

The Town of James Island held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in person 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.livestream-townmeetings](http://www.jamesislandsc.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: Dan Boles, Lewis Dodson, Darren "Troy" Mullinax, and Mayor Brook Lyon, who presided. Absent: Councilwoman Cynthia Mignano (gave notice). Also present: Town Attorney, Brian Quisenberry, Finance Director, Mike Hemmer, Public Works and Licensing Manager, Melissa Flick, Town Engineer, Laura Cabiness, Island Sheriff's Patrol, Lt. Shawn James and Deputy Chis King, Island Sheriff's Patrol, and Frances Simmons, Town Clerk.

Opening Exercises: Mayor Lyon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and introduced the members of Town Council. She announced that Councilwoman Mignano gave notice of her absence at tonight's meeting. Councilman Troy Mullinax led Council in prayer and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Lyon announced that notice of this meeting was published and posted in accordance with the S.C. Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of James Island. The Town encourages the public to provide comments prior to Town Council meetings by emailing to [info@jamesislandsc.us](mailto:info@jamesislandsc.us), mail, or place in the drop box at the Town Hall.

Presentation: Opportunity Calls Everyone: Denise Ladson-Johnson, Founder and Director of Opportunity Calls Everyone, gave a presentation of the 7<sup>th</sup> year Summer Camp Program on James Island that is co-sponsored by the Town. She thanked Mayor Lyon, Town Council, Inez Brown-Crouch, Henrietta Martin, Julia Drayton-Crumblin, First Baptist Church, and others made the camp possible and to allow positive experiences for the children that attended.

Public Comments:

Kathleen Forest McFall, 1207 Sea Aire Dr: Ms. McFall talked about an Art and Community Center that would enhance us. We want to move forward, not backward, and to have something that we all could share and say ... *this is James Island; this is ours*. She supports having the Arts and Community Center and hopes that others will.

- Community Business Academy: the academy was approved by Town Council in July and is going well. This is the program that Denise Ladson-Johnson and Julia Crumblin-Drayton graduated from. There are 18 students in this current class; three are Town recipients that we will underwrite. Areas of interest are businesses, restaurants, consulting, soap making, lip gloss and a waxed hand business. The instructor and class monitor are Town residents. Mayor Lyon has been invited to attend a class on October 8, and this invitation is open to any member of Council.
- Update on James Island Art and Community Center: Mayor Lyon announced that the Design Build Contract for the James Island Arts and Community Center were approved at last month's Town Council meeting. She asked Town Engineer, Laura Cabiness, to give an update of the project.

Finance Report: Finance Director, Mike Hemmer, presented the August 2025 Finance Report and it was accepted as information.

Public Works: Public Works and Licensing Manager, Melissa Flick, presented the August 2025 Public Works Report and it was accepted as information.

Island Sheriff's Patrol: Lt. James gave updates on traffic data from the stealth reader: Trapier. The maximum speed is 37mph (3709 cars); Bradford, maximum speed 33-36 (789 cars). Lt. James reported crimes and infractions in the Town, and vehicle break-ins.

Requests for Consideration by Staff: None.

Requests for Consideration by Council: None.

#### Committee Reports:

Land Use Committee: Mayor Lyon announced no Planning Commission and BZA meetings were held this month but will be held in October.

Environment and Beautification Committee: Stan Kozikowski reported on the Adopt-a-Highway pickup on September 13 where volunteers picked up 7 bags of litter. Helping Hands event will be held on Saturday, September 20 at 9:00 a.m. and James Island Pride Litter pickup is scheduled for October 11.

Children's Committee: Mayor Lyon announced Councilwoman Mignano's appointment of Julia Drayton-Crumblin to the Children's Committee.

Neighborhood Council

seconded by Councilman Boles. Ms. Fritz was recommended by Michael Williams. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

ReThink Folly Road: Mayor Lyon gave a recap of the ReThink Folly Road Steering Committee which was yesterday. She is excited about having the City, County, and Folly onboard and hopes to see progress in the coming months on projects. Some discussion at the meeting which included the following: potential funding among the entities to hire a consultant for grant funding for the next two phases. Folly Road Safety Study: The medians planned in the road (mainly in the Town) has been practically removed. We are lobbying for more to be removed. The light at Santee St. has been nixed. This is unfortunate because having a light there would be helpful. Representative Spencer Wetmore has been a great help in lobbying to reduce the medians because having them would force traffic and 18-wheelers into neighborhoods. Camp Road Middle School traffic which backups onto Folly. This situation appears to be better because the new principal has instituted changes discouraging entering the car rider lines before 3:15 p.m. Some children are being bussed to the library on Grimball Rd and picked up there. The last ReThink Folly Road meeting for the year is Wednesday, November 19.

Drainage Committee: Councilman Mullinax announced that Saturday, September 6 was the sandbag filling operation. Thank you to the Honor students at James Island Charter and staff that participated in filling sandbags in the event there is a Hurricane or storm. Councilman Mullinax also manned the information booth and gave information to those in attendance. Councilman Mullinax thanked everyone who participated as it was worthwhile and appreciated.

Business Development Committee: No Report. Councilman Dodson will schedule a meeting in October. Date and time to be announced later.

Trees Advisory Committee: Mayor Lyon announced that a tree giveaway will be held on Friday, November 7 during the Town Market. The Trees Advisory Council will man two booths and give away 200 trees. A Tree Canopy Award will be held on October 13 @ 5:00 p.m. on Stiles Dr. to award a majestic live oak tree and a drive thru tree giveaway will be held on February 7. People will be able to talk to an arborist and receive instructions on how to plant the trees.

James Island Intergovernmental Council: The next meeting will be held Wednesday, October 29 @7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Accommodations Tax Committee: No Report.

For the record, four (4) letters of support were received via email; and two individuals spoke during public comments in favor of the request. She said the last speed humps paid by the Town was \$8,000 a piece but they may cost more because of the economy and increased prices.

Councilman Boles stated that a request made by resolution may not get this done with the SCDOT (SC Department of Transportation). Mayor Lyon replied that if the Resolution is approved and the cost is under \$10,000 we would do it because it is a Public Works project. If the price exceeds \$10,000, it would be brought to Council. Councilman Boles said he knows we're just adding to an existing project; but he remembers at the speed hump meetings there were people both for and against and it sounds what is being described is that we do not need to do that; to do speed studies or poll the residents. He said the Town had a percentage of residents that requested them and if it met the threshold it was approved. Mayor Lyon said the percentage was 60 or 75% and explained that the speed humps are already there and this is completing an original project. She added that about half of the nearby residents have written letters to come to speak about this issue. She said there is also an alternative route with no speed humps. The Bell Terre gates are now open and most of the opposition was at the back of the neighborhood who were speeding that did not live along Schooner Rd. or have children and pets. She thinks there were only two residents that live along Schooner Rd. who did not sign the petition at that time. She explained that this section is approximately eight houses back from the Indian Mound. She reiterated this is not doing a new project and in her opinion a new project would involve doing a new speed study and gave an example of Seaside having two speed humps and requesting a third. Councilman Boles added that he thinks it is a little bit different because on Seaside they were all installed at once. He noted that he does not live in Lighthouse Point and is inclined to give neighborhoods what they ask for to help them. However, if we set up a process he doesn't want to skirt that for someone that might become upset. He described the speed hump meeting that he attended when first elected to Council. He has no opinion on the propriety of the speed humps but does not want what occurred at that meeting to happen again.

Town Attorney Quisenberry said the resolution is to find out if the DOT would grant permission and we (Town) make sure that the process is met. This situation seems to fall under a prior process. Councilman Dodson spoke that this is a livability issue and is something that affect people's daily lives and he supports it.

Vote

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Councilman Boles    | Aye |
| Councilman Dodson   | Aye |
| Councilman Mullinax | Aye |
| Mayor Lyon</        |     |

Vote

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Councilman Boles    | Aye |
| Councilman Dodson   | Aye |
| Councilman Mullinax | Aye |
| Mayor Lyon          | Aye |
| Unanimous           |     |

Resolution #2025-13: A Resolution to Adopt “Rollback Millage” Due to Reassessment: Mayor Lyon introduced the resolution recalling that Town Council did this in 2020 when the reassessment was done. As she understands, this is required every five years to adjust the millage to keep tax credits the same, so the citizens are not taxed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Boles, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. No discussion.

Vote

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Councilman Boles    | Aye |
| Councilman Dodson   | Aye |
| Councilman Mullinax | Aye |
| Mayor Lyon          | Aye |
| Unanimous           |     |

Ordinances up for First Reading: None.

Ordinances up for Second Reading: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Mayor Lyon shared there is a James Island/Folly Beach neighborhood leader roundtable meeting on Monday, September 29, 6:30 p.m., 1860 Camp Road. The Town is hosting a silent auction fundraiser at the Town Market on October 3 @ 6:00 p.m. and funds raised will go to support and close the funding gap for the new food pantry for James Island Outreach. She thanked Parker Richardson for working so hard on the silent auction.

Mayor Lyon recognized Town Staff, Town Attorney, Town Engineer and Island Sheriffs Patrol for their hard work. Mayor Lyon recognized the candidates who were in attendance who are running for the two new Council seats in the November 4 election: Julia Drayton-Crumblin, Stanley Kozikowski, and Michael Williams.

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 (

Return to Regular Session: Mayor Lyon asked for a motion to return to Open Session at 9:11 p.m. Motion made by Councilman Boles seconded by Councilman Dodson. Mayor Lyon announced that no votes were taken during the Executive Session.

Vote

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Councilman Boles    | Aye |
| Councilman Dodson   | Aye |
| Councilman Mullinax | Aye |
| Mayor Lyon          | Aye |
| Unanimous           |     |

Announcement/Closing Comments: All of Council thanked the staff for the work that they do. Councilman Mullinax thanked everyone who participated in the dedication of Gabriel Seagraves memorial intersection dedication. Mayor Lyon also thanked Bill Lyon, Representative Spencer Wetmore, James Hackett, Frances Simmons and Zennie Quinn who attended. Mayor Lyon reminded everyone to attend the October 3 First Friday Town Market.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: ,

  
Frances Simmons  
Town Clerk