

Town of James Island  
Special Meeting  
April 8, 2024

The Town of James Island held a Special Town Council meeting on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 1122 Dills Bluff Rd., James Island SC. This meeting was also live-streamed on the Town's website at: [www.jamesislandsc.us/livestream-townmeetings](http://www.jamesislandsc.us/livestream-townmeetings).

The following members of Council were present: Boles, Dodson (arrived during the Executive Session), Mignano, Mullinax, and Mayor Lyon, who presided. Also, Michael Hemmer, Town Administrator, David Pagliarini, (Pagliarini Law Firm), Brian Quisenberry, Young Clement Rivers, and Frances Simmons, Town Clerk.

Call to Order:/Opening Exercises: Mayor Lyon called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She asked those who wished to join her in prayer and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Lyon mentioned that Councilman Dodson was running late and is almost at the Town Hall

Mayor Lyon asked for a motion to enter into the executive session. Councilman Boles moved; Councilwoman Mignano seconded. No discussion.

Executive Session: The Town Council entered into an executive session in accordance with 30-4-70(A) (1) Code of Laws of South Carolina regarding the appointment to a public body and 30-4-70(A)(2) regarding discussion of proposed contractual matters and proposed purchase of property.

Vote:

Councilman Boles	Aye
Councilwoman Mignano	Aye
Councilman Mullinax	Aye
Mayor Lyon	Aye

Motion passed unanimously at 6:02 p.m. to enter executive session.

Return to Regular Session: Mayor Lyon asked for a motion to return to open session. Councilwoman Mignano moved and Councilman Dodson seconded. Council returned to open session at 6:35 p.m. Mayor Lyon announced that no votes were taken during the executive session.

Mayor Lyon moved to pursue a contract on the purchase of the commercial and residential property at Dills Bluff and if necessary to proceed with condemnation of the commercial property; seconded by Councilwoman Mignano. No discussion.

Vote

Councilman Boles	Aye
Councilman Dodson	Aye
Councilwoman Mignano	Aye
Councilman Mullinax	Aye
Mayor Lyon	Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Town Attorney: Councilman Boles moved for the appointment of Brian Quisenberry as Town Attorney, seconded by Mayor Lyon. No discussion.

Vote

Councilman Boles	Aye
Councilman Dodson	Aye
Councilwoman Mignano	Aye
Councilman Mullinax	Aye
Mayor Lyon	Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lyon welcomed Attorney Quisenberry as a member of our team. Attorney Quisenberry thanked former Town Attorney Bonum Wilson for his many years of service and is excited to work with the Mayor, Council, and staff.

Old Business:

Appointment to Committees and Chairpersons: Mayor Lyon spoke about working through many things that comes with being a new Mayor and discovering how our town works and how things run. It has been brought to her attention that the members of Town committee and chairpersons are appointed by the Mayor and Council for two-year terms in February of even years. Since the February timeline has passed Mayor Lyon said we would need a motion to appoint/reappoint terms in April.

Mayor Lyon asked for a motion to modify the timing of the committee appointments and chair to April. A motion was made by Councilman Boles, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

Mayor Lyon brought forth the appointment of Jay Reese for the History Commission. Mr. Reese serves as the Park Ranger for the May Forest State Park. She has spoken with Mr. Reese and he is excited to serve and plans to attend the History meeting tomorrow night. Councilman Boles moved to appoint the members as a group, Mayor Lyon seconded. Passed unanimously.

History Committee:

Jim Morrisette  
Michael Williams  
Inez Brown-Crouch  
Jay Reese

Mayor Lyon moved that Jim Morrisette and Michael Williams serve as co-chairs of the History Committee, seconded by Councilwoman Mignano. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

Neighborhood Council:

Mayor Lyon gave an overview of the Neighborhood Committee that sometimes many people attend and not so many at other times. She said during the life of this committee there has been two chairpersons, Alan Laughlin and Zennie Quinn. Mayor Lyon said Council may want to consider appointing more than one representative from a neighborhood that would give more representation to larger neighborhoods and if someone is absent, information would still flow to the neighborhood.

Mayor Lyon moved for the appointment of Stephen Shapiro, seconded by Councilwoman Mignano. Passed unanimously.

Councilman Mullinax moved for the appointment of the existing members, seconded by Councilman Boles. Passed unanimously

Neighborhood Council:

Zennie Quinn	Michael O'Neale	Leigh Hinson
Joshua Hayes	Gresham Meggett	Casimer Kowalski
William Horsley	Lyndy Palmer	Linda Womack
Kathrine Shapiro	Sherman Evans	Stephen Shapiro
Robin Hardin	Stephen Jarrett	Bill Lyon
Mary Ann Henry	Richard Tassin	

Mayor Lyon thanked Zennie Quinn for his long time service as chair. She said the Town's policy states that the chair serve for two years but can be reappointed. Both Stephen Shapiro and Bill Lyon have expressed interest in cochairing this committee and since the time has expired for the current chair she asked for a motion to appoint Stephen Shapiro and Bill Lyon as cochairs. Councilwoman Mignano moved, seconded by Councilman Dodson. Motion passed 4-1; Councilman Mullinax voted 'no.

James Island Pride:

Mayor Lyon noted there are five (5) members on this committee at this time. The chair of record is Virginia Smith, recently elected by the group. Mayor Lyon called for a motion to approve the five (5) members. Motion made by Councilman Boles, seconded by Councilwoman Mignano. Passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Mignano stated for the record that the date and time for the James Island Pride meeting is changed to the third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Councilman Boles moved for the appointment of Virginia Smith as Chair, seconded by Mayor Lyon. Passed unanimously.

James Island Pride:

Virginia Smith  
Amy Ball  
Henrietta Martin  
Stan Kozikowski  
DeAnn Grayson

Trees Advisory Committee:

Mayor Lyon moved for the appointment of Garrett Milliken to serve on the Trees Advisory Committee and the six (6) current members. Motion was made by Councilwoman Mignano, seconded by Councilman Boles. Passed unanimously.

Trees Advisory Committee:

David Tomblin  
Paul Cantrell  
Natalie Rumph

Jenny Welch

Robin Hardin

Julia Hallman

Garrett Milliken

Councilman Dodson moved to appoint David Tomblin as chair of the Trees Advisory Committee, seconded by Mayor Lyon. Passed unanimously.

2024-2025 Town Budget Discussion: Town Administrator, Mike Hemmer provided an overview of the 2024-2025 draft annual budget and highlighted the changes that were recommended from the budget workshop held on March 18. During the review, Mr. Hemmer answered Council's questions regarding revenues, expenditures and specific line items. The final draft will be presented to Council at its April 18 meeting. Copy of draft provided.

Flock Camera: Mayor Lyon entertained discussion regarding the purchase of flock cameras for the Town. She asked if Council wanted to consider the purchase and that Lt. James (Island Sheriffs Patrol) had suggested having them in the Town. Council's packet included the costs for 6 and 10 cameras. Councilwoman Mignano asked where would the cameras be located and Mr. Hemmer replied that Lt. James has a plan where they should be placed, (i.e., the Connector, Wappoo Creek Bridge). Members of Council offered their thoughts and opinions about the cameras, both Councilwoman Mignano and Councilman Boles spoke of the benefits the cameras could provide but they are on the fence as to whether or not having them would be an infringement (i.e., does the camera show the image of a person, or does it only show the vehicle's license plate). After some discussion, Council deferred this item pending further discussion with Lt. James.

New Business:

ReThink Folly Road: Mayor Lyon led discussion regarding the Town's participation with the City of Charleston and Charleston County for a 20% match for the ReThink Folly Road project for Phases II and III. She said it was requested that each entity contribute \$100,000 towards this project. There was some discussion among Council that the areas in the Town under Phase II is George L. Griffith Blvd. to S. Grimball Rd. and Phase III is not in the Town. It runs from Folly Rd from S. Grimball Rd to Sol Legare Rd. Mayor Lyon informed Council that the grant application is due in June and she would need to report the Town's decision at the April 17 ReThink Folly Road Steering Committee meeting. After further discussion, Councilman Dodson moved that the Town support the grant by contributing no more than \$30,000 to the project as our approximate footprint of Town property in Phase II is around 18%. Councilman Mullinax seconded.

Vote

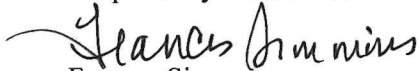
Councilman Boles	Aye
Councilman Dodson	Aye
Councilwoman Mignano	Aye
Councilman Mullinax	Aye
Mayor Lyon	Aye
Passed unanimously	

Town Market: Mayor Lyon announced that the Town Market will now be done in house by staff starting on Friday, May 3. Caroline Self will serve as the Market Manager along with Parker Richardson, Jackie Mays, Robin Sanders, and Frances Simmons.

Public Works: Mayor Lyon announced the hire of Keith LaDeaux as Public Works Coordinator/Project Manager. Keith will begin work on April 15.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frances Simmons". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the printed name.

Frances Simmons

Town Clerk