

The Town of James Island held a special meeting on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 1122 Dills Bluff Road, James Island, SC. This meeting was also live streamed on the Town’s website at www.jamesislandsc.us/livestream-townmeetings and was held in accordance with the S.C. Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of James Island.

The following members of Council were present: Lewis Dodson, Julia Drayton-Crumblin, Dr. Cynthia Mignano, Darren “Troy” Mullinax, Michael O. Williams, and Mayor Brook Lyon, who presided. Absent: Councilman Dan Boles. A quorum was present to conduct business. Also: Town Attorney, Brian Quisenberry, Finance Director, Mike Hemmer, Permitting and Licensing Manger, Melissa Flick, Planning Director, Kristen Crane, Town Engineer, Laura Cabiness, and Town Clerk Frances Simmons.

Mayor Lyon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and introduced herself as Mayor, the Town Council, and staff. She announced that the Town encourages public participation and welcomes comments prior to the Town Council meetings. Residents wishing to address Council are limited to three (3) minutes and must sign in prior to speaking. Written comments may also be submitted in advance by emailing to info@jamesislandsc.us by mail, or by placing them in the drop box at the Town Hall.

Public Hearing: Mayor Lyon introduced the ordinances scheduled for tonight’s public hearing. The ordinances are proposed amendments to allow for variances and appeals of administrative decisions concerning Flood Damage Prevention, Building Regulations to be heard by the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) along with additional edits and clarifications to Town Regulations concerning Flood Damage Prevention. Each ordinance was read into the record by title:

- Ordinance #2026-02 amends Ordinance #2023-09 – BZA
- Ordinance #2026-03 amends Ordinance #2023-10 – Building and
- Ordinance #2026-04 amends Ordinance #2023-11 – Flood

No members of the public were present.

Request for Consideration by Staff:

Scope and Planning Services Agreement/10-Year Comprehensive Plan: Mayor Lyon stated that this agenda item was postponed at the April 16 meeting regarding the Town’s Comprehensive Plan and the potential agreement for professional planning services from the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments (BCDCOG). Mayor Lyon called for a motion to approve and a second for the purpose of discussion. Councilman Dodson moved for the approval, seconded by Councilwoman Drayton-Crumblin. No discussion.

Vote

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| Councilman Dodson | Aye |
| Councilwoman Drayton-Crumblin | Aye |
| Councilwoman Mignano | Aye |
| Councilman Mullinax | Aye |
| Councilman Williams | Aye |
| Mayor Lyon | Aye |

Unanimous

Ordinances up for Second/Final Reading:

- Ordinance #2026-02 amends Ordinance #2023-09 – BZA
- Ordinance #2026-03 amends Ordinance #2023-10 – Building and
- Ordinance #2026-04 amends Ordinance #2023-11 – Flood

Mayor Lyon read each of the ordinances into the record by title. She then called for a motion to approve and a second for the purpose of discussion. Councilwoman Mignano moved for the approval, seconded by Councilman Dodson. No discussion.

Vote

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| Councilman Dodson | Aye |
| Councilwoman Drayton-Crumblin | Aye |
| Councilwoman Mignano | Aye |
| Councilman Mullinax | Aye |
| Councilman Williams | Aye |
| Mayor Lyon | Aye |

Unanimous

Mayor Lyon announced that the Town will launch its own building department tomorrow in partnership with SafeBuilt. She said a training session was held today with herself, Melissa, Kristen, Mike, and Laura, during which they entered several mock building permits into the system. Mayor Lyon noted that the process was very interesting and described it as a great program.

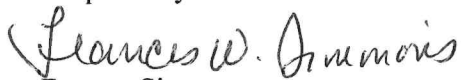
Executive Session: Mayor Lyon announced that the Town Council may enter into an executive session in accordance with Code of Laws of South Carolina 30-4-70 (A) (2); for the receipt of legal advice regarding litigation matters regarding KT Properties, LLC vs. Town of James Island and contractual matters. Upon returning to Open Session the Council may act on matters discussed in the executive session.

Motion to enter into the executive session was made by Councilwoman Drayton-Crumblin, seconded by Councilman Williams, and passed unanimously. Council entered at 7:06 p.m.

Council returned to open session at 7:46 p.m. Mayor Lyon announced that no votes were taken during the executive session.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Frances Simmons
Town Clerk