

James Island Intergovernmental Council
May 16, 2016

Meeting Summary

The James Island Intergovernmental Council meeting was held on Monday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Town of James Island, 1238-B Camp Road, James Island, SC 29412.

Present: James Island Town Council: Mayor Bill Woolsey, Leonard Blank, Darren “Troy” Mullinax, Garrett Milliken, Joshua Stokes. City of Charleston: Mayor John Tecklenburg, Chair Kathleen Wilson and Bill Moody. Charleston County Council: Joe Qualey. James Island PSD: Inez Brown-Crouch, Carter McMillan, William “Cubby” Wilder, and Eugene Platt. SC Senate: Paul Thurmond, Chip Campsen. SC House of Representatives: Peter McCoy

Chairwoman Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions: Chairwoman Wilson welcomed everyone and followed with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: Liz Singleton, Chris Dixon, Dr. Tempel, and Lyndy Palmer all spoke out against the proposed development called The Lively. Mr. Weinburger spoke out in favor of intergovernmental cooperation. Mr. Parker and Miss Cerquest (sp?) spoke about the need for a traffic light at Central Park and Riverland Rd.

Dills Bluff Sidewalk: Councilman Blank gave an update on the Town’s plans for a sidewalk along Dills Bluff Rd and requested that the City contribute to the part within their jurisdiction, in particular a section between Midvale and Seaside Lane. Chairwoman Wilson noted she would discuss this with City staff.

The Lively: Mayor Woolsey spoke out against the proposed density at this location. Councilman Qualey also spoke out against this development as well as the Gathering Place on Maybank Hwy. Commissioner The body passed a Resolution opposing The Lively development and all were in favor with Councilman Moody abstaining.

ReThink Folly Rd: Mayor Woolsey noted that he understands Stantec was working on a City project of synchronizing traffic lights to include those along Folly Rd and said the Town would like to be involved and contribute financially to making this happen. Chairwoman Wilson confirmed this was an ongoing initiative. During this discussion, Rep. McCoy said the latest update he had on the light at Folly and Grimball was installation by June of 2017 which he felt was unacceptable.

Traffic Signal at Ft. Johnson and Secessionville Rd. : Mayor Woolsey said they had received updates from DOT and the Town Administrator Ashley Kellahan spoke in regards to a meeting she had with District Manager Robert Clark. They had \$200k dedicated to making this a project, Mayor Woolsey suggested this body send the CHATS board a resolution requesting the additional funding. Rep. McCoy made a motion seconded by Councilman Mullinax and all were in favor.

Mikell and HBVR Traffic Signal: Mayor Woolsey said that himself, Councilman Blank and Councilman Qualey met with the Principal at Stiles Point Elementary. He said he felt the light that was currently in the plans would help the parents of the school, and while he didn’t personally feel too strongly for or against

it, he felt the traffic studies that were done must have shown it was needed. Councilman Stokes and Councilman Milliken thought it would have negative traffic impacts to take out. Rep. Thurmond thought we should put it rest and Commissioner McMillian felt it was ironic we were trying to take out a light that we had fought to get in. Chairwoman Wilson was also in favor of keeping the light but it would be up to the individual jurisdictions on how they feel.

Passive Park on HBVR: Councilman Milliken asked if there had been any development on acquiring property along HBVR for a park. Chairwoman Wilson said to her knowledge the seller won't budget on the asking price but the property appraised for much lower because its undevelopable. She said she would follow up with the City's real estate attorney.

Update on the Gathering Place: Chairwoman Wilson said that her and Councilman Moody sit on a T&T subcommittee and they revised Gathering Place ordinance came before them and they rejected it because it was worse than the original one. They have extended the moratorium.

MUSC property at Fort Johnson: Mayor Woolsey gave an overview of MUSC wanting to demolish buildings but needing the Town's approval for a demolition permit, and his desire to see a Ft Johnson park there to commemorate the site's significant history and desire to see the buildings, especially the Harbor Master's home, saved. Sen. Campsen thought it was a great idea and offered his assistance. Commissioner Brown-Crouch thought it would be good to make a Resolution in support of the Mayor working with Sen. Campsen on this issue, and Commissioner Wilder seconded that motion. All were in favor.

Updates re: various proposed developments: Councilman Milliken asked if there were planned developments in the works for the City soccer fields on Ft Johnson and behind the Food Lion. Chairwoman Wilson said she had heard rumors about the Ft. Johnson one as well but nothing had been submitted to City Planning so she didn't have any information. She said she was strongly opposed to a gathering place development behind the Food Lion and believed it was off the table.

Update on Libraries: Councilman Qualey said the Camp Rd library would remain open and would be renovated.

Before adjourning, Mayor Tecklenburg said the City was looking into improvements to Thomas Johnson park.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by:
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