

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 on Thursday, September 20, 2018. The following members of Council were present: Leonard Blank, Mayor Pro-Tem, Garrett Milliken, Joshua P. Stokes, Darren "Troy" Mullinax, and Mayor Bill Woolsey, presided. Also, Ashley Kellahan, Town Administrator, Bonum S. Wilson, Town Attorney, Merrell Roe, Finance Director, 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. Mayor Woolsey led Council in prayer and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. FOIA: This meeting was published and posted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of James Island.

Mayor Woolsey announced that the meeting agenda was published late because of the evacuation of Hurricane Florence and according to Town Rules a motion is required to approve the agenda. Motion was made by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Stokes. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

Public Hearing: Ordinance #2018-11: Proposed Change to the Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance, including adding additional requirements/conditions for parking lots in CN, OG, and OR Zoning Districts (ZLDR), Section 153.157.

Mayor Woolsey opened to Public Hearing and the following persons spoke:

Joe Walters, 928 West Oceanview stated that he wanted to make Council aware that the language does not distinguish emergency vehicles, i.e., firetrucks or law enforcement, and he would like to make sure that is considered. Mr. Walters distributed a copy of the location of fire hydrants. One is located at 1556 Kemper, that fire hydrant is 310 feet to the kitchen at the Sports Pub. 793 Folly Rd., that hydrant is 304 feet to the kitchen at the Sports Pub; the fire department would have to cross four lanes of 40 mph traffic. At 792 Folly Rd. there are no fire hydrants. He said that he and his brother met with the Town and has a rezoning package but has held off submitting it until the language was finalized.

Reubin Wilson, 1610 Patterson, commented on the property owner's claim that emergency vehicles cannot access the fire hydrants. They could easily add more on Folly Rd. rather than opening access into the Bayfront neighborhood.

Public Comments: None.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes: August 16, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Blank. Passed unanimously.

Information Reports:

- a. Finance Report: Finance Director, Merrell Roe reviewed highlights from the Finance Report and it was accepted as information.
- b. Administrator Report: Town Administrator, Ashley Kellahan reviewed the Administrator's report adding that a ribbon cutting will be planned for the Bus Shelter at Camp/Folly. She also responded to Councilman Milliken's question regarding the Harbor Master's House property as it pertains to storage. Report accepted as information.
- c. Public Works: Public Works Director, Mark Johnson presented the Public Works Report and it was accepted as information.
- d. Island Sheriff's Patrol: Sergeant James gave an update on the homicide in Greenhill. He said this was a tragic situation but expressed appreciation for how the community came together to help law

enforcement make an arrest. The Crime Statistics and Island Sheriff's Patrol reports were presented and accepted as information.

Requests for Approval:

Radar Gun for Island Sheriff's Patrol: Sergeant James presented a request to approve a radar gun (Stalker Radar Applied Concepts, Inc) for the Island Sheriff's Patrol. He said one of the things the Island Sheriff's Patrol does is combat speeding points in the Town. He noted that 70% of the deputies are in marked patrol cars. He used an example of being stationed at Pauline or Schooner with a radar and not be seen. The Stalker Radar is cordless and it would allow a deputy to park in someone's yard, walk towards the roadway, and detect speed. Sergeant James said he believes this is something the Town and citizens would benefit from. Councilman Blank asked how would the radar gun be assigned and Sergeant James said it would be stationed at the Town Hall and signed out. The cost is \$2,849. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Blank, seconded by Councilman Stokes and passed unanimously.

Sponsorship of Holiday Festival of Lights: Mrs. Kellahan announced that the coordinator for the Festival of Lights contacted the Town to see if we were interested in sponsoring the Egret for the 2018 and 2019 Holiday Festival of Lights. Mrs. Kellahan said she thought this would be good use of the hospitality tax funds because the festival brings many visitors to the island. The cost is \$2,000 per year for a two-year commitment. The Town's name will be on the egret. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax and passed unanimously.

Additional Striping/Signage Charges for Harbor Woods Traffic Calming: Mrs. Kellahan reminded Council that they had previously approved the base price for striping at \$10,655. She explained when this was presented to Council several meetings ago, the \$11,220 for the alternate pricing was also included; however, she was under the impression that was covered by Asphalt Concept. Mrs. Kellahan clarified that both charges are being paid to Tars & Stripes. She noted there were additional costs throughout the project for items such as striping, new signs, and replacement of signs and poles. She said the total of \$30,000 in addition to the \$41,000 paid to Asphalt Concepts is around \$70,000, compared to an estimate from Johnson, Laschober Associates for between \$65- \$75,000. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Blank. Councilman Stokes asked if only the portions under the addendum were being approved, to which Mrs. Kellahan said the alternate and the addendum pricing is for approval. Motion passed unanimously.

Tallwood Drainage Improvements Project: Mrs. Kellahan informed Council that the estimate for this project was not received in time for this meeting. Item was postponed without objection to the October meeting.

Committee Report:

Land Use Committee: Councilman Blank announced that the Board of Zoning Appeals would hear an application for a Gasoline Service Station at Camp @ Dills Bluff, Tuesday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. The applicant is requesting to remove a grand tree and to encroach into the setbacks. Councilman Blank asked those who are interested or want to express their concerns to attend the meeting.

Environment and Beautification Committee: Councilman Milliken gave an update on the Adopt-a-Highway litter pickup on Sat. September 8. Over 50 volunteers collected 65 bags of trash from James Island roadways. Special thanks to Heidi Juarez and her ARLA group for participating and to Deanne and Kenny Grayson for picking up the bags in anticipation of the hurricane. Thank you to Edison's for providing lunch for the volunteers. The next Adopt-a-Highway litter pickup is Saturday, November 3; 9-11 a.m. Councilman Milliken announced the first annual Sea Island Arts Fest on Saturday, September 29 from 2-6 p.m. He encouraged everyone to attend to enjoy the James Island Band, food, arts & crafts and other activities. Price \$7 at the door, and \$5.00 with a non-perishable food donation to James Island Outreach.

Children's Commission: Councilman Stokes announced that the September meeting was not held because of the hurricane. He announced the tentative date for the Lights on After School Program Thursday, October 25 from 6-8 p.m. at the Town Hall. Lights On is held in conjunction with the four elementary Kaleidoscope after school programs on James Island. This has been a great event in the past and everyone is invited to attend.

Public Safety: Councilman Mullinax announced the Neighborhood Council meeting on Thursday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. He thanked staff and Council for their involvement in preparing for the hurricane and the evacuation and to the Neighborhood Council for providing reports to staff of damages on the island.

History Commission: Mayor Woolsey announced that the September History Commission meeting was not held because of the evacuation. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 2, 7 p.m. to review of the history of James Island booklet.

Rethink Folly Road Committee Report: Mayor Woolsey announced that the Rethink Folly Road Steering Committee would meet on Wednesday, September 26 at 3:30 p.m. and hope to receive a report on the multi-use paths for Folly Road.

Drainage Committee:

Appointment of Chairperson: Mayor Woolsey moved for the nomination of Councilman Stokes, as Chairman of the Drainage Committee, Councilman Mullinax seconded. There were no other nominations and the motion passed unanimously for Councilman Stokes to serve.

Proclamations and Resolutions:

Proclamation to Recognize Caleb Avery Smith: Mayor Woolsey read a proclamation to recognize Caleb Avery Smith. Caleb is the grandson of Town Receptionist, Mag Williams and the son of Kevin and Nicole Smith. Caleb was recognized for his outstanding achievement as the winner of the Optimist International Oratorical Championship Award on June 29 in St. Louis. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax and passed unanimously.

Proclamation to dedicate the Frances Simmons Council Chambers: Mayor Woolsey read a proclamation to recognize Frances Simmons and dedicate the Town Council Chambers in her honor. Frances was recognized for being a long-time employee with the Town since 2002 and appointed as Town Clerk in 2006, the Town's third incorporation. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Blank and passed unanimously.

Proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness Month: Motion in favor was made by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Stokes and passed unanimously.

Resolution #2018-10: Town of James Island Local Match for MASC Hometown Economic Development Grant: Mrs. Kellahan reported that this is an annual Grant done by the Municipal Association. The Town applied for the Pinckney Park pavilion last year and was one-tenth of a point from the winner. The Municipal Association has given advice about some areas of the application that we could improve on and Mrs. Kellahan believes this is a good project to apply for again this year. The match is \$3,750. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Milliken. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances up for Second Reading:

Ordinance #2018-06: Loitering and Sleeping in Public Places: Mayor Woolsey stated that the Town Attorney has asked to do further research. Consideration to postpone without objection was granted by Council to the next meeting.

Ordinance #2018-10: An Ordinance Recognizing Implicit Repeal of Ordinance #2012-08: Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Milliken. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

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Ordinance #2018-12: An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 151: Town Regulations Concerning Flood Damage Prevention: Mrs. Kellahan stated that the Town is a member of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The NFIP is going through their Community Rating Program that provides a discount to our residents off their flood insurance. As a part of the program, NFIP has to review our ordinances. They have recommended a few amendments that we need to make: to add the date of the map from the Flood Insurance Study from November 17, 2004, and add language that all permanent applications need to be reviewed and determined whether proposed building sites are reasonably safe from flooding. Charleston County has made us aware that they are adopting these amendments so the Town needs to adopt an amendment to be timely with our review process. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Milliken. Mayor Woolsey added that this is a requirement in order to remain in the program. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business: None

Executive Session: Not needed.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Frances Simmons
Town Clerk