

The Town of James Island held its regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 1238-B Camp Road, James Island, SC on Thursday, January 18, 2018. The following members of Council were present: Leonard Blank, Mayor Pro-tem, Garrett Milliken, Darren “Troy” Mullinax, Joshua P. Stokes, and Mayor Bill Woolsey, presided. Also, Ashley Kellahan, Town Administrator, Bonum S. Wilson, Town Attorney, Merrell Roe, Finance Officer, Mark Johnson, Public Works Director, Sergeant Shawn James, Island Sheriff’s Patrol, and Frances Simmons, Town Clerk. A quorum was present to conduct business.

Opening Exercises: Mayor Woolsey called the meeting to order; led Council in prayer and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation of US HUD 2018 Urban Entitlement Program: Council heard a presentation by Dr. Anna Eskridge, Community Development Program Manager at Charleston County. Dr. Eskridge gave an overview of the 2018 Urban Entitlement Program and accomplishments made in 2016. Applications are online for 2018. For information log on to: <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/community-development/PY18-RFA.php>. Application deadline is January 26 at 3:00 p.m.

Special Order of Business: Election of Mayor Pro-Tempore: Mayor Woolsey moved to reappoint Councilman Blank as Mayor Pro-Tempore for a one-year term; Councilman Stokes seconded. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

Public Comments: John Rhoden, Executive Director, Sea Island Habitat for Humanity, Melissa Peterson, Office Manager, and Kimberly Bort, Board President, recognized Councilman Blank for his many years of service as a Board Member for Sea Island Habitat for Humanity and for his volunteer service at the Habitat Restore since its opening. Councilman Blank was presented with a plaque that listed the names of over 40 families who have become homeowners under his leadership. Pam Blank, (unable to be present), was also recognized for her many years of volunteer service at the Re-Store.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes of December 21, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Milliken and passed unanimously.

Information Report:

- a. Finance Report: Written report by Finance Officer, Merrell Roe received as information.
- b. Administrator’s Report: Written report by Town Administrator, Ashley Kellahan, received as information.
- c. Public Works Report: Written report by Public Works Director, Mark Johnson was received as information.
- d. Island Sheriffs’ Patrol Report: Sergeant James gave an overview of crime statistics. He reported that crime in December was relatively low. Sergeant James announced his promotion to the Logistics Department.

Requests for Approval:

Pinckney Park Pavilion Civil Design Fee: Mrs. Kellahan presented a proposal from Hussey Gay Bell for civil engineering and design fees for the pavilion/restroom relocation and pump station at Pinckney Park. Estimated cost is \$17,000. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Milliken. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

Vehicle Purchase: Mrs. Kellahan presented a request for the purchase of a Town vehicle, a budgeted item. A 2018 Nissan Frontier Truck will be purchased through State Contract at \$20,000. Motion in favor was

made by Councilman Blank, seconded by Councilman Stokes. Councilman Milliken asked about a tow-hitch and Mrs. Kellahan said it would be added for \$300.00. Passed unanimously.

Dock Street Park Picnic Facility Improvements: Mrs. Kellahan reported that the PARD Grant the Town submitted for in December is \$4,800. The Town does not have to compete for the grant but must request it. Play World, the company that supplied the equipment at Pinckney Park submitted a quote of \$11,500 that includes new picnic tables, swing, and new trashcans. Motion in favor made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Milliken. Councilman Milliken asked if the picnic tables could be anchored to prevent them from going into the marsh; Mrs. Kellahan said yes, they would be bolted onto the concrete pad. Passed unanimously.

#### Committee Reports

Land Use Committee: Councilman Blank reported that White Duck Taco has gone out-of-business and will become the Charleston Sports Pub. The Charleston Sports Pub appeared before the BZA and received approval to change their hours of operation from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. as other restaurant/bars. Outside activities on the deck will be restricted to 10 p.m. Sea Island Pre-school will be moving next to Bojangles. The Go Store It (storage facility) at 951 Folly Rd. has been permitted. Councilman Milliken asked the height of the storage facility and Councilman Blank said it would be 34 ft. high.

Environment and Beautification Committee: Councilman Milliken reported that the Adopt-a-Highway litter pick-up would be on Saturday, February 3, 9-11 a.m. Lunch will be served after the pickup. Councilman Milliken said this is a good way for people to get involved with the community, as there is a lot of litter on the roads. The Community Hero Awards will be presented at the February 15 Town Council meeting. The Annual James Island Arts Auction will be held on February 24 from 4-7 p.m. at the Town Hall. This event raises money for James Island Art Teachers through the sale of art donated by local artists.

Children's Commission: Councilman Stokes reported that the Children's Commission is making plans for the upcoming Easter event; likely to be held on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Councilman Stokes said he hopes to host the event in conjunction with the Town's Farmers Market to boost attendance at both events. The time is scheduled for 11-1 p.m. More information will be provided. Next Children's Commission meeting is Thursday, February 8 at 5 p.m.

Public Safety: Councilman Mullinax announced the next meeting of the Neighborhood Council is Thursday, January 25 at 7 pm.

History Commission: Mayor Woolsey reported that the unveiling and dedication ceremony of the Simeon Pinckney historical marker would be held on Saturday, February 10 at 11:00 a.m. at Pinckney Park. Invitations will be sent to Council and many others. The Brockington & Associates Consulting Group will present the History Commission, at its February 6 meeting, a list of historical sites for review and inclusion as part of our historical documents. Councilman Milliken asked that the History Commission meeting be publicized more as many citizens may be interested in the presentation. Mayor Woolsey said it would be.

Rethink Folly Road Committee Report: Mayor Woolsey reported that in November, the Steering Committee voted to recommend that the four (4) jurisdictions amend the Folly Road Overlay to make it consistent with the pedestrian, bike, and transit requirements of the Rethink Folly Road Plan. No meeting was held in December. At January's meeting, City Councilwoman Carol Jackson was welcomed to the group and County Councilman Joe Qualey was elected as Vice-Chairman. The meeting time was changed to 3:30 p.m. (still on the third Wednesday of each month). The Committee voted to recommend that the first priority is to complete bike and pedestrian improvements in section 1, between Ellis Creek and Prescott Drive. The County application for additional CHATS funding will not be on the agenda for the February 5 meeting of CHATS because the Town's locally successful application for \$1.5 million is still pending at

the State level. It is anticipated that state level approval will occur soon. While there should be approximately \$2 million of Half Cent sales tax money for Folly Road bike-ped improvements, at this time, County Council has approved approximately \$365,000 for the project. Councilman Milliken commented that the Committee is making good progress and he thanked Mayor Woolsey for representing the Town.

Proclamations/Resolutions:

Resolution #2018-01: Opposing Seismic Testing and Drilling off South Carolina Coast: Motion in favor was made by Councilman Mullinax, seconded by Councilman Milliken.

Councilman Milliken said Town Council passed a Resolution in March 2015 regarding Off-Shore Drilling under President Obama's Administration, where they wanted to open the east coast to seismic testing and offshore drilling. That Resolution, along with others passed by various municipalities along the east coast caused the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to refuse applications of companies wanting to do seismic testing and offshore drilling. He said the Town and other municipalities had a part in that successful accomplishment. Now, President Trump's Administration wants to open the east coast to seismic testing and offshore drilling. Councilman Milliken said that again we are faced with the prospect of endangering fisheries and marine life off our coast. He agrees with Senator Campsen that we cannot have a place along our SC coast for a refinery; we do not have the infrastructure to support it. Other municipalities including the City of Charleston, Beaufort, and others up and down the coast are passing similar resolutions to allow a lawsuit to proceed if seismic testing and offshore drilling is approved. Since this process has started, the Governor of Florida lobbied the Secretary of Interior and they are not going to drill or test off the coast of Florida. This acknowledges the danger of doing this and he hopes our Governor can get them to withdraw the idea of seismic testing and offshore drilling off the Carolina Coast. Resolution #2018-01 will allow the Town to join others in a lawsuit (at no cost to the Town) to prevent these harmful activities from taking place.

Councilman Blank said he believes Columbia has already requested exemption by the President and commented that some had already entered into the lawsuit. Councilman Milliken explained that the lawsuit has not been filed; and, it will not be filed unless action is taken by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. He noted that municipalities are ready to join the lawsuit if a bad decision is made.

Mayor Woolsey said the Resolution would authorize him and the Town Attorney to execute documents that would allow the Town to participate as a party in the litigation. Mayor Woolsey said he hopes this will not happen, but it is desirable to show our solidarity with other area municipalities. Passed unanimously.

Resolution #2018-02: Support of 2019 Charleston County TST Allocation Program: Mrs. Kellahan reported that the Town is requesting funding for two projects through the TST Allocation Program. 1) Greenhill/Honey Hill Drainage, \$230,00; Town match of \$115,000, and 2) Pedestrian/bike enhancement, \$128,520 for Quail Dr. sidewalk; Town match of \$64,260. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Milliken. Passed unanimously.

Resolution #2018-03: Island Sheriffs' Patrol (USP), Officer of the Quarter: Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Recognition was given to Deputy Daniel vanHeemstede Obelt by Sergeant James as the Officer of the Quarter. Deputy vanHeemstede O'belt was selected by his peers for outstanding service, productivity and his relationship with the public. Sergeant James said he is well deserving of this recognition and is up for the Deputy of the Year. Mayor Woolsey thanked Deputy vanHeemstede Obelt for his service and read the Resolution he received.

Ordinances up for Second Reading: Ordinance #2017-11: An Ordinance to Amend the Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations (ZLDR) §153.213 (C) Storage and Repair of Inoperable

Motor Vehicles: Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Milliken. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

Ordinance #2017-12: An Ordinance to Amend the Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations (ZLDR) §153.231 (A) Temporary Sales: Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Milliken. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

Ordinances up for First Reading: None

New Business: None

Executive Session: Not needed

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Frances Simmons, Town Clerk