

November 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: 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 invited Amelia and Claudia Rose, children of Elizabeth and Josh Perkis and grandchildren of Mike and Linda Perkis, to lead the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance; followed by a prayer by Councilwoman Watson. Town Hall was filled with residents and one member of the media.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kaynard presented a Proclamation and gavel plaque honoring Mayor Perkis to Linda Perkis and the family. The Council members spoke briefly of their memories of Mayor Perkis; and Josh Perkis expressed appreciation from his family for the recognition of his father and his accomplishments, as well as their kind words. Josh said that his father did not have any envisions of serving on Council or becoming Mayor – he just wanted more relaxed leash laws to walk his dogs off-leash on cool winter mornings. After his father petitioned the Town to re-write the leash laws, it didn't take members of Town Council long to realize that he could be a valuable asset, on items not related to dogs as well. It was very important to his father that he be present at all the meetings, and he tried to coordinate his chemotherapy regime in order to be present and at his best for the meetings. He truly loved serving the Town; and was a genuinely honest man that always strived to do what was best for the Island and its residents.

I. FORMAT – Mayor Pro-Tem Kaynard opened the floor for comments at 6:35 p.m.

Hal Coste, 322 Station 19, requested Council assistance with a treehouse he started building in his backyard, but was issued a stop work order from the Town in February 2014. He gave a brief overview of the actions transpired, and submitted a packet to Council members.

Paul Boehm, 3209 Middle Street, stated he supported Hal Coste and his request for a treehouse.

Andrew Wunderley, program director at Charleston Waterkeeper, an environmental non-profit company that works to protect and restore the Charleston harbor estuary and waterways, encouraged Council to authorize approval for design work to complete a FEMA draft for updates to the treatment plant. Councilwoman Middaugh responded that the grant application has been submitted to FEMA and even if it is not awarded, the preliminary engineering report will still need to be done for work at the treatment plant. This will be discussed by Council at the December meetings.

Mark Howard, 1820 Central Ave., expressed concerns about the managed parking plan, and stated transparency and citizen input is needed regarding the plan. Councilman Clark responded that the Proclamation on the agenda tonight is to continue to plan in case Council decides to implement a plan based on what happens in other areas around the island. Barbara Spell inquired why the Public Safety Committee meeting was held mid-week in the afternoon instead of at a Council workshop. Mayor Pro-Tem Kaynard responded that the committees of Council gather information to make recommendations to Council at the regular meetings in order to keep the regular meetings to a reasonable amount of time. This particular Public Safety Committee meeting lasted one and one-half hours.

Sumter deBrux, 1903 Back Street, stated he is Hal Coste's next-door neighbor and he and his wife support the building of Mr. Coste's treehouse.

Orin Robin, a neighbor of Hal Coste, stated he also supported Mr. Coste's treehouse.

Bobby Thompson, 2917 I'on Ave., echoed the appreciation and regard for the Perkis family. Also, Mr. Thompson stated although there is a lawsuit by Mr. Coste regarding the treehouse, perhaps Council could call it a "special accessory structure", and direct the Planning Commission to rewrite part of the Code if needed.

II. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion was made by Councilman Clark, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to approve the October 21, 2014 Regular Council and October 28, 2014 Special Council meeting minutes, carried unanimously.

2. Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Clark, to appoint Councilwoman Watson to the vacancy on the Land Use and Natural Resource Committee, carried unanimously.

3. Request from Sullivan's Island Elementary School - The SC Safe Route organization performed a school safety assessment at the request of the school's Principal, Susan King. Ms. King stated the Safe Route organization, along with traffic representatives from SC DOT, walked the school parking lot and exit area during dismissal. A meeting with them, along with Fire Chief Stith, Police Chief Howard, Administrator Benke, teachers and parents resulted in recommendations involving action by the Town.

The requests are a paved sidewalk at Station 20-1/2, including a small change in the traffic pattern at the Fire Department's training facility parking lot in front of the school; as well as moving the fence at the training facility. The request to move the entrance of the Fire Department's training facility to the north end gate; and to move the fence at the training facility toward the street, will help to eliminate cars parking outside the fence and create a greater degree of separation from walkers, bikers, and motor vehicles.

Administrator Benke stated moving the entrance to the facility will need to be studied, as the entrance needs to be easily maneuvered by a fire truck. Also, the sidewalk placement will need a land service permit from OCRM, as well as perhaps an encroachment permit from SC DOT.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to authorize staff to pursue with engineering studies and construction of a sidewalk along I'on Avenue from

Station 20-1/2 to the entrance of the school, including an extension repair of existing sidewalk on Station 20-1/2; and to authorize spending up to \$12 K to have it built and designed, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Watson, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Kaynard, to approve Council reviewing the list from the Safe School Route Initiative that parents and staff have reviewed, and try to execute the recommendations, carried unanimously.

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 Middaugh, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to approve January 2, 2015 as Employee Appreciation Day, carried unanimously.

6. Motion was made by Councilman Clark, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to approve a Resolution Authorizing Establishment of a Managed Parking Plan on Sullivan's Island, carried unanimously. Councilman Clark stated that this resolution allows the staff to prepare a plan to possibly be used for managed parking if it is needed. Because the Isle of Palms has initiated to install managed parking, the Town needs to be prepared for this possibility.

III. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. **General and New Correspondence** – Correspondence was received from Simon Lancto regarding his Easgle Scout project and from Paul Boehm regarding Hal Coste's treehouse. In addition, Mayor Pro-Tem Kaynard stated he received a petition requesting adjustment of fence heights due to the coyote problem, correspondence from Chad Waldorf that his previous request for a conservation easement be deferred; and a packet from Mr. Hal Coste tonight regarding the treehouse.

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

3. **Boards and Commissions** –

Planning Commission - Chairman Gary Visser reported that while the Commission completed the Comprehensive Plan review and Council approved it; the Commission is now reviewing the individual elements to develop specific actions to forward to Council for review and action. The first element they have addressed is land use, and some recommendations were forwarded to Council which will go to the Land Use and Natural Resources Committee.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Mayor Pro-Tem Kaynard. Monthly report rendered. All expenses are as expected. An ordinance to increase the business license rates for 2015 will be introduced at the December meeting.

Public Safety Committee – Councilman Clark. Monthly reports rendered.

E-One 75 foot ladder truck – Chief Stith received a request from the Caromi Fire Department for the old ladder truck. Chief Stith stated this fire truck would enable the Caromi Fire Department to have a solid Class 3 Rating, even though the pump would still not be used. If the ladder truck was not donated, the Town would receive approximately nine cents per pound for scrap metal – approximately \$4,000.

Motion was made by Councilman Clark, seconded by Councilman O’Neil, to donate the ladder truck to Caromi Fire Department, carried unanimously.

Public Safety Committee Meeting – A Committee meeting was held on November 13, 2014 at 4 pm to discuss managed parking, **Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Kaynard, seconded by Councilman O’Neil, to approve the Minutes from the November 13, 2014 Public Safety meeting, carried unanimously.**

Upcoming Public Safety Committee Meeting – The next Public Safety Committee meeting will be held December 3, 2014 at 3:30 pm at Town Hall. Items on the agenda are general discussion on coyote management, the Polar Bear Swim and St. Patrick’s Day Celebration.

General Dynamics Land Systems – General Dynamics will return to Sullivan’s Island on February 16, 2015 for additional testing on the USMC Stryker vehicle. The Fire and Police Departments will assist as before.

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

Committee Minutes – **Motion was made by Councilman Clark, seconded by Councilwoman Middaugh, to approve the Committee minutes from October 17, 2014, carried unanimously.**

I&I Project – Manager Greg Gress gave an update on this project.

Special Meeting – A Special Meeting of Council will be held on December 1, 2014 before the regularly scheduled Workshop to have First Reading of Ordinance 2014-13, approval of funding for preliminary engineering report by HDR for Sewer Treatment Plant construction.

Administration Committee – Mayor Pro-Tem Kaynard. Monthly report rendered.

Charleston County Urban Entitlement Funding – Charleston County Community Services has rescheduled their 2015-2016 funding cycle public hearing at the Town of Sullivan’s Island for the Council meeting on January 20, 2015.

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

Committee Meeting – The next Committee meeting has been set for Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 4:00 pm at Town hall. Agenda items include accessory structures and conservation easement in residential zoning district; Station 16 nature trail; Sullivan’s Island Elementary School nature trail; FEMA insurance rebates and Biggert Waters reform review; accreted land management plan; and recent recommendations presented by the Planning Commission.

Councilwoman Cooper left the meeting at this time

Public Facilities Committee – Councilman Clark for Councilwoman Cooper. Monthly report rendered.

Town Hall Project – The Design documents by Creech and Associates should be ready soon for staff review.

Recreation Committee – Councilwoman Watson.

Boardwalk Resurfacing Station 22-1/2 – Councilwoman Watson’s recommendation for staff to proceed with resurfacing of boardwalk at Station 22-1/2 received Council consensus. This will be funded by Greenbelt funds.

Annual Gingerbread House Decorating – This function is open to all Island residents on December 7, 2014 from 2-4:30 at the Island Club.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Watson, seconded by Councilwoman Middaugh, to go into Executive Session at 8:07 pm, carried unanimously, 5-0.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Middaugh, seconded by Councilman O’Neil, to come out of Executive Session at 8:27 pm, carried unanimously, 4-0. (Councilwoman Watson left the meeting at 8:20 pm).

Mayor Pro-Tem Kaynard stated no votes or action was taken during Executive Session.

Motion was made by Councilman O’Neil, seconded by Councilman Clark, to counter-offer on the lot at 2618 Raven, carried unanimously, 4-0.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Middaugh, seconded by Councilman Clark to adjourn at 8:40 p.m., carried unanimously, 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen Miller