

The Town of James Island held its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 1122 Dills Bluff Rd. James Island, SC Thursday, November 19, 2020 by Zoom. Councilmembers present: Boles, Milliken, Mullinax, and Mayor Woolsey, presided. Absent: Councilwoman Mignano (gave notice). Also, Town Administrator, Ashley Kellahan, Town Attorney, Bonum S. Wilson, Finance Director, Merrell Roe, Public Works Director, Mark Johnson, Island Sheriff's Patrol, Sgt. Shawn James, and Town Clerk, Frances Simmons. A quorum was present to conduct business.

This meeting was held in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of James Island. Information was provided to the public for participation in this meeting.

Presentation of 2019-2020 Financial Statement: Love Bailey, CPA: Council heard a presentation of the 2019-2020 Financial Statements ending June 30 by Auditor, Gary Bailey of Love Bailey, CPA. Mr. Bailey gave an overview of the government fund balance, revenues and expenses, journal entries, State Retirement, and capital assets. The Town received a clean audit with overall good reserves and financial processes in place. Copy of audit provided to Council. Audit accepted as information.

Public Comment: Mr. Tom Sheridan spoke in opposition to the Town passing the Climate Change Resolution scheduled for December's meeting. Mr. Sheridan said he found the language in the Resolution needlessly alarming with no compromise, solutions, or alternatives. He is especially concerned about the word "emergency" which is talk that the government taking something away. He found the template for the Resolution online with the same language and minor edits on climate mobilization.org. He said the organization is a well-funded organized movement that encourage climate activism and lists outrageous steps that sounds like a revolution. He said the first step is for Town Council to declare a climate change and the Resolution that Council will consider in December would kickstart the mobilization. He believes 500 towns internationally has done this and the organization puts political pressure on the President to declare a national emergency bypassing Congress and takes away citizens' rights. He asked Council to find positive solutions and not enforce this Resolution; to demonstrate courage and wisdom and vote no.

Mrs. Susan Milliken, Commissioner-Elect, James Island PSD: Mrs. Milliken said she wanted to speak because listening to the audit presentation it appears the Town has a little more money than what it thought. She would like to ask the Town to do something for the residents in unincorporated Charleston County. She said one of the reasons she ran for the PSD is concern that Town residents receive a tax credit and those in unincorporated Charleston County/PSD do not (asked to be corrected if this statement was incorrect). She said if residents in unincorporated Charleston County will not get a tax credit, she would like to ask the Town to do something for them. Taxes in unincorporated Charleston County has gone up since 2019 and the residents suffered another high with the reassessment. She asked the Town to look into doing some drainage projects for them and the Town had to cut out a lot of those neighborhoods when it incorporated in 2012. There are no annexation bills pending or plans to get them back. The Town has not hired another lobbyist or met with the new state representatives about this. Mrs. Milliken said it is not right to give Town residents a tax credit and not those who were cut out. She stated that before Council tonight is a MOU about water quality testing. She asked if the Town could pay double and open water quality testing in the Central Park Rd. corridor where the creek overflows, in Sol Legare or Grimball, and do more for the residents in unincorporated Charleston County... she thinks the Town could.

Emails received from the following persons supporting the MOU with the City of Charleston for the Folly Rd. Green Bike Lanes Maintenance Agreement:

Bo Cordie
Chase Anderson
Priscilla Shumway

Clyde Terrell
Katie Zimmerman, Charleston Moves
Greg Garvan
Liam Trant
T. Toelkes
David M. Wood
Richard Stuhr
Lauren Gellatly

Email from Henrietta Martin, neighborhood rep. for Greenhill/Honeyhill requested drainage improvement for the community.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes: October 15, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting
- b. Minutes: November 5, 2020 Special Town Council Meeting
- c. 2020 Small Business Saturday Proclamation

Motion in favor was made by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Mullinax.

Vote:

Councilman Boles Yes
Councilman Milliken Yes
Councilman Mullinax Yes
Mayor Woolsey Yes
Passed Unanimously

Election of Mayor Pro-Tem: Mayor Woolsey announced that Mayor Pro-Tem Milliken’s term is up and there is a vacancy for this position. Councilman Milliken said he enjoyed his time as Mayor Pro-Tem. It has been a good way to learn some of the duties of the Mayor, albeit, a small amount. He said it would be worthwhile to rotate this position like other municipalities do and not have a Mayor Pro-Tem in perpetuity. Councilman Milliken moved to nominate Darren “Troy” Mullinax. He would like the Mayor Pro-Tem to serve a one-year rotation so that all Council could gain experience and appreciate some of the duties involved. Mayor Woolsey seconded. No other nominations came forth.

Vote:

Councilman Boles Yes
Councilman Milliken Yes
Councilman Mullinax Yes
Mayor Woolsey Yes
Passed Unanimously

Mayor Woolsey congratulated Councilman Mullinax on his appointment and thanked Councilman Milliken for a year well served.

Information Reports: Finance Report: Finance Director, Merrell Roe, gave an overview of the Finance Report and highlighted revenues and expenditures for the month.

Councilman Milliken had a question about the JIPSD Fire and Solid Waste Services. He asked if the audit we just had is what we paid for under audit expense and Ms. Roe said no. Councilman Milliken asked for

an explanation and Mayor Woolsey said it is for the Town to pay a limited amount to the PSD to audit tax bills for Town residents. He said if the PSD auditor use those expenditures they would bill the Town up to a limited amount. Councilman Milliken said he thought it was decided that the administrative fee and audit would be removed from our budget and Mayor Woolsey said the administrative fee was removed, not the audit expense. We have not been invoiced for any expenses last year. This money is budgeted for next year.

Councilman Milliken said he did not understand why we are paying audit expenses for money that we are giving to the PSD and Mayor Woolsey explained it is to compensate the cost of auditing the tax bills to make sure credit amounts are fair. Councilman Milliken asked to have placed on next month's agenda a way to modify our budget to remove those items and reallocate those funds to something else. Mayor Woolsey said he could place the item on the agenda and seek to amend the agenda, however, we have an agreement with the PSD to make payment at some time when they audit.

Councilman Boles asked if an audit had been done in the past and would like to see it. After brief discussion, Mayor Woolsey asked the Town Administrator to follow up on this request. Councilman Boles said he would like to have information for 3-5 years or however long the Town has been paying. Mayor Woolsey said it has only been one year and the audit is to detect any discrepancies. Councilman Milliken asked to see the report also and Mayor Woolsey said it would be provided to all of Council.

Administrator's Report: Town Administrator, Ashley Kellahan provided an overview of the written report. Councilman Boles complimented Ms. Roe, and Mrs. Kellahan for doing an outstanding job on the audit.

Public Works: Public Works Director, Mark Johnson, provided an overview of the written report.

Island Sheriff's Patrol Report: Sgt. Shawn James provided the Crime and Island Sheriff's Patrol Reports. He announced that County Sheriff -Elect Kristin Graziano will take office on January 5. Councilman Boles asked Sgt. James to think of ways the Town could help the Sheriffs' Deputies with what they need. Sgt. James said he would take that into consideration. He noted that the deputies are striving to get out of their cars more just to talk to people.

Requests for Approval:

Holiday Festival of Lights- Traffic Review Proposal: Mrs. Kellahan reported that the Town was approached by Charleston County PRC Director, David Bennett for us to work with them to improve the traffic congestion at the Holiday Festival of Lights this year. The Festival draws large crowds and impacts surrounding neighborhoods with traffic congestion. The goal is to find ways to help alleviate these traffic concerns and allow residents and visitors a good experience at JI County Park as it is an important tourism generator. CCPRC has approached Santec Engineering because they conducted a traffic light study along Folly Road a few years ago to look into a scope and fee and make recommendations for improvements. Mrs. Kellahan said Andy Egan, Stantec Engineer, is on the call to answer questions. She said the Town would manage the contract with Stantec under its existing IDC agreement and contribute a third of the \$9,500 cost, a total of \$2,850. The remaining 2/3 cost would be paid by CCPRC and the City would possibly contribute. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Mullinax, seconded by Mayor Woolsey.

Councilman Milliken said this is an exceptional year to do any kind of traffic study mainly because he is unsure if the traffic patterns would conform to things in last year's context or this year's because of the virus. He said CCPRC has changed some things, such as no Santa Village or train this year, but he doesn't think it would inhibit too much traffic going through the Festival because it is something that is done in a car and hard to get an accurate study. Councilman Milliken said the request is a low cost and if some solutions could be made that would be great. One of his concerns is getting lights on the new traffic circle

because it is extremely dark at night and he worries for people going to the Festival at night. He said if there is a way to get temporary lighting that would be good but that is beyond the scope of this request. He is concerned with what the data would be, and it may be a good idea to do this again after COVID for a comparison. Mrs. Kellahan commented that traffic is likely to be worse this year because people cannot get out of their cars. Mayor Woolsey asked where the funds would come from and Mrs. Kellahan said either hospitality or accommodations and the source would be verified.

Vote

Councilman Boles	Yes
Councilman Milliken	Yes
Councilman Mullinax	Yes
Mayor Woolsey	Yes
Passed Unanimously	

Repair Care Estimate: Mrs. Kellahan presented for approval the installation of a water heater and related damages caused by the old one for a resident through the Repair Care Program, \$3,000. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Councilman Milliken corrected the word joyces should be joyce.

Vote

Councilman Boles	Yes
Councilman Milliken	Yes
Councilman Mullinax	Yes
Mayor Woolsey	Yes
Passed Unanimously	

MOU with City of Charleston – Folly Rd. Green Bikes Lane Maintenance Agreement: Mrs. Kellahan announced that Paul Ford, (Engineer with Revere and County) is on call to answer questions. Mrs. Kellahan said this is maintenance of the bike lanes to be installed under Phase I, \$133,000 anticipated to be done every 5-6 years. She said because Phase I is mainly in the Town’s Commercial Core, our share would be 70% and the City 30%. The City has already signed their agreement. Once the maintenance agreement is executed, the DOT would be able to release the project and begin the R-O-W acquisition along the project. Mayor Woolsey asked and Mrs. Kellahan confirmed that this would include the lease of the sidewalk portion of the project.

Motion in favor was made by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Councilman Milliken stated that we have had some bike lanes on Harbor View Road for some time and they get overgrown quickly particularly on the causeway and does not understand why those are not being maintained. He asked if there is a way to expand this to all bike lanes on James Island because the City and the Town has a role on Harbor View Road. He would like to see work done on the bike lanes because a lot of debris ends up clogging the drainage system and the maintenance there would be a double benefit not only keeping the lanes clear, but also the drainage system. Councilman Milliken said he realizes this is beyond the scope of this project but would like the Town to consider expanding the maintenance of bike lanes on James Island. Mayor Woolsey said this is a good idea. He said the Town’s maintenance doesn’t go to the causeway; it ends at North Shore. He said an agreement with the City would be desirable and he almost feels that we missed the boat on that when the project was done. He will report back on who is responsible for maintaining the bike lanes for that project and discuss an agreement to share responsibility with the City of Charleston.

Vote

Councilman Boles	Yes
Councilman Milliken	Yes
Councilman Mullinax	Yes
Mayor Woolsey	Yes

Passed Unanimously

MOU with Charleston County for JI Creek TMDL MS4 Monitoring: Mrs. Kellahan presented the cost share agreement with Charleston County and the City of Charleston for monitoring and testing, a part of DHEC mandate, and the cleaning of James Island Creek, The Town's share is based on the percentage of its jurisdiction that drains into the creek at an annual cost of \$14,000. Charleston County will manage the project under one of its existing contracts with Wofford Engineering. Chris Wannamaker with Charleston County was on the call to answer questions. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Mullinax, No discussion.

Vote

Councilman Boles	Yes
Councilman Milliken	Yes
Councilman Mullinax	Yes
Mayor Woolsey	Yes

Passed Unanimously

Scope and Fee- Sidewalk Extension and Repair on Camp Road: Mrs. Kellahan said this is a small project but is one that we have been looking at doing for some time because it would complete the connectivity along Camp Road, (a missing section of sidewalk in front of the old middle school). Also, there is a broken sidewalk in front of Payne Church they are requesting the Town to repair. The scope and fee from Johnson Laschober & Associates is \$8,000. Motion in favor by Councilman Mullinax, seconded by Councilman Milliken. Mayor Woolsey said he is looking forward to the completion of the sidewalk from Folly to Riverland Drive to the County Park for its walkability.

Vote

Councilman Boles	Yes
Councilman Milliken	Yes
Councilman Mullinax	Yes
Mayor Woolsey	Yes

Passed Unanimously

Scope and Fee from Latham Consulting for BRIC Grant: Mrs. Kellahan stated that Jannie Lathan is on the call to answer questions. The BRIC Grant is a new FEMA Grant. Mrs. Kellahan said that we have been working on the Greenhill/Honeyhill drainage for some time and this is a good project for this grant and hopefully matching funds from the Department of Commerce. She said a part of this grant is a commitment from the Town for a 25% cost share. This is competitive grant and any amount above the 25% would have better results. Mrs. Kellahan said a 25% cost share would be \$62,000 and 30% would be \$74,000.

Mrs. Kellahan recommended a 30% match from the Town. Motion in favor was made by Mayor Woolsey, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Councilman Mullinax commended the staff's efforts in helping to secure this grant and he is pleased that we are able to do some long standing drainage projects.

Vote

Councilman Boles	Yes
Councilman Milliken	Yes
Councilman Mullinax	Yes
Mayor Woolsey	Yes

Passed Unanimously

Scope and Fee for Drainage Study along Schooner Road: Mrs. Kellahan presented the scope and fee from Davis and Floyd for Schooner Road. She informed Council that Ryne Phillips, Civil Engineer, is on the call to answer questions. The scope and fee is to look into drainage conditions along Schooner Road that backs up to a city neighborhood and recommend improvements. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Mullinax, seconded by Mayor Woolsey. Councilman Milliken asked if this was the same issue with the Belle Terre drainage that affected residents on Schooner Rd. He asked the status of the letter that was sent to the Belle Terre HOA and to the City in September. Mrs. Kellahan said it is the same situation and we did not hear back from the HOA or the City. Councilman Milliken asked if we are to fix their problems and Mrs. Kellahan said the request is a study to determine whose problem it is and to recommend ways to improve the level of service. Cost of the study is \$15,000. Councilman Milliken asked if this cost could be reclaimed if it were litigated and Mayor Woolsey said perhaps.

Vote

Councilman Boles	Yes
Councilman Milliken	Yes
Councilman Mullinax	Yes
Mayor Woolsey	Yes

Passed Unanimously

Sinkhole Repair in Lynwood: Public Works Director, Mark Johnson, presented approval for the repair of a sinkhole at 1456 Kentwood Circle to excavate and make repairs to the drainage box for \$4,116 by Charleston County. Motion in favor by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. No discussion.

Vote

Councilman Boles	Yes
Councilman Milliken	Yes
Councilman Mullinax	Yes
Mayor Woolsey	Yes

Passed Unanimously

Ditch work in Lawton Bluff: Mr. Johnson presented for approval maintenance to an outfall ditch in Lawton Bluff on Montgomery Drive for \$5,363 by Charleston County. Motion in favor by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. No discussion.

Vote

Councilman Boles	Yes
Councilman Milliken	Yes
Councilman Mullinax	Yes

Mayor Woolsey Yes
Passed Unanimously

Curb Inlet Repairs @ 964 Stillwater: Mr. Johnson presented for approval repairs to a curb inlet, inspection of drainage box and repairs to damaged and deteriorating areas at 964 Stillwater Drive for \$2,050 by Charleston County. Motion in favor by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. No discussion.

Vote

Councilman Boles Yes
Councilman Milliken Yes
Councilman Mullinax Yes
Mayor Woolsey Yes
Passed Unanimously

Driveway Apron Repair @ 977 Mt. Vernon: Mr. Johnson presented for approval a request for repair of driveway apron at 977 Mt. Vernon to excavate broken concrete apron, replace the failed culvert, and pour new 10'x16' concrete apron. Motion in favor by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Boles. No discussion.

Vote

Councilman Boles Yes
Councilman Milliken Yes
Councilman Mullinax Yes
Mayor Woolsey Yes
Passed Unanimously

Farmington @ Camp Sidewalk Repair: Mr. Johnson presented for approval repair at 1035 Farmington Rd. to excavate broken section of sidewalk, construct deeper rock subgrade and pour new sidewalk approximately 5'x10' with detectable inlay, cost \$8,348 by Charleston County. Motion in favor by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Boles. Councilman Milliken asked if we could ask the County to widen the turn-in because of the sharp turn from Camp to Farmington. He said it seems if we repair this first, we would have to keep repairing it. He asked if this could be the first step before putting money into the repair. Mr. Johnson said the repair needs to be done immediately because of its danger to pedestrians and bicyclists. He said this is a DOT road and they would need to approve the Town to have an engineering study done. He also said there are some trees in the area. Mayor Woolsey said Farmington is a Town road and this is something that we could look at for scope and fee from one of our engineering firms to analyze and come back to Council. Mayor Woolsey spoke that the repairs needed to be done as soon as possible.

Vote

Councilman Boles Yes
Councilman Milliken Yes
Councilman Mullinax Yes
Mayor Woolsey Yes
Passed Unanimously

IT for JIACC: Mrs. Kellahan said this expenditure is included in the budget that Council saw last month. The cost was previously \$27,600 and is now \$17,733 based on some factors that lessened the cost. Mrs. Kellahan said seven (7) computers will be covered; 2 Wi-Fi wireless access points, cabling, and infrastructure, including servers and backup costs coordinated with the General Contractor. Councilman Milliken asked how many internet users the system would accommodate. Mrs. Kellahan stated she was unsure, but the wireless access point seems to be an issue with location rather than the number of users. Mayor Woolsey said we will find the answer and report back to Council. Councilman Milliken also requested that we ask about expansion of another hub.

Vote

Councilman Boles	Yes
Councilman Milliken	Yes
Councilman Mullinax	Yes
Mayor Woolsey	Yes
Passed Unanimously	

Annual Subscription for Town Zoom Account: Mrs. Kellahan presented for approval an annual subscription for Zoom meetings. Since COVID, the Town has had a basic account at \$240/month. The Town would like to upgrade to a monthly business account for \$449 for additional cloud storage and 10 users, automatic transcriptions for cloud recordings and 24/7 phone support. The Town has been reimbursed for Zoom expenses and will continue to be reimbursed as an emergency-management expense through the duration of the pandemic. Motion in favor by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. No discussion.

Vote

Councilman Boles	Yes
Councilman Milliken	Yes
Councilman Mullinax	Yes
Mayor Woolsey	Yes
Passed Unanimously	

Brown Drive Drainage Work: Mr. Johnson said the request is for a correction that needs to be made to one of our drainage systems brought to our attention for the development of a vacant lot. The drainage system begins at Regina and Sterling. He said the pipes runs under a residential structure and daylights into the vacant lot. Since the property is being developed there has been discussions with Chris Wannamaker, Charleston County about it. The property owner is not receptive to having the Town maintain the easement and prefers to maintain it himself. Mr. Johnson said the Town needs to update the crossline under Brown Drive to a 24" to handle the capacity running underneath it. The proposal is to have a drain box installed to take water off of Brown Drive and run it into the outfall pipe and a 24" into Edmunds Lake. The homeowner will attach a pipe from the 24" from the back of his property to the new box. The homeowner will be required to obtain an encroachment permit to connect and sign an agreement to maintain his section of the pipe. The Town is trying to get this into perpetuity so whoever owns the property in the future would be required to maintain it unless an easement is given to the Town. Motion in favor by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Mayor Wooley spoke that there is a bigger pipe running from the system to Brown Drive that needs to be opened and is in favor of having this done.

Vote

Councilman Boles	Yes
Councilman Milliken	Yes
Councilman Mullinax	Yes
Mayor Woolsey	Yes
Passed Unanimously	

Committee Reports:

Land Use Committee: No Report

Environment and Beautification Committee: Councilman Milliken announced that James Island Pride hosted an Adopt-A-Highway litter pickup on October 24 and focused on Riverland Drive. 22 volunteers including members of the JI Charter HS Airforce ROTC collected 24 bags of trash. The Charleston Surfriders had a simultaneous litter pickup on the marsh underneath the Connector and picked up 19 bags of trash. Councilman Milliken complimented Deputy Chris King for helping to keep them safe on busy Riverland Drive and Mark Johnson in the Town truck with the siren sounding to slow traffic. The next litter pickup is February 2021. James Island Pride is encouraging all James Islanders to take part in a “Grab-a-Bag” event sponsored by Lt. Governor Evette between November 23 and 30 for families and friends to grab a bag and pick up litter after the Thanksgiving meal to make room for pie. JI Pride also encourages everyone to take a selfie picking up trash and whoever has the best selfie will be posted on Pride’s website and win a prize. SC Arbor Day will be celebrated at the Town Hall on December 4 at 4 p.m. the Tree City USA sign will be unveiled and a tree will be planted. Eagle Scout candidate, Joshua Nisoff, and Troop #88 will dig the hole for planting the Live Oak tree. Councilman Milliken asked Mayor Woolsey to welcome everyone. Councilman Milliken said the Environment and Beautification Committee will sponsor two Town Hall meetings to answer questions regarding the Climate Control Resolution. These meetings will be held on Zoom on December 2 and 9.

Children’s Committee: No Report

Public Safety Committee: No Report

History Committee: Mayor Woolsey announced that the Remembrance Celebration scheduled on November 15 was cancelled due to a conflict with the venue. Plans are being made for Black History Month and a Civil War Reenactment is being planned for the Spring.

Rethink Folly Road: Mayor Woolsey announced that the Steering Committee is working with businesses and property owners on the redevelopment of Folly Road.

Drainage Committee: Councilman Mullinax announced that he is working on a date to schedule the next Drainage Committee Meeting.

Business Development Committee: No Report

Trees Advisory Committee: Councilman Milliken announced that the Trees Advisory Council met on November 10 and approved the design for the Canopy Tree Award. An intern program has been set up for students at the College of Charleston in the Environmental Science and Sustainability Program to collect data for the tree survey to enter into Geothinq. The Council is also working on resources for planting trees with respect to appropriate sizes and species on rights-of-way.

James Island Intergovernmental Council: Mayor Woolsey announced that the members of Council attended this meeting last month and there is no specific report.

Proclamations and Resolutions

Resolution #2020-17: Resolution in Recognition of Arbor Day: Councilman Milliken said this Resolution recognizes the Town’s celebration of Arbor Day held for the last six years and is an ongoing celebration of planting trees. Motion in favor by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Mullinax.

Vote

Councilman Boles	Yes
Councilman Milliken	Yes
Councilman Mullinax	Yes
Mayor Woolsey	Yes
Passed Unanimously	

Resolution #2020-18: Resolution Honoring Town of James Island as 2019 Tree City, USA: Councilman Milliken announced that he is proud that the Town has qualified as a Tree City USA. It is a good milestone and shows that the Town of James Island is a beautiful, green city. He thanked members of the Tree Council and staff Kristen Crane and Ashley Kellahan for working through the application process. The sign will be unveiled on December 4. Motion in favor by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Mayor Woolsey thanked Councilman Milliken for his work and achieving this honor.

Vote

Councilman Boles	Yes
Councilman Milliken	Yes
Councilman Mullinax	Yes
Mayor Woolsey	Yes
Passed Unanimous	

Emergency Ordinances: Emergency Ordinance: E-07-2020 Providing for Required Face Coverings in Public Places due to COVID-19 Virus and Exceptions Thereto: Expires 11-19-2020: Mayor Woolsey moved for the extension of the Emergency Ordinance through December 17, seconded by Councilman Milliken. Councilman Boles commented that we try to conform with the County and City and asked when those ordinances expires. Mayor Woolsey said we pretty much are in conformity with the County and did not know when their ordinance expires but would look into it. Councilman Milliken said we had another 1410 new cases of COVID today in SC and he worries that we are starting to see these numbers increase dramatically. He is worried about the safety of Town staff and wondered if we should enact some of the emergency procedures we had before by splitting up the staff to work swing shifts or half days. He thinks we are at a time to consider this and now may not be a bad time with coming into the holidays. He said if we could minimize exposure, we could minimize the risks to Town staff. This is something that he would like considered and if a Special Meeting is needed, he is happy to have one. Mayor Woolsey asked the Town Administrator for her recommendations and she will take it under consideration.

Vote

Councilman Boles	Yes
Councilman Milliken	Yes
Councilman Mullinax	Yes
Mayor Woolsey	Yes
Passed Unanimously	

Ordinances up for Second/Final Reading: None

Ordinances up for First Reading: Ordinance \$2020-11: Amendment to Flood Plain Ordinance for Town of James Island: Mrs. Kellahan presented the amendments to the Flood Plain Ordinance from Charleston County. She has reviewed them with the County and our acting Flood Plain Manager, Katy Faith. The pertinent changes are highlighted in the document and Mrs. Kellahan gave an overview of them. She said the main change is the date of the flood map of January 29, 2021 that needs to be included in the Ordinance and sent to FEMA once executed. Some definitions were added by the State and some changes has no effect on the Town. For Coastal A Zone, basically the Town doesn't have much of that, but it means a Special A Zone has to be built to V Zone standards, but with the new maps the V Zones will ultimately decrease and is not a big change affecting the Town very much.

Motion in favor by Councilman Boles, seconded by Councilman Milliken. Councilman Boles asked a question about the section that referred to Sea Level Rise that he said sounds close to the Climate Resolution and wondered if there was the same level of backlash with this or if any negative commentary were heard about this way of responding to Climate Change and Sea Level Rise. He said Mr. Sheridan is no longer on the call but he hopes this information makes its way back to him. Mayor Woolsey responded that the County manages the Town's Flood Plain Plan. He said we could conceivably go at it alone but having them manage it has advantages for the flood insurance rates Town residents pays and we need to be consistent with the County. He said the Town has adopted some Stormwater Regulations that are separate from the County and stricter. He believes the County has done a good job in looking at Sea Level Rise and protecting citizens against flooding and is something that needs to be adopted. Mayor Woolsey said this Ordinance is nothing like declaring a Climate Emergency or declaring a Climate Mobilization. Councilman Milliken said the big difference is the Flood Plain Plan is more reactive than proactive and the Climate Resolution is more proactive when it comes to limiting the potential of Sea Level Rise.

Vote

Councilman Boles	Yes
Councilman Milliken	Yes
Councilman Mullinax	Yes
Mayor Woolsey	Yes
Passed Unanimously	

New Business: Request Legal Counsel Research and Report on Payments to PSD by Town Residents and Town: Councilman Boles said he requested this item on the agenda when he received his tax bill and saw the 17.9 mills from the Town. Then, he noticed 51.5 mills for the PSD Operating, and 5.3 mills for PSD Bonds. He said in addition to the \$900,000 that the Town paid for the cost sharing agreement this year, what residents pay on their tax bill to the PSD, and a monthly wastewater bill. He is requesting information because he called the PSD to get an accounting of how the money is received and what it is spent on and have been unable to get it. He was unsure if his request should've been placed under Requests for Approval or New Business, but he wanted to ask legal counsel or anyone who knows to find out. Mayor Woolsey asked Councilman Boles if he wanted to make a motion to request legal counsel or staff to provide a report on payments to the PSD by Town residents and the Town and Councilman Boles added that he wanted the amounts that are paid to the cost sharing and what the PSD receives as a result of our tax bills. Mayor Woolsey said it is not specific that the Town Attorney needs to research this information. Councilman Boles said he requested Mr. Wilson because of his resourcefulness and intelligence and his ability to obtain the information in a short time, unless someone has that information already. Councilman Milliken seconded the motion. Mayor Woolsey asked Councilman Boles if he wanted an aggregate report or individual data

and Councilman Boles said year-by-year, similar to our monthly budget reports. Mayor Woolsey said the request would be reviewed. He said monies for property taxes are available and easy to calculate. However, monies from sewer bills are available to the District and he does not believe they are separated by the Town and District.

Vote

Councilman Boles	Yes
Councilman Milliken	Yes
Councilman Mullinax	Yes
Mayor Woolsey	Yes
Passed Unanimously	

Executive Session: Not Needed

Announcements/Closing Comments: Councilman Boles commented a good decision was made in hiring grant writers and we are headed in the right direction.

Councilman Milliken wished Councilwoman Mignano a speedy recovery.

Councilman Mullinax thanked Council for their nomination and support as Mayor Pro-Tem

Mayor Woolsey asked everyone to continue practicing 6 ft. social distancing.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Frances Simmons
Town Clerk