost any more than running it straight from the new Town Hall under the parking lots to the sewer plant.

**4. Motion was made by Councilwoman Watson, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to approve a Proclamation of Charleston STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Festival Day, carried unanimously.**

**5. Motion was made by Councilwoman Watson, seconded by Councilwoman Middaugh, to approve the Proclamation of Mental Health Awareness Day, carried unanimously.**

**6. Motion was made by Councilman Clark, seconded by Councilwoman Middaugh, to approve First Reading of Ordinance 2014-12, An Ordinance for the Sale of Lot 83-1/2 in the Town of Sullivan's Island (2624 Raven), carried unanimously. Administrator Benke stated a Special Council meeting will be held on October 28, 2014 at 8:15 am at Town Hall to have Second Reading of this Ordinance.**

**7. Motion was made by Councilwoman Watson, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to have Second Reading and Ratification of Ordinance No. 2014-11, An Ordinance Amending Section 14 to by adding Section 14-34 for a Lease Agreement with Battery Gadsden Cultural Center LLC, carried unanimously.**

**8. Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilwoman Middaugh, to have Second Reading and Ratification of Ordinance 2013-09, An Ordinance Amending Section 14-25 of the Code of the 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.**

**Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to amend the motion to reflect that the ordinance be approved with the edits that are shown on the edited version and are summarized on page Action -19 proposed items 1-6; and further to amend the crew sizes of the three classifications of permit fees in paragraph E on page Action -17 for (E) (1) Low impact film operation – cast and crew up to 15; (E) (2) Medium Impact Film Operation – Cast, Extras and Crew 16 to 50; (E)(3) High Impact Film Operation – Cast, Extras and Crew over 50, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to amend the motion to reflect that the ordinance with the title of the Ordinance 2013-09 to read: An Ordinance Amending Section 14-25 of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan's Island to Rescind the Section in tis Entirety; and, to Add Language to Section 10-20 Establishing Business License Fees for Major Motion Pictures, Made for Television Movies, National and Regional Commercials, and All Other Types of Filming, Video Recording and Photography, carried unanimously.**

**Motion to approve the ordinance, as amended twice, carried unanimously.**

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

**1. General and New Correspondence – Correspondence was received from Ned Hettinger regarding the accreted land; the State Budget and Control Board regarding a claim; and letters of sympathy on the death of Mayor Perkis were received from the Isle of Palms Water and Sewer Commission and the Charleston Water System.**

**2. Attorney Report - No report.**

**3. Boards and Commissions – No report.**

#### **IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Committee** – Mayor Pro-Tem Kaynard. Monthly report rendered. Revenues and expenses for September were as expected.

**Public Safety Committee** – Councilman Clark. Monthly reports rendered. The ladder truck will arrive in April or May 2015. The Polar Bear Swim and managed parking will be discussed in the near future.

**Water and Sewer Committee** – Councilwoman Middaugh. Monthly reports rendered. Work continues on the I&I project. The minutes of Water and Sewer October 17, 2014 meeting will be approved at the next meeting.

**Administration Committee** – Mayor Pro-Tem Kaynard. Monthly report rendered. Council confirmed the meeting date changes for regular meetings in 2015. There will be a Special Meeting of Council on October 28, 2014 at 8:15 a.m. for Second Reading and Ratification of Ordinance 2014-12 (sale of lot 83-1/2).

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

Special Meeting – A Special Meeting of Council was held at 4:30 this afternoon for executive session legal advice with Attorney Brady Hair. Councilman O’Neil stated that the lawyers will be ordering a survey of all trees in the accreted land.

RS Zoning District Conservation Easements – Consideration of establishing conservation easements on RS zoned parcels while allowing the standalone use of accessory structures on such parcels. A separate Committee meeting will be scheduled for this discussion.

**Public Facilities Committee** – Councilwoman Cooper. Monthly report rendered.

Town Hall Project – The Committee had consensus regarding the ceiling in the building and Creech & Associates will incorporate it into the Design Development documents.

**Recreation Committee** – Councilwoman Watson. The Moultrie News 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration in the Park went very well.

**Motion was made by Councilwoman Watson, seconded by Councilman O’Neil, to adjourn at 7:20 pm, carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen Miller