



## **MINUTES**

James Island Intergovernmental Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

James Island Town Hall ♦ 1122 Dills Bluff Road ♦ James Island, SC 29412

In attendance:

James Island:

Chair and Council Member Cynthia Mignano, Mayor Brook Lyon, Council Member Troy Mullinax, and Mike Hemmer

City of Charleston:

Council Member Caroline Parker

Charleston County:

Council Member Jenny Honeycutt, Philip Sexton, Devri DeToma

James Island PSD:

Commissioners Paul Cantrell and Brenda Grant

Others / Members of the Public:

Stanley Kozikowski, Emma Richardson, Geraldine Singleton, Denise Wilder, Victor Williams

- 1) Call to Order:  
Chair Mignano called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the group in a prayer and the pledge of allegiance. Dr. Mignano then had the group introduce themselves.
- 2) Approval of Minutes:  
Motion was made to approve minutes from October 30, 2024, motion passed.
- 3) Public Comments:  
- No one signed up to speak
- 4) Old Business:
  - a. Condo subdivision built behind Harborview Harris Teeter. Pulte built a sidewalk behind a locked gate on Nabors Drive. Discussion occurred to see if there was anything that could be done and it was noted that this stretch was in the City of Charleston. There is a James Island plan and study for a sidewalk along all of Nabors Drive. This study will be conveyed to the City to see if this gap can be completed.

- 5) New Business:
- a. One of the new crosswalk signs at James Island Charter High School Signs has been hit by a vehicle and is missing. Councilman Parker noted that the City is working on it and is aware.
- 6) Legislative Updates: None
- 7) Jame Island PSD Updates:
- Commissioner Cantrell provided updates on:
- Fire Station #2 on Harbor View soon to be demolished, staff are temporarily relocated to the City station on Fort Johnson Rd.
  - Solid Waste service almost caught-up from the winter storm
  - Clark's Point sewer expansion is under construction, to be completed in April of 2026
  - Harbor View force main expansion and repairs with Charleston Water System has broken ground
  - #17 & #33 pumpstations being rehabbed
  - Phase 6 of wastewater collection facility to prevent rainwater infiltration into the sanity system is underway
- Commission Grant noted that the PSD is also responsible for signage and lighting and are seeking to develop improved signage and lighting for the Sol Legare community
- 8) Charleston County Updates:
- Council Member Jenny Honeycutt introduced Devri DeToma from the County Transportation Department. DeToma provided a comprehensive update on under construction projects including Rural Roads and:
- Central Park and Riverland Drive (advertised this summer)
  - Central Park Drainage Culvert replacement (bids just opened)
  - Golf Course Crossing and Sidewalk Connection (bidding 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2025)
  - Folly Road Bike/Ped Improvements (advertised today)
  - Fort Johnson and Secessionville (advertised twice, will combine with Fort Johnson and Camp)
  - Folly Road Multi-Use Path at McLeod (Ready to go, will release so it doesn't compete with other projects)
  - Dills Bluff Sidewalk (James Island working on plans)
  - Fleming Road Sidewalk (Right-of-way issues)
  - Maybank Highway and Woodland Shores (Awarded, anticipated construction March or April)
  - Sol Legare Sidewalk (Funding and design ongoing)
  - Rocking West Oceanview (recently approved)
- DeToma also discussed pavement management projects in the city. Further discussion ensued regarding the pavement and data collection vans that will be driving all county, municipal, and DOT secondary roads in 2025. Honeycutt noted that municipal leaders could come to see how the vans work if interested. Public members also discussed the Sol Legare sidewalk and lighting with DeToma. They indicated that there is a petition of property owners that want this project.

- 9) City of Charleston Updates:  
Council Member Caroline Parker updated the group on projects including:
- City park improvements
  - Crosswalk at Bayview Soccer Complex
  - Speed study on Secessionville Road
  - Funding recently allocated for Signal Point Road drainage and Sweetgrass Creek Outfall
- Parker discussed the need for traffic calming measures and radar signs on several James Island Roads. However, SCDOT doesn't seem to want to approve such measures. Parker asked what the Council members felt about asking SCDOT for additional assistance in this manner as a group. Generally, there was agreement that such measures are needed. Mignano noted that curves next to ditches need raised reflectors in the road median and on the edge of the pavement. Parker indicated that the City would ask about these ideas in tandem with the speed study.
- 10) Town of James Island:  
Council Member Dr. Cynthia Mignano provided updates on:
- Oceanview Drainage Project (contractor working on punch list)
  - Dills Bluff Sidewalk Phase (engineering work ongoing)
  - Nabors Sidewalk Joint effort
  - AmerCorps Volunteers through February
  - Mill Point Community Input Meeting (2/25 at 7 pm)
  - Design Build request for new arts and cultural center
  - Town Market going strong
- Caroline Parker asked about closing Dills Bluff for the Town Market.
- 11) Charleston County School District – No updates
- 12) Raised Median Discussion at Fort Johnson and Folly Road:  
SCDOT has put in place raised structures that have disrupted the drainage at the intersection. Mayor Lyon noted that the Folly Road safety audit will be available soon and these issues may be addressed within that plan. Parker also noted that there are issues with the Carta bus stops and accessibility along Folly Road. Bus stops and benches will be discussed at a later date.
- 13) Stoplight at George Griffith and Folly Road:  
Dr. Mignano noted that the stoplight at this intersection is, for some reason, very difficult to see. It was noted that this may be included in Rethink Folly Road initiatives or the safety audit.
- 14) Power line issue on Folly Road:  
Dr. Mignano also reported that there are extremely low hanging power lines on the east side of Folly Road between South Grimball and Bur Clare. Dominion power will be notified.

- 15) Maybank at entrance to golf course crossing:  
Dr. Mignano also noted that the entrance to the golf course needs improvement. Caroline Parker noted this was in the update provided by Devri DeToma and the bidding is due to be advertised in the second quarter of 2025 and that if we can, we need to get local SCDOT representatives at these meetings.
- 16) Additional Comments:  
Dr. Mignano encouraged anyone that has issues to contact any one of our members and they will try to help.  
  
Caroline Parker noted that Philip Sexton was in attendance. Sexton indicated that the joint task force on flooding is still active. Senator Ed Sutton has been involved.
- 17) Closing Remarks:  
Dr. Mignano stated that she appreciates everyone in attendance and hearing all of the concerns and issues express.
- 18) Next meeting is Wednesday April 23, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. here at James Island Town Hall.
- 19) Chair Mignano adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.