

James Island Intergovernmental Council  
May 15, 2017

Meeting Summary

The James Island Intergovernmental Council meeting was held on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 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, Chair Leonard Blank, Joshua Stokes, Troy Mullinax, and Garrett Milliken. City of Charleston: Mayor John Tecklenburg, Kathleen Wilson and Dudley Gregorie. Charleston County Council: Joe Qualey. James Island PSD: Inez Brown-Crouch, Kathy Woolsey, Kay Kernodle, Sandi Engleman, and Eugene Platt. SC Senate: Chip Campsen.

Chairman Blank called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions: Chairman Blank welcomed everyone and followed with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Blank invited everyone to introduce himself or herself.

Public Comments: 15 residents addressed the body. The majority of residents were pleased with the City of Charleston's passing of a moratorium and pleased to see this group together addressing development concerns. Other issues raised included traffic, drainage, and the need for affordable housing.

ReThink Folly Road: Ryan McClure with the BCDCOG gave a brief update on the Rethink Folly Road Steering Committee. He noted Mayor Woolsey has been elected as Chair and City Councilwoman Wilson has been elected as Vice Chair. Mayor Woolsey noted that the Town of James Island has submitted for funding with the BCDCOG with its first Rethink Folly Road-guided project that includes sidewalk infill and parking improvements between Santee Street and Ellis Creek. McClure noted that project application was currently being reviewed.

Development on James Island: Platt made a motion proposing a 2-year moratorium. The motion was seconded by Milliken. The motion failed. Mayor Woolsey put forth a Resolution from the James Island Intergovernmental Council Regarding Development on James Island. Blank seconded the motion. Mayor Tecklenburg made a motion to amend the original motion to include 5 points to consider when developing a comprehensive plan for James Island. Those points to consider are affordable housing, the urban growth boundary, a joint Design Review Board, drainage improvements, and the Folly Road Overlay. Mayor Woolsey seconded the motion to amend and it passed unanimously. The motion as amended also passed unanimously.

James Island Intersection and Pedestrian Improvement: Devri Detoma with the Charleston County Transportation Department gave an overview of the projects they are working on as approved with the adoption of the ½ cent sales tax. Those projects include the Central Park Road Corridor and intersection improvements at Riverland Drive, Fort Johnson at Secessionville Rd Intersection Improvements, Fort Johnson at Camp Intersection Improvements, and Folly Rd Sidewalk Infill. There has been a preliminary meeting with stakeholders, the City of Charleston and Charleston County have identified the intersection of Central Park and Riverland as their priority and the Town of James Island has identified the intersection of Fort Johnson at Secessionville as its priority. Detoma says consultants are moving forward on these projects and she is hopeful all of these projects can be funded with the \$15 Million dollar budget as approved by County Council.

Harbor View Road Flashing Lights: Mayor Woolsey said he has received input from citizens requesting that the new lights along Harbor View Road become flashing during non-peak traffic times. Councilwoman Wilson said she has spoken with their transportation staff and sensors have been embedded so that the timing is improved. She also noted SCDOT has said they assume additional liability when traffic lights become flashing so she does not believe it would be approved. Chairman Blank said we should reevaluate the lights at the next meeting scheduled in October after we have had 6 months to evaluate the new traffic patterns and effectiveness of the traffic sensors.

Joint Greenbelt Applications: Councilman Mullinax would like to look into the municipalities putting forth joint Greenbelt applications once funding becomes available again. He believes a good bit of work has already been done by residents of the Harbor Creek subdivision and others to develop an idea for a park on vacant parcels along Harbor View Road. Councilman Milliken noted that he attended the first Greenbelt program meeting and the Director Cathy Ruff spoke in favor of joint applications for funding and said Charleston Water Systems has shown interest in contributing funding. Chairman Blank said this would be worthwhile to continue working on once we have a better idea of how much funds will be allotted to each municipality.

Flooding at Folly and Fort Johnson.: Mayor Woolsey passed around a picture and map showing flooding at this intersection and has communicated this ongoing problem to SCDOT for years. The intersection is mixed City and Town jurisdiction, and is within SCDOT Right of Way. He recently received a commitment from SCDOT to camera the drainage system and by the end of July should have a plan of action on how to address.

Mayor Tecklenburg requested that this body meet every other month during the moratorium. All agreed and the next meeting to discuss progress on the recently adopted resolution will be held in July.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45.

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