

James Island Intergovernmental Council
September 25, 2019

Meeting Summary

The James Island Intergovernmental Council meeting was held on Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Town of James Island, 1122 Dills Bluff Road, James Island, SC 29412.

Present: James Island Town Council: Mayor Bill Woolsey and Councilmen Leonard Blank, Joshua Stokes, Troy Mullinax, and Garrett Milliken. City of Charleston: Councilwoman Carol Jackson. Charleston County Council: Jenny Honeycutt. James Island PSD: Commissioners Inez Brown-Crouch, Kathy Woolsey, Eugene Platt and Alan Laughlin. SC Senate: Sen. Chip Campsen and Sen. Sandy Senn. SC House: Rep. Peter McCoy

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Motions were made and seconded for Commissioner Kathy Woolsey to serve as Chair and Councilwoman Jenny Honeycutt to serve as Vice Chair. The motions carried. Public Comments: 8 residents addressed the body with their concerns and/or announcements.

ReThink Folly Road: Rachel Panik with Toole Design Group addressed the body. She gave an overview of their goals and initiatives for how to move the ReThink Folly Rd. Steering Committee forward as the hired consultant. They are working on prioritizing and fleshing out the implementation matrix that exists within the plan, developing rules and procedures for the steering committee, pursuing new funding opportunities for further phases of the plan, and marketing the ReThink Folly brand to the public and business owners for more and continued engagement.

Pedestrian Improvements on Maybank Highway: Keith Benjamin, the City of Charleston's Transportation Director gave an update on the plans to improve pedestrian safety along Maybank Highway which includes improved crosswalks, widened sidewalks and median space for pedestrian refuge.

Debris Removal / Clean-up: Chris Wannamaker, the Charleston County Stormwater Program Manager gave an overview of disaster clean-up following Hurricane Dorian. The County's debris removal contracts were engaged with the various local governments and while clean-up efforts are ongoing, they anticipate being completed by the Thanksgiving holiday.

Pollution of James Island Creek / Discussion of Harborview Force Main Leak: Baker Mordecai, the Director of Wastewater Collection Dept. for Charleston Water Systems, gave an overview of the repair to the sewer force main that occurred during Aug. 14th thru Aug. 18th of 2019. He gave an account of the bacteria levels during and after the Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) and noted that three days after the SSO the levels were within the safe range for water activities. CWS's goals and strategies moving forward are to partner with other agencies to improve the water quality, collaborate with the JIPSD to improve their systems and opportunities for more resiliency, and ensure their operations within the watersheds support and protect the environment.

James Island Creek Water Quality - Andrew Wunderley with Charleston Waterkeeper gave an overview of their organization and what they are doing to help protect and improve the water quality of

James Island Creek. This is mainly done through routine monitoring and testing and noted that they only have 1 full-time staff person, himself, and are exploring more opportunities for partnerships with the stakeholders of James Island Creek.

James Island Basin Delineation / Prioritization: Matt Fountain, Director of Stormwater Management, discussed the Island-Wide Basin Delineation project that has now been completed by the participating jurisdictions (Town, City and County) and their consultant, Thomas & Hutton. The study delineated 30 basins for James Island and pooled together all the drainage inventory, work orders, etc. to devise a prioritization of each basin. The consultants also presented possible options for drainage projects that could be further evaluated for improvement projects, and the jurisdictions plan to host with Thomas & Hutton in October a workshop to present this study to the public.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by:

Ashley Kellahan

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Town Administrator
Town of James Island