

The Town of James Island held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in person at the Town Hall, 1122 Dills Bluff Rd., James Island, SC. This meeting was also live streamed on the Town's website, www.jamesislandsc.us/livestream-townmeetings and was held in accordance with the SC Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of James Island

The following members of Council were present: Boles, Dodson, Mignano, Mullinax, and Mayor Lyon, who presided. Also, Brandon Reeser (for Attorney Bonum Wilson), Merrell Roe, Finance Officer, Lt. Shawn James, Island Sheriff's Patrol, Deputy Chris King, and Frances Simmons, Town Clerk.

Opening Exercises: Mayor Lyon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Dodson led Council in prayer and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Update on Ft. Johnson @ Jeffords by Charleston Water System, CWS: Mayor Lyon introduced representatives from Charleston Water System, Baker Mordecai, Chief Operations Officer, and Mike Saia, Public Information Officer and asked them to give an update on the broken water line transmission break that occurred at Ft. Johnson & Jeffords Rd. Saturday, February 10.

Mr. Mordecai thanked Council for the opportunity to provide them with an update. He said often it is in emergencies such as this that stakeholders come together and pull out all the stops. He thanked Mayor Lyon for being at the site on Saturday and for the cooperation of the stakeholders: Charleston County Sheriff's Office; Dominion Energy; SC Department of Transportation, and the Town of James Island. Mr. Mordecai said CWS received a call about a leak at Ft. Johnson Rd near Jeffords Rd. at 6:00 a.m. Saturday morning and on-call crews rapidly responded by isolating the main with valves by 7:00 a.m. He said no one lost water and the pressure was maintained the entire time. The break created extensive damage to the road, especially at the intersection of Ft. Johnson and Jeffords Rd.. CWS has been making the repairs but had a setback on Monday due to the weather; on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dominion had to restore their lines first because it runs perpendicular with Dominion's water line and that work had to be done first. Work was completed on Wednesday and continues with Dominion and SCDOT restoring the area. The estimated time for completion is this weekend or worst case scenario would be next weekend. The cause of the break was due to spot corrosion. Measures have been taken to prevent this from happening in that spot again by applying a corrosion resistant epoxy fixture (called a turtleback clamp) wrapped in poly. Mr. Mordecai said when these types of breaks occur, they look at its history and have not had a break as this in the past. The water lines are approximately 25 years old and has a service life of 50 years. Mayor Lyon thanked CWS for their hard work in repairing the area quickly and for sharing this information with the Town.

Public Comment: Mayor Lyon opened the floor to public comments. She asked those speaking to state their name and address for the record; speak into the mics, address Council and limit comments to three (3) minutes. The following persons spoke:

Kathleen F. McFall, 1207 Sea Aire Dr., a resident of 45 years said she would love to see the traffic circle built. It would be easier to make a right turn rather than cross the traffic and get into an accident. In the 45 years she's lived on the island some horrific accidents have occurred there. As a senior that drives at night the traffic circle would make it safer.

Brooke Blosser, 4738 Linfield Lane, N. Chas. Ms. Blosser is a land, water, and wildlife project coordinator with the SC Coastal Conservation League. She works on several types of issues related to wildlife and their habitat that includes plastic debris that ends up in their habitat. She thanked Council for amending the ordinance on environmentally acceptable packaging to close the loophole in allowing the thick plastic bags. Research from the Citadel and College of Charleston has shown that when the initial ordinances were passed the amount of plastic bag litter dropped, except the thick plastic bags increased by 200%. She thanked Council for being proactive leaders in the Town and for the low country marshes of South Carolina.

Kelly Thorralson, 923 Dills Bluff Rd., Conservation Programs Manager, SC Aquarium spoke on the amended ordinance. In its 28 years the Aquarium has been rehabilitating sea turtles. She has seen 44 come to them with plastics in their GI tracts, more than 10%. In eight years, over 80% of those came in so this is an overwhelming majority over the last eight years. When the Aquarium began to see this dramatic increase, they began investing staff time and funding to mitigate a solution for plastic and created a litter journal app in 2017 for tracking. Seven years of data has been collected along the coastline that includes James Island to understand the most problematic types of debris, track trends, and create solutions. In the seven years of James Island's data, she wished that she could report a significant decline in the banned items; but there was a setback during Covid when plastic bags became popular. In 2023, they are finding more banned items in litter sweeps than in 2017 for both thin and thick plastic bags. She encouraged Council to pass the amended ordinance and pledged to work alongside her colleagues to help push this forward, educate the Town, and talk to businesses in any way that she can.

Zack Watkin, 1402 Camp Rd., Charleston Surf Rider. Mr. Watkin stated that he worked with former Councilmember Garrett Milliken and JI Pride litter pickups. Charleston Surf Rider appreciates the work the Town is doing to bring the environmentally acceptable packaging for a second reading. He hope it passes. During litter pickups, they continue to find the thick plastic bags. He thanked the Council for taking pride in the community to make it better.

Brittany Prebis, 700 Daniel Ellis Dr., College of Charleston student is studying for a master's degree in environment and sustainability. Ms. Prebis is also an intern at Charleston Waterkeepers and doing a thesis on microplastic monitoring in the Charleston Harbor Watershed. From July to December 2023, Charleston Waterkeepers did a preliminary six-month trial on microplastic monitoring and found microplastic severe particles at every site where they studied and found that they were from products such as plastic bags. She said Charleston Waterkeepers is in support of the Town passing the ordinance.

Lauren Greenwood, 37 Montague St., intern at Charleston Waterkeepers with Brittany Prebis and is in the same master's program at the College of Charleston. She has participated in community cleanups and has found lots of plastic bags and cutlery. The Town's ordinance is important and she appreciates that it is being done. She works with Brittany on microplastics monitoring because when plastics end up in the marsh, it not only threatens the species that live there but it degrades into smaller microplastics that are nearly impossible to clean up.

Brendan Laubner, 1518 Patterson Ave., a town resident since 2019 spoke about recreational sports for adults, specifically tennis. He said to become a member at a city facility (CTC or Maybank) a town resident must pay an additional 100% membership. He has had discussions with former Town Administrator, Niki Grimball and the City's Recreation Director, Laurie Yarborough, to learn about this is. He is coming before Council tonight to find a solution for adults that want to play tennis that live in the Town or for reimbursement of the additional membership fees at a city facility. He shared an email from Ms. Grimball that if the city is willing to offer non-residents a membership, the Town could implement a program to reimburse them. In the same email Ms. Yarborough replied that if the Town would reimburse its residents for the additional fee she was fine with that. Mr. Laubner said both sides stated that it could be done. He also received a reply from Wilson, Heyward & Reeser Attorneys and that response made clear that an inquiry was made to the City about a reimbursement (i.e., as the youth sports) and the City replied that due to the high demand at the Maybank facility of by City residents that was not an option. He said that contradicts what Ms. Yarborough said in the email. He further stated that when someone obtains membership at a City facility they are not asked if they live in the City or Town. He asked Council to help resolve this problem. Mayor Lyon thanked him and asked him to contact her at the Town Hall.

Jenny Welch, 1163 East and West Rd., Ms. Welch read the following statement into the record. Statement Attached.

Paul Cantrell: 1163 East and West Rd., spoke regarding the "round-about" that the stone posts are not being considered at the right location. They should be located at Stonepost and Ft. Johnson. If it is placed at Ft. Johnson and Camp, he echoes Jenny's statements for meaningful conversations to be had about the final placement

because they are important to the neighborhood. Regarding the zero-turn mower, he hopes the Town will eventually move to electric powered.

Inez Brown-Crouch, 1149 Mariner Dr., Ms. Brown-Crouch stated she is 84 years old and lives on James Island. She supports the roundabout. She has had family and friends killed at that intersection and we need to think about safety. She said when driving from Camp to Ft. Johnson, someone must “almost” get into the middle of the street to see. She reiterated being 84 years old, still drives, and does not want to get killed. She asked Council to support the round-about.

Mayor Lyon thanked everyone that came out to speak and commented that it is great to have so much citizen participation.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes: Special Town Council Meeting, January 16, 2024: Motion to approve by Councilman Boles, seconded by Councilman Dodson. Passed unanimously.

Minutes: January 17, 2024, Town Council Short-Term Rental (STR) Workshop: Motion to approve by Councilwoman Mignano, seconded by Councilman Dodson. Passed unanimously.

Minutes: January 18, 2024, Regular Town Council Meeting: Motion to approve by Councilman Dodson, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Passed unanimously.

Information Reports:

Finance Report: Finance Officer Merrell Roe commented that under “interest income” the Mayor has worked diligently to increase interest for the Town’s accounts and she expect to see better results next month. She responded to questions from Councilwoman Mignano from a December report.

Island Sheriff’s Patrol Report: Lt. James reported on offenses that occurred in the Town over the last month including, violations and thefts at local establishments and provided an update on the accident that occurred near Ft. Johnson and Camp Rds. Mayor Lyon complemented the Sheriff’s Office for doing a great job with traffic control on Ft. Johnson and Jeffords last Saturday during the water main break there.

Public Works (PW) Report: Mayor Lyon reported in the absence of Mark Johnson, PW Director. She reported that the Quail Run drainage project is scheduled for completion the end of next week. The Town’s lot on Hillman St. used as a staging area will be cleaned up afterward. The Oceanview/Stonepost drainage project continues to move forward. Mayor Lyon reported that the gas line conflict power pole issue was addressed by Dominion Energy. The contractor had asked for a three-month extension through March and now has requested an extension through April 15.

Requests for Consideration by Staff: None.

Requests for Consideration by Council:

Driveway Repair @1750 Pittsford Circle: Mayor Lyon requested approval for the repair of a driveway apron at 1750 Pittsford Circle that was improperly installed by staff. The bid received from Baylock is \$2,850. Another contractor’s bid came in higher @ \$14/square foot vs. \$8.90 and \$8.73, respectively. Motion to approve by Councilman Boles, seconded by Councilwoman Mignano.

Vote

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

Passed unanimously.

Driveway Repair @ 1083 Quail Drive: Mayor Lyon requested approval for a second driveway repair at 1083 Quail Drive @\$2,750. Motion to approve by Councilman Mullinax, seconded by Councilman Dodson.

Vote

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

Passed unanimously.

Gate and Fence Repair @ Pinckney Park: Mayor Lyon described the gates at Pinckney Park as large and heavy, installed on small posts that have fallen off. A part of the fence is damaged and the gate is down. A portion of the quote is to extend the enclosed yard so materials used for landscaping would have its own area and not detract from the beauty of the park. Two quotes were received: 1) McCarty @ \$5,900 and 2) DeCarlo @ \$7,268. Councilman Boles moved for the approval of the McCarty quote @\$5,900, seconded by Councilman Mullinax.

Vote

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

Passed unanimously.

Zero-Turn Mower and Trailer Quotes: Mayor Lyon informed Council that this request has been in the budget for some time. Initially it was intended that Town staff would maintain our parks and rights-of-ways. She said the Town has a contract with another company spending over \$5,000. She said the equipment we could purchase would quickly pay for itself and the Facilities staff is eager take on this responsibility. Mayor Lyon spoke on the importance of having a commercial grade mower that would last. Michael Cryan, Facilities Manager, has informed the Mayor that Corky's Power Equipment offered the Town a discount of \$600 on a demo mower having only a few operating hours and today offered an additional \$100 off totaling \$700. Mayor Lyon said if Council chooses to accept the quote from Corky's it would be \$6,275.99 and would include training on how to operate it. Mayor Lyon said we would also need to purchase a trailer that Lowe's price has better pricing.. Motion by Councilman Mullinax, seconded by Councilman Dodson.

Councilwoman Mignano addressed the options and the difference in price from the other providers (Four Brothers Outdoor Power, and Arco Lawn). Councilman Dodson noted that the additional \$100 discount from Corky's would bring the cost \$6,275.99. Mayor Lyon spoke of the proximity of Corky's on Camp Rd. if service to the equipment is needed. The other providers would have to order the equipment, but we could get the mower from Corky's tomorrow. It was also noted that the quotes did not include sales tax, shipping and handling. Councilwoman Mignano had questions about the trailer and asked to discuss it separately from the mower. The motion by Councilman Mullinax, seconded by Councilman Dodson was withdrawn. Councilwoman Mignano moved for the approval of the mower from Corky's Outdoor Power Equipment, seconded by Mayor Lyon.

Vote

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

Passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Mignano moved for the approval of the carry-on trailer, seconded by Councilman Dodson. Councilwoman Mignano spoke about the capacity of each trailers. She said the Leonard brand has a higher payload capacity (150 lbs.) and asked if that is a significant deciding factor. A comparison was made and it was determined that the trailer from Lowe’s was 2,115-lbs. and Leonard’s 2,294. Mayor Lyon gave her understanding that the trailer from Lowe’s would handle our needs. Councilman Dodson asked if the only purpose is that it hold the zero-turn mower and small landscaping equipment; which was confirmed. The recommendation was to approve the carry-on trailer from Lowe’s @\$2,848.00.

Vote

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

Passed unanimously.

Island Sheriff’s Patrol Rate Increase: Mayor Lyon reported that beginning February 1, 2024, the Charleston County Sheriff’s Office rates will increase for off-duty officers. She said it is prudent that we amend the budget for the increase so we don’t lose coverage that our deputies provide. Also, they love working for the Town but if they could earn more money working elsewhere they have to make that decision.

Lt. James said rates were raised several years ago with the City as the first to do so. He explained how officers are being taken from other’s municipality in the tri-county area, i.e., so to speak “robbing each other”. He explained that a deputy could be paid time-and-a-half to work patrol and earn more than at the off-duty rate; and they are losing deputies. Some other municipalities have raised their rates in order to be competitive. He said the new rate goes into effect February 1, but the Town’s contract is in effect until June 30 at the current rate. He commented that the Town, by no means, is forced to increase its rate, but the Sheriff’s Office is concerned about losing officers, which he sees. He hopes the rate increase would help retain deputies.

Motion to approve the rate increase (attached) was made by Councilman Boles, seconded by Councilman Dodson.

Vote

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

Passed unanimously.

Roof Bids for James Island Arts & Cultural Center: Roof Coating and Facia Replacement, Infrared Scan for Wet Insulation, and Exterior Wall Coating Bids: Mayor Lyon introduced Seth Klein, with Garland DBS, Inc. to give an overview of the roof at the JI Arts & Cultural Center. Mr. Klein informed Council that the roof was first examined in May, 2023, and it had significant leaks at that time with some repair and patchwork done on it. He said the roof is 25-30 years old and the mineral on it has worn off and is pulled away from the metal edges allowing moister along the perimeter and the field. The goal was to determine if the roof would be a candidate for restoration or if it should be taken off. He explained his findings to Council and the various testing that were performed to make a decision. The initial proposal presented was for a 20 year warranty @ \$163,295 and 10 years @ \$119,051. The exterior portion remained the same @\$38,911.

Councilwoman Mignano asked the difference in cost for a 20 year warranty vs. a 10 year warranty which was \$44,244. Mayor Lyon indicated that there has been more leakage and a moisture scan had been recommended. Mr. Klein noted this was necessary if more than 90 days has passed but this could be included in the contractor's bid. Councilman Dodson asked how much is saved with having solar panels and Mayor Lyon said we could find out.

After further discussion, Councilwoman Mignano moved to approve the 20 year warranty, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Councilman Boles said he would not vote in favor of the motion because the cost is high for a building the Town doesn't own, but we could do spot coating to keep the building from getting worse. Councilwoman Mignano agreed and expressed concern about the foundation, and whether we could purchase the building. Mr. Klein stated that the proposal included the cost of a 30 year warranty closer to the cost if the roof needed to come off. There was brief discussion regarding an inspection and Mayor Lyon added that if Council decides to move forward that an inspection would be needed to determine if there are substantial repairs.

Councilwoman Mignano commented to Mr. Klein that Council's back/forth in making a decision had nothing to do with his presentation; they are concerned about spendings on a building that the Town does not own.

Vote

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

Failed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Land Use: No report.

Environment and Beautification Committee: No report.

Children's Committee: Councilwoman Mignano met with Caroline Self, JI Arts & Cultural Center to discuss a program for night bicycle safety and an incident with a youth bicycling at night almost being hit. She is working on a program at the High School for basic carpentry skills (Repair Care) that she hopes will begin this fall.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman Mullinax announced that the Neighborhood Council meeting is Thursday, February 22 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Baxter-Patrick Library.

Appointment to Neighborhood Council: Councilman Mullinax moved for the appointment of Bill Lyon to represent the Lighthouse Point subdivision, seconded by Councilman Boles. Motion passed 4-1; Mayor Lyon abstained.

History Committee: No report.

Rethink Folly Road: Mayor Lyon announced that the Steering Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 28 @ 5 p.m. in person at the Town Hall.

Drainage Committee: No report. Councilman Boles announced that he is looking for members and encouraged those interested to contact him.

Business Development Committee: No report.

Trees Advisory Committee: Mayor Lyon announced that the meeting was cancelled.

James Island Intergovernmental Council: Mayor Lyon announced that Councilwoman Mignano has been elected Vice-Chair for the JI Intergovernmental Council.

Accommodations Tax Committee: Councilman Dodson gave an update on the formation of the Accommodations Tax Committee. He recently attended a meeting with the City of Folly Beach. This would be a seven (7) member board which is required for compliance; and one meeting is held a year to give guidance on where and how monies are spent. The Board must consist of: two (2) people in the hospitality industry; two (2) in lodging; one (1) cultural; and two (2) at-large. Persons interested in serving may contact Councilman Dodson.

Proclamations and Resolutions:

Proclamation Recognizing National Association of Women in Construction Week: Mayor Lyon read the Proclamation designating March 3-9, 2024, as Women in Construction Week. She recognized Allison Crotty, and Eliza Melcon, with the NAWIC Palmetto Chapter for their work and service to the community.

Intergovernmental Agreement for Folly Bike and Pedestrian Improvements/Resolution #2017: Mayor Lyon presented the Intergovernmental Agreement for approval by Council. The previous administration granted municipal consent by passage of a resolution in 2017 and budgeted \$400,000.00 that has not been expended. John Martin, Charleston County, gave an overview of the project that Charleston County will construct the Folly Bike and Pedestrian Improvements Project consisting of approximately 7,000 linear feet with bicycle lanes along Folly Road. The project is close to being advertised as they complete the right-of-way condemnation filings with the court that must be done before advertising. The budget for this project is roughly \$5 million. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Boles, seconded by Councilman Mullinax.

Vote

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

Resolution #2024-02: Municipal Consent for Ft. Johnson and Camp Roads (Round-About): (*Presentation could not be shown*). Mr. Martin stated that the purpose and goal of the project is to improve safety at the intersection of Ft. Johnson and Camp and to maintain traffic flow with all modes of transportation, which is least impactful to the grand trees and private property, and to preserve the stone posts. He said over the years the County has come up with a design to meet those goals and purposes. This round-about is one that the SCDOT will approve by its standards, specifications and regulations. The County is at the point of permitting finishing some administrative processes. They are working on the right-of-way acquisition to be completed by April or May. This has been a high priority with the County and SCDOT for safety. Crash data at that intersection from 2016-2023 shows there have been 37 accidents, 20 injuries, and one fatality so there is definitely a need there.

Councilman Boles asked and Mr. Martin agreed to send his presentation to Council as well as the exhibits of the stone posts. Councilman Dodson expressed some concerns raised during public comments and asked if Council would have a chance to amend the location of the stone posts; move back more into the entrance of the neighborhood? Mr. Martin said he doesn't want to say no, but it would be challenging at this point. He described it as a "balancing act" to choose what they did for the location based on safety and working with the property owners. It would not be in the DOT right-of-way and easements will be required as it will be on private property, one of which is the City Fire Department, and the other a private homeowner. *He said a meeting was held with the Town and the City last summer to talk about the placement of the stone posts. Mayor Lyon asked if residents were in attendance at that meeting and Mr. Martin did not think they were but he did meet with residents last May and reviewed three alternatives and after looking at the alternatives, it made more sense to place put them where they have it now. Other factors are utilities and space limitations.

Mayor Lyon commented about citizens' concerns about where the stone posts will be placed before the location is finalized. Mr. Martin agreed that a meeting could be held and reiterated that safety is the #1 priority for this project. Councilman Dodson asked that 3-D renderings be provided to help people see it as is. A meeting will be scheduled with the residents soon. Councilman Mullinax spoke regarding the stone posts to be sure they are preserved. He thanked Mr. Martin for being accommodative. Motion to approve the Municipal Consent was made by Councilman Boles, seconded by Councilman Dodson. Mayor Lyon clarified that the Town's consent is for the project and a check was not being written. Councilwoman Mignano voiced concerns about approving the resolution with regard to the location of the stone posts. Councilman Mullinax said we are close to an agreement; he is pleased that a meeting with the residents will be held. Councilmembers Boles and Mignano encouraged the County to work with residents to determine where the stone posts could be placed.

Vote

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

Passed 4-1

Ordinances up for First Reading:

First Reading: Ordinance #2024-02: To Amend Ordinance #2019-13 Establishing Purchasing Procedures for the Town of James Island to Increase Purchasing Limits: Mayor Lyon brought forth the Ordinance for approval. She noted that the recommended changes are in "red" and approval will amend the Ordinance that passed in 2019. It will also increase the limits for purchases. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Boles, seconded by Councilman Dodson.

Vote

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

Passed unanimously.

Ordinances up for Second/Final Reading:

Amendment to Ordinance #2018-16 Pertaining to Environmentally Acceptable Packaging to Clarify the Definitions of Reusable Carryout Bags: Mayor Lyon introduced the Ordinance for its second and final reading. Motion to approve by Councilman Mullinax, seconded by Councilman Dodson. Following brief discussion, the vote was called.

Vote

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

Passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Rescind Motion for 2024 Town Council Meeting Schedule: Mayor Lyon explained that Council needed to rescind the motion made to change the date and time of Town Council meetings. It was determined that how the dates differ, staff would not be able to provide the necessary reports in a timely manner to Council. Motion to rescind was made by Councilman Boles, seconded by Councilwoman Mignano.

Vote

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

Passed unanimously

New Business: None.

Executive Session: Mayor Lyon announced that Town Council would enter into an Executive Session in accordance with 30-4-70(a) Code of Laws of South Carolina for receipt of legal advice regarding potential land purchases for parks/greenspace, recreation, and discussion regarding 1248 Camp Road, and for personnel matters. Upon returning to open session the Council may act on matters discussed in the Executive Session. Councilman Dodson moved to enter, seconded by Councilwoman Mignano at 8:59 and passed unanimously.

Return to Regular Session: Mayor Lyon asked for a motion to return to regular session. Councilman Mullinax moved that Council return to regular session at 9:39 p.m., seconded by Councilman Dodson and passed unanimously. Mayor Lyon announced that no votes were taken during the executive session.

Councilwoman Mignano moved to initiate the process for the acquisition of green space giving the Mayor the authority to work with staff to identify properties. Motion was seconded by Councilman Boles and passed unanimously.

Announcements/Closing Remarks:

Councilman Boles recognized Frances Simmons, Town Clerk, for the work that she is doing and for filling in where needed. He wanted to let her know that her efforts are not unnoticed and Council appreciates it.

Councilwoman Mignano also recognized Frances for the work that she is doing. She thanked the Sheriff's Office for their hard work with the Town and its citizens.

Councilman Mullinax and Mayor Lyon reiterated the comments made and thanked Frances for filling in thanked her for her service.

Frances asked to speak and shared with Council that she has been working for the Town for 21 years and had planned to retire but when Mayor Lyon was elected decided to stay on and is his happy to work with Mayor Lyon, Council, and this administration.

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Frances Simmons
Town Clerk