

The Town of James Island held its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 1122 Dills Bluff Road, James Island, SC, Thursday, February 20, 2020. The following members of Council were present: Daniel C. Boles, Dr. Cynthia Mignano, Garrett Milliken, Darren “Troy” Mullinax, and Mayor Bill Woolsey presided. Also, Ashley Kellahan, Town Administrator, Attorney Brandon Reeser, (for Town Attorney Bo Wilson), Mark Johnson, Public Works Director, Kristen Crane, Planning Director, Sgt. Martin, Island Sheriff’s Patrol (for Sgt. Shawn James), and Frances Simmons, Town Clerk.

Opening Exercises: Mayor Woolsey called the meeting to order and led Council in prayer. FOIA: This meeting was published and noticed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of James Island.

Mayor Woolsey moved to amend the agenda. He said the underlined language for Ordinance #2020-02 correctly adds Vehicle Sales to Prohibited Uses to Sections 1 and 11 on the agenda correcting an error on the original agenda. Councilman Mullinax seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing: Ordinance #2020-01: Proposed Amendments to the Town of James Island Zoning and Land Use Development Regulations Ordinance (ZLDR) §153.332 Off-Street Parking and Loading: Addition of Section J “Bicycle Parking” with standards for bicycle parking facilities: Mayor Woolsey opened the Public Hearing. No one signed in to speak. Public Hearing closed.

Ordinance #2020-02: Proposed Amendments to the Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance (ZLDR) §153.093, Folly Road Corridor overlay District Adding Vehicles Sales as a Prohibited Use: Mayor Woolsey opened the Public Hearing. No one signed in to speak. Public Hearing closed.

Tribute to James T. Fralix, Jr.: Mayor Woolsey paid tribute to Jim Fralix, a long-time member of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) who recently passed and presented his family with a plaque in appreciation for his service to the Town and the BZA.

Presentation of Community Hero Awards by James Island Pride:

- Proclamation Honoring Community Heroes: Councilman Milliken read a Proclamation honoring the 2019 recipients: Keith Bolus, Angela Childs-Kindred, Hal Hanvey, and Arleen Stewart. Motion in favor by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Mayor Woolsey. Passed unanimously.

Councilman Milliken recognized Amy Ball, Chairwoman of James Island Pride Council. Ms. Ball recognized each hero and asked their nominee to share why they were selected. [Synopsis](#) attached. Each hero received a certificate and a name stake that will be placed at a tree planted in their honor. Arleen Stewart will be recognized at the March Town Council meeting.

Public Comment: The following person addressed Council:

Mary Ann Henry, 825 W. Madison Ave., Ms. Henry made a complaint about loud, amplified music coming from businesses at 815 Folly Road, (Smoke and Brew) affecting residents in the Centerville subdivision. She distributed to Council a copy of its Noise Ordinance. Mrs. Henry provided the attached [letter](#) for the record.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes of January 16, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Councilman Boles, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Councilman Milliken moved to amend the minutes with corrections: Pg. 3, change CRC to TRC; Pg. 5, add Ordinance #

2019-13 to Second Reading/Final Reading of the Purchasing Procedures Ordinance. Councilman Mullinax seconded and the minutes were approved as amended.

Information Reports:

Finance Report: Mrs. Kellahan, Town Administrator, gave a brief overview of January's finances and the report was accepted as information.

Administrator Report: Mrs. Kellahan reviewed the Administrator's report and reminded Council about the upcoming Budget Workshop scheduled for Thursday, March 5 at 6 p.m. Councilman Milliken thanked Mrs. Kellahan and Mr. Hackett for representing the Town at the Plastics Workshop. Report accepted as information.

Public Works Report: Mr. Johnson gave an overview of public works activities for January and his report was accepted as information.

Island Sheriffs' Patrol Report: Sgt. Martin provided the monthly Island Sheriffs' Patrol and crime statistics reports. Mayor Woolsey gave him a copy of the Town's Noise Ordinance per the comments expressed by resident during the Public Comments.

Requests for Approval:

Internet Streaming of Town Council Meetings: Councilman Boles spoke about live streaming Town Council meetings. He said a lot of people saw the live streaming hosted by the League of Women Voters during the campaign. He said this could be done with an i-phone and it would be good for Council to do; especially during adverse weather when citizens cannot attend meetings and also for transparency. Mrs. Kellahan is looking into costs to do this. Councilman Boles motioned for approval to move forward and Councilman Mullinax seconded.

Councilman Milliken said he liked that Charleston County has written records of their meetings and also the video recordings. He asked the possibility of the Town saving recorded meetings on the website for residents. Councilman Boles gave the sources used for automatic storage (i.e., U-Tube, links) or hosting could be done by the Town. Councilman Boles said he understands the cost is very low to do this. Motion passed unanimously.

Traffic Calming Policy Revisions: Mrs. Kellahan presented a revised version of the Town's Traffic Calming Policy with changes highlighted in red. She said the changes would allow staff and Council to have more discretion when implementing and recommending speed humps in neighborhoods. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Mullinax, seconded by Councilwoman Mignano.

Councilman Boles said the revision contained some helpful changes, but other parts needed more discussion. He is concerned about ambiguity with traffic calming because it matters a lot to people and it could become personal and heated. He said the proposed amendments addresses some of the vagueness in the prior policy; however, other areas need more work. Councilman Boles moved to defer approval; Councilman Milliken seconded. Mayor Woolsey opposed deferring because the policy is good and if changes are needed it could be amended. Councilman Boles said rather than continuing to make amendments, lofty changes should be made at one time so that everyone has a concrete guidepost to follow. Motion to Defer Passed 4-1; Mayor Woolsey voted No.

James Island Arts & Cultural Center Interior Renovation/Furniture Package Planning and Bidding: Mrs. Kellahan said Town Council had voted to move forward contingent upon the amendment of the lease. That request has gone before the County Council Finance Committee and was approved 7-1 for a five-year lease, with the option to renew for five years. Mrs. Kellahan asked Town Council to move forward with the

construction drawings and bidding for the old library space. Motion in favor was made by Mayor Woolsey, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Councilman Milliken expressed concern about the condition of the building's roof and air-conditioning. He commented on having a sound building before making it nice on the inside. Councilwoman Mignano said she wants a Cultural Center but has concerns about a ten-year lease. It should be longer, and changes should be made to make it usable. There was discussion about lease vs. ownership and Councilman Mullinax expressed interest in purchase. Mayor Woolsey gave his recommendations to move forward. After discussion, Councilman Boles moved to defer the request to ask members of Charleston County Council look at the building and see if they are on board with the Town's Plan, Councilwoman Mignano seconded. Motion to Defer Passed 4-1; Mayor Woolsey voted No.

Pinckney Park Storage Building: Mrs. Kellahan presented a request for the purchase of a Tuff Shed from Home Depot in the amount of \$22,535 for storage at Pinckney Park. Motion was made by Councilman Boles, seconded by Councilwoman Mignano and passed unanimously.

Storm Drain Cleaning and Camera Work in Lynwood: Mrs. Kellahan presented a request from Eadie's for storm drainage cleaning and camera work at an estimated cost of \$29,520. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Boles and passed unanimously.

Up to \$20,000 to Initiate Town Tree Inventory: Councilman Milliken spoke and moved in support of initiating up to \$20,000 to inventory trees in the Town: right-of-way trees, the condition, and systematic map of canopy. Councilman Mullinax seconded. A specific plan for concept will come to Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Tree Removals in Drainage Easement: Mrs. Kellahan discussed and presented a request for the removal of a dead Water Oak leaning towards neighboring property on Canopy Cove Drive. The cost of \$3,550 was submitted by Murray Tree Care. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Boles, seconded by Councilwoman Mignano and passed unanimously.

Additions to Regular Groundskeeping Work: Mrs. Kellahan presented a request for Heart Pine to provide additional monthly maintenance @ the triangle of North Shore and Harborview; former James Island Library; and the causeway on Dills Bluff for total of \$270. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Boles, seconded by Councilman Milliken and passed unanimously.

Driveway Apron/Drainage Repairs: Mrs. Kellahan presented an estimate from Charleston County Public Works for driveway apron repairs at 1062 Renwood Dr. @ \$9,085 and 1429 Downwood Place @ \$7,502. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Boles. During the discussion Councilman Milliken asked the number of repairs that may be going forward because of price. Mr. Johnson stated that 24 are in the que that are complaint driven; however, this number does not include all that are in the Town that may need repair. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Land Use Committee: Councilwoman Mignano reported on her meeting with Planning Director, Kristen Crane that included discussion regarding sidewalks on Nabors. Councilwoman Mignano announced that she will be doing a community coffee hour once a month.

Environment and Beautification Committee: Councilman Milliken reported on the Litter Pickup on February 8. 20 volunteers collected 58 bags of litter and afterward JIPSD Commissioner Inez Brown-Crouch spoke about the founding of James Island Pride. Helping Hands will begin servicing in March. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Chair, Stan Kozikowski at (860) 847-0544.

Children's Committee: No report.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman Mullinax announced that the Neighborhood Council would meet on Thursday, February 27 @ 7:00 p.m.

History Committee: Mayor Woolsey reported that the History Council met on Tuesday, February 4 @ 6:00 p.m. and he was unable to attend due to being out of town.

Rethink Folly Road Committee: Mayor Woolsey reported that the Toole Group is hosting the Rethink Folly Road “State of the Plan” event on Wednesday, March 11, 4:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m. at Martin’s BBQ and the community is invited. Mayor Woolsey passed around the new logo. [Attached](#).

Drainage Committee: Councilman Mullinax reported that the Drainage Committee met on Wednesday, February 12 and representatives from the City, County and Town discussed various drainage issues. The next meeting will be held in mid-May; date to be determined.

Business Development Committee: Councilman Boles reported that the Council met January 23 and had a good turn-out, but they are one member short. Discussion at the March meeting will include an island-wide business directory (printed, digital or both), the bicycle ordinance and how it may affect businesses. Councilman Boles will provide the time of the meeting to the Town Clerk.

Nomination to Business Development Council: Mayor Woolsey moved for the appointment of Mrs. Donna Parrish, Councilman Mullinax seconded and the appointment passed unanimously.

Trees Advisory Committee: Councilman Milliken reported that the Trees Advisory Council met on February 22 and discussed a missions statement, progress on an application to Tree City USA, and a tree census. The next meeting is scheduled March 10 @ 5:30 p.m.

James Island Intergovernmental Council (JIIC): Mayor Woolsey reported that the JIIC met in January and at that meeting two resolutions were approved: 1) Ratification Resolution for Cooperation to Reestablish and Maintain Drainage, and 2) Ratified Resolution to Jointly Undertake Water Quality Improvements of James Island Creek.

Proclamations and Resolutions:

National 2020 Women in Construction Week: Motion in favor was made by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Mullinax and passed unanimously.

Resolution #2020-01: Island Sheriffs Patrol Deputy of Fourth Quarter: Mayor Woolsey recognized Deputy Jacob Brueckner, Island Sheriff’s Patrol Deputy of the Fourth Quarter and read a proclamation for his outstanding service and accomplishments. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Boles and passed unanimously.

Resolution #2020-02 Island Sheriffs Patrol Deputy of the Year: Mayor Woolsey recognized Deputy Jesse Leszczynski as the Island Sheriffs Patrol Deputy of the Year. Mayor Woolsey thanked him for the job he is doing for the Town that earned him this recognition. Councilman Milliken moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Mignano and passed unanimously.

Resolution #2020-03 Support of Charleston County FY 2021 Transportation Sales Tax Annual Allocation (TST) Program: Mrs. Kellahan gave an overview of the request for funding Dills Bluff Sidewalk, Phase III from Seaside Lane to Condon Dr. through TST funding. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Mullinax and passed unanimously.

Resolution # 2020-04: Amendment to Resolution Regarding Policies of Committees of Town Council: Mrs. Kellahan presented an overview based upon recommendations from Council at a recent Workshop for the restructuring of Committees of Town Council. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Mullinax and passed unanimously.

Resolution #2020-05: Amendment to Resolution Regarding Citizen Advisory Councils of the Town of James Island: Mrs. Kellahan presented an overview of the recommended changes for Town Advisory Councils. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Mullinax, seconded by Councilwoman Mignano and passed unanimously.

Ordinances up for Second/Final Reading: None.

Ordinances up for First Reading:

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Ordinance #2020-02: Proposed Amendments to the Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance (ZLDR) §153.093 Folly Road Overlay District Adding Vehicle Sales as a Prohibited Use: Motion in favor was made by Councilman Mullinax, seconded by Councilwoman Mignano. As discussion followed, Councilman Milliken said he thought on the Land Use Table that use was not allowed anyway for Community Commercial and Mrs. Crane replied that it is allowed.

Councilman Milliken asked the procedure to add other prohibited uses and Mayor Woolsey gave the procedure and said that it would go to the Planning Commission for its review. Councilman Milliken moved to amend the motion to remand to the Planning Commission to prohibit hotels and motels in all districts, Councilman Boles seconded. Vote on the Amended Motion passed 4-1; Mayor Woolsey voted No. Vote on Main Motion as Amended passed 4-1; Mayor Woolsey voted No.

Executive Session: Town Council entered into an executive session at 8:20 p.m. upon motion by Mayor Woolsey and second by Councilman Milliken in accordance with 30-4-70(a) Code of Laws of South Carolina for the purpose of discussing contractual matters and legal advice on Camp and Folly and for Island Sheriffs Patrol full-time employee.

Return to Regular Session: Council returned to regular session at 9:30 p.m. Mayor Woolsey announced that no votes were taken during the executive session.

New Business:

Discussion of Increasing the Size of Town Council: Not discussed.

Announcements/Closing Comments: None

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Frances Simmons
Town Clerk