

The Town of James Island held its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 1122 Dills Bluff Road, James Island, SC on Thursday, December 20, 2018. The following members of Council were present: Leonard Blank, Mayor Pro-Tem, Garrett Milliken, Joshua P. Stokes, Darren "Troy" Mullinax, and Mayor Bill Woolsey, presided. Also, Ashley Kellahan, Town Administrator, Bonum S. Wilson, Town Attorney, Merrell Roe, Finance Director, Douglas Sparling, Facilities Maintenance Technician, Deputy Herman Martin, Island Sheriff's Patrol, and Frances Simmons, Town Clerk. A quorum was present to conduct business.

Opening Exercises: Mayor Woolsey called the meeting to order and led Council in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. FOIA: This meeting was published and posted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of James Island.

Mayor Woolsey requested and it was granted to move the presentation for the Dills Bluff Sidewalk, Phase 3, Project, from Seaside Lane to Condon Drive up on the agenda.

Council heard a presentation from Herb Gilliam, JLA, Inc. on the proposed preliminary layout for the next section of sidewalk along Dills Bluff Road beginning at Seaside Lane and terminating at Condon Drive. The sidewalk will be entirely paved with a 5' wide asphalt path, which will necessitate a retaining wall along each of the two-wetland areas.

Councilman Milliken asked if there are plans to put protections between the curbed part and the retaining wall sidewalk area and expressed concern about the curb in the road in that location. Mr. Gilliam explained that this area is the SCDOT but they could approach them about planting some palm trees that may provide separation. He said this would be a DOT call because it is in their right-of-way.

Public Comments: The following persons addressed Town Council regarding agenda item Ordinance #2018-16 pertaining to environmentally accepted packaging and products scheduled for first reading tonight. Thirty-three (33) persons spoke in favor of Town Council passing the Ordinance.

Olivia Bueno, 19 Brockman Dr.

Jo Norris, 1227 Oakcrest Dr.

Paula Byers, 856 Montgomery

Sawyer Spurling, Tara, Shane, 957 Travers Dr.

Sharleen Johnson, 1181 Oakcrest Dr.

Dan Greenberg, 1181 Oakcrest Dr.

Andrea Margiotta, 923 Dills Bluff Rd.

Adelaide Niores, 919 Dills Bluff Rd.

Melinda Ryan, 1223 Lakefront Dr.

Meredith Poston, 1438 Kemper Ave.

Liam Becker, 19 Brockway Dr.

Jim Denosky, 972 White Point

Kelly Thorralson, SC Aquarium

Tara Nouit, 1116 Darwin St.

Jim Bregman, 2170 Wappoo Hall Rd.

Kate Dittloff, 1543 Ocean Neighbors Blvd.

Eileen Dougherty 1650 Bryce Rd.

Carol Jackson, 1461 Patterson Ave. and (commented on support for signage, library, resolution for alternate #3 for Central Park/Riverland Dr. intersection improvements, City passage of the ordinance to adjust boundary line for JIPSD fire station)

Stewart Weinberg, 103 Howard Mary Dr.

Alan Laughlin, 847 Darwin St. and (commented on City passage of the boundary line adjustments for PSD Fire Station)
Caroline Bradner, 327 E. Bay
Ernest Byers, 922 Ocean Neighbors Rd.
Amber Allen, 1441 Downwood Pl.
Lisa Colabello, 1630-2 Meeting St.
David Quick, 1502 Village Sq.
Andrew Wunderley, 802 Robert E. Lee Blvd.
Ryan Cockrell, 932 Ashley Ave.
Kaitlyn Hackathorn, 1234 Parkway Dr.
Scott Peeples 836 Condon Dr.
Edward Greene, 1115 Seaside Drive and (expressed appreciation for the Town sidewalk on Seaside Lane)
Beverly O'Brien, 642 Highwood Cir. (submitted a letter in support)

Consent Agenda:

- a. **Minutes: November 15, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting:**
- b. **2019 Town Holiday and Meeting Schedule:** Motion to approve was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Council Milliken and passed unanimously.

Information Reports:

- a. **Finance Report:** Finance Director, Merrell Roe, reviewed highlights from the Finance Report and it was accepted as information.
- b. **Administrator's Report:** Town Administrator, Ashley Kellahan presented the Administrator and Public Works Reports. Both were accepted as information. Councilman Milliken asked if there is a plan to continue to Illumination on Crime meetings. Mrs. Kellahan said she was unsure if another meeting was scheduled and would find that out.
- c. **Island Sheriff's Patrol Report:** Deputy Herman Martin presented the monthly Island Sheriff's Patrol and Crime Statistics Reports for Sergeant James. Both reports were accepted as information. Deputy Martin added that the Dining with Deputies event held on the 19th at Chick-Fill-A was successful. Deputy Martin added that two stolen vehicles were picked up on the ALTR cameras on Folly Road at the Wal-Mart.

Requests for Approval:

Dills Bluff Sidewalk, Phase 3, Seaside Lane to Condon Dr., JLA Group: Council had no further questions for Mr. Gilliam. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Blank, seconded by Councilman Stokes and passed unanimously.

SCE&G Street Lighting along Camp and Dills Bluff Road: Mrs. Kellahan said this item was in last year's budget. The proposal is for twenty-four (24) Watt LED Shepherd Fixtures on 15' Shepherd Poles and upgrade existing overhead fixtures to metal halide "white" light. Conduit installation will be done by SCE&G via boring and permitted through SCDOT to meet standard lighting procedures. Mrs. Kellahan said it is important to note that the Town's franchise fee, (a non-standard service fund), is funding this and the Town could use it to match monies, i.e., towards infrastructure underground. She said as of July 1, we would lose the funds if it were not used before then. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Blank. Councilman Stokes asked if there is a plan where the 24 lights would be located. Mrs. Kellahan said it would begin at the Library, the Housing Authority, down Camp to the intersection of Ft. Johnson and on Dills Bluff (where the new boardwalk is planned) to the end of Dills Bluff at Fort Johnson. Councilman Milliken referred the boardwalk and said he is concerned about the light being near the marsh. He asked if there is mitigation to prevent the light from going into the marsh. Mrs. Kellahan said this is something she discussed with JLA. She said the type of lighting would go to the bottom of the boardwalk to prevent light pollution to nearby residents but it would provide enough light for people

walking to see. Councilman Milliken asked if the light would be motioned censored. Mrs. Kellahan said she was unsure and would look into it. Councilman Blank asked to see if there could be electrical hookups for Christmas decorations and Mrs. Kellahan said the fixtures could have attachments for decorations and banners to be placed on them. Motion passed unanimously.

Dock Street Park Signage: Mrs. Kellahan said this item was also in last year's budget. She said these are consolidated signs and the rules and regulations for the park would be updated. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Councilman Milliken said that he is happy this is being done. Motion passed unanimously.

Fort Johnson and Santee Drainage Improvements: Mrs. Kellahan said Stantec Engineers is looking at the drainage issues at Ft. Johnson and Folly. She noted there have been back and forth communication with the SCDOT about these issues for some time and a conceptual plan would show the DOT what the problems are and how it could be improved. There has also been back and forth communication about the drainage on Santee Street. Mrs. Kellahan said a ditch need to be constructed on Santee; however, the DOT will not construct ditches in the right-of-way where none ever existed. She said a conceptual plan is needed to see how this area could be improved. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Land Use Committee: Councilman Blank reported that the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) approved at its December 18 meeting, a variance request for the reduction of the required 20' right-of-way buffet to 5' for the placement of a leasable retail center in the Community Commercial District at 1233 Camp Road. The tenants have not been identified yet.

Environment and Beautification Committee: Councilman Milliken reported on the Arbor Day celebration at Camp Road Middle. Two trees were planted on the front lawn with student participation; tree poems were read, the band played, and a reception was hosted after the event. Councilman Milliken thanked Stan Kozokowski and Inez Brown-Crouch for helping with the event as well as Town staff. A tree was moved from the Town Hall to James Island Charter High and it was planted by the JI ROTC. A Red Cedar tree was planted in place of the tree that was moved. Councilman Milliken thanked Public Works staff: Douglas, Zan and Mark for helping with traffic control at the High School. Four trees were planted on Arbor Day.

Councilman Milliken announced that there is still time to submit nominations for the James Island Community Hero Awards. Nominations are open until January 16 and awards will be presented at the February Town Council meeting. Nomination forms can be found on the Town's website www.jamesislandsc.us by searching community hero. The Community Hero allows the Town to acknowledge and thank volunteers who have given significant time, talent, and energy to our community over the course of at least one-year. Candidates should demonstrate volunteer activity in the area of leadership, community service, and mobilizing the generations by contributing to youths and adults working together in partnership in the community. The 2018 Community Hero Award runs from January 1 to December 31.

The Adopt-A-Highway litter pickup is scheduled for Saturday, February 2 at 9:00 a.m. meet at the Town Hall. Lunch provided after the pickup.

Greenbelt Report: Mrs. Kellahan announced that the Greenbelt application is open and is due by February 28. A survey was put together for input from the public. Mrs. Kellahan asked Council to forward additions or changes to her. Councilman Milliken asked if the public could be made aware that the survey is available and Mrs. Kellahan said yes. Mayor Woolsey said we would like to put an application in February, but that is a short time. He said the survey states that \$276,620 is available, though we anticipate \$86,000 a year.

Councilman Milliken said it seems that we are under a compressed time to do anything in February with respect to making a specific request. He asked if we could identify potential properties and then move forward at a slower rate. Mayor Woolsey responded that presumably in February 2020 we would put in another application and should have around \$350,000. Councilman Milliken agreed that is a more realistic timeframe.

Children's Commission: Councilman Stokes announced that the Children's Commission did not meet in December but they had a successful and well-attended Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Town Hall on November 29. Councilman Stokes said the two events held at the Town Hall (Lights On, & Tree Lighting) had between 400-450 people. He thanked the staff for helping to make these events successful. A special note of thanks was given to Merrell Roe for her work on both events.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman Mullinax announced that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Mullinax presented two nominations for membership to the Neighborhood Council. The first is a neighborhood transfer. Motion to transfer Meredith Poston from Centerville to represent Bayfront was made by Councilman Mullinax, seconded by Councilman Milliken and passed unanimously. A motion to nominate Deborah O'Shea to represent Centerville was made by Councilman Mullinax, seconded by Councilman Blank and passed unanimously.

Recognition of Neighborhood Council Representative: Councilman Mullinax and Mayor Woolsey recognized Henrietta Martin and presented her with a plaque for long-time service and dedication to the Neighborhood Council and to the Honey Hill community that she represents.

History Commission: Mayor Woolsey announced that the Town participated in the Victory Day Celebration on Sunday, December 16 and thanked History Commission Chair, Paul Hedden, for helping to put this event together. The History Commission continues its work on the History brochure.

Rethink Folly Road Committee Report: Mayor Woolsey announced that the committee approved a proposal for a firm to manage the program. This will be discussed at the January 23 meeting. Approval was given to move forward with a plan to build an 8' sidewalk along Folly Road (from Ellis Creek to the entrance to the Queensborough neighborhood).

Drainage Committee: Councilman Stokes announced that the first quarterly meeting of the Drainage Committee would be on Wednesday, January 9 at 3 p.m. following the Stormwater Managers meeting.

Proclamations and Resolutions:

Resolution #2018-11: Island Sheriffs' Patrol, Deputy of the Third Quarter. Deputy Michael Costanzo: Mayor Woolsey recognized Deputy Michael Costanzo, Island Sheriffs' Patrol Officer of the third quarter. Deputy Costanzo was selected for this recognition by his peers and for his service patrolling the island. Mayor Woolsey read Resolution #2018-11 and it was approved upon a motion by Councilman Stokes and seconded by Councilman Milliken. Deputy Costanzo received a Town pin, certificate of appreciation, and \$50.00.

Resolution #2018-12: A Resolution Regarding the Camp Road Library on James Island: Councilman Mullinax requested to defer this item to the January meeting to revise text and add input that he received. This request was approved without objection.

Resolution #2018-13: In Support of Central Park and Riverland Drive Intersection Improvements, Alternative #3: Motion in favor was made by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Stokes. Councilman Blank said that around Thanksgiving he became involved in this project by walking the property and talking with some of the teachers at the school. In looking at the proposal, he said about 70%

of the people voted for alternative #3. He said alternative #3 saves more grand trees, it is a safer walk, and it seems to be what the people want. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances up for Second/Final Reading:

Ordinance #2018-13: An Ordinance to Adjust the Boundary between the City of Charleston and the Town of James Island: Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Milliken and passed unanimously.

Ordinance #2018-14: An Ordinance for Proposed Change to Special Events: Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Milliken. Mrs. Kellahan noted that the amendment made by Council in November with the clause *or events that requires road closures or restricts traffic* was left off the version in Council's packet and it would be added to the original ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #2015: An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 51: Stormwater Management: Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Blank and passed unanimously.

Ordinances up for First Reading:

Ordinance #2018-16: An Ordinance Pertaining to Environmentally Acceptable Packaging and Products: Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Milliken. Councilman Stokes thanked everyone for coming out and speaking. He said it is wonderful to have public input and it would be good to see the public at meetings when other topics are discussed. He said it is even more heart-warming to see the little kids speak about the same things. He said the four kids that came up together has started an ocean activist group with their peers and they are doing things with their parents to organize their own beach cleanings; and it is wonderful to have that kind of involvement and participation. Mayor Woolsey said the Town reached out to its businesses and did not receive any negative comments; most were supportive. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business: None

Executive Session: Not needed

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Frances Simmons
Town Clerk