

May 18, 2010

The regular meeting of Town Council was held on the above date at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied:

Present were: Carl J. Smith, Mayor  
Mike Perkis, Mayor Pro Tem  
Buddy Howle, Councilman  
Jerry Kaynard, Councilman  
Madeleine McGee, Councilwoman  
Patrick O'Neil, Councilman  
Mary Jane Watson, Councilwoman

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Smith, followed by the invocation by Councilman Howle. There were nine members in the audience including two members of the media.

The floor was opened for comments from the citizens. Bill Dunleavy, 2314 Jasper and owner of Dunleavy's Pub, expressed concern over police tickets issued to the restaurants regarding noise. After review, Judge Lawrence Duffy stated the current noise ordinances should be reviewed for clarification. The Police Committee will meet to review the ordinances.

**Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to approve A Proclamation in Recognition and Support for the Wild Dunes Dolphins Community Swim Team, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilman Howle, seconded by Councilman Kaynard, to approve a Resolution to Terminate Membership in the S.C. Local Government Assurance Group Insurance Program, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilman Howle, seconded by Councilman Kaynard, to approve a Resolution Approving Contract Renewal for Suburban Disposal Services, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilman Howle, to Adopt an Identity Theft Prevention Program, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilman Howle, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to approve minutes from the regular meeting on April 20, 2010, carried unanimously.**

**Reports and Communications**

**General and New Correspondence** – Correspondence was received from Leonard Long protesting a late fee on a water bill. Water and Sewer Manager Gress has addressed the situation.

**Attorney Report** – no report

**Board and Commission Reports** – Planning Commission Chairman Hal Currey was unable to attend the meeting, and asked Administrator Benke to present for him. The Planning Commission reviewed the commercial district recommendations, and it has asked to receive professional guidance on zoning overlay and a refresher course from Urban Edge Design to help in their review of the recommendations.

**Administrator's Report**, Administrator Benke. Mr. Bill Barr, Esq., representing Ms. Patricia Manigault, owner of 2429 Atlantic Avenue, presented a survey to explain a request to fill a low area of the unimproved area of Bayonne Avenue which does not drain and holds water. There is an existing drainage ditch for the path and it is filled in with debris. The elevation is very slight. It was agreed to allow the fill-in of the low area with minimum loss of vegetation on the Bayonne side, and no loss of vegetation in the accreted land. The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control has submitted the beach water quality monitoring report for April 2010 as satisfactory. Chief Howard has requested several amendments to the existing Town Code and they are scheduled for First Reading tonight. The annual Sullivan's Island and Isle of Palms disaster expo will be Friday, June 18, 2010 from 5-7:00 pm at the Isle of Palms Public Safety Building. The summer trash collection schedule will commence on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and again on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and continue through mid-September.

**Ways and Means Committee**, Councilman Perkis. Councilman Perkis reviewed the April 2010 financial statement. A public hearing was held earlier tonight for the 2010-2011 Town budget. Second Reading of the municipal budget will take place tonight, as well as First Reading of the Water and Sewer budget. The water plant and town hall generator repairs are almost complete. The restaurants will not support the expense of additional officers in the commercial district during the summer months. A resolution to approve the contract with Suburban Disposal for two years beginning September 2010 was approved earlier tonight. The CARTA draft budget for fiscal year 2011 is available for Council for review prior to Mr. Chapman's presentation to Council in the near future.

**Personnel Committee**, Councilman Kaynard. Monthly report rendered. Councilman Kaynard reviewed recommendations for employee health coverage and the details of the proposed supplemental medical benefits. **Motion was made by Councilman Howle, seconded by Councilman Kaynard, to approve a Resolution to Offer Voluntary Supplemental Medical Benefits to Town of Sullivan's Island Employees, carried unanimously.** Chairman Kaynard discussed the Outstanding Employee Award policy. **Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilman Howle, to approve the Outstanding Employee Award for the Town of Sullivan's Island in concept only, with quarterly honorariums of \$250 and an**

**annual honorarium of \$500, carried unanimously.** The take-home vehicle policy will be discussed in the next Committee meeting. The Water and Sewer Department has two positions open. Chief Stith presented information on audible alert systems. He has several proposals and is investigating actual installation matters. Town Hall will close May 31, 2010 in observance of Memorial Day. All essential departments will be fully staffed. The office will re-open on Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.

**Water and Sewer Committee,** Councilman Perkis. The ball field area has been cleaned, and it is being hydroseeded. First Reading of the Water and Sewer budget will be held tonight. It was noted that if the elementary school closes, adjustments will need to be made to the budget.

**Building and Construction Committee,** Councilman Howle. Monthly report rendered. Councilman Howle reviewed the monthly report. Building Official Randy Robinson attended a building officials seminar concerning energy codes.

**Fire Committee,** Mayor Smith. Monthly report rendered. Chief Stith received two letters of appreciation for assistance by the Department. One from Mike McAllister, USCG, thanking them for support during the Blue Angels air shows in April; and one from Donald Barkowitz for assistance on several occasions while recovering from an illness.

**Recreation Committee,** Councilwoman Watson. Councilwoman Watson continues to work on the dedication ceremony plans for the Ben Sawyer Bridge Dedication on June 5, 2010 to celebrate the new swing span and approaches. The Mayfest celebration is currently scheduled for May 22, 2010.

**Real Estate Committee,** Councilman O'Neil.  
Community Commercial District Master Plan – Administrator Benke is meeting with Urban Edge Design to clarify expectations with the contract.  
Open Space Protection for Town Parcels – OCRM has marked the critical area for the “Old Dump” and has scheduled a similar delineation for the “Old Bridge”. Chuck Dawley Surveying will survey the properties and work will begin on the baseline survey.  
Certified Local Government Program – Councilman O'Neil reported that this program, administered by the S.C. Archives and History department, and the Certified Local Government for Historic Preservation application process, was discussed at the committee meeting. Randy Robinson stated that the application is almost complete and he is getting information from the Design Review Board.  
Accreted Land Management Plan – The amendment to the contract has been signed and forwarded to Coastal Science and Engineering. The document allows the consultant to provide management suggestions for various areas in accordance with the Principles and Guidelines defined by Council. Dr. Kana will complete the work by July 14, 2010.

**Police Committee,** Mayor Smith. Monthly report rendered. The Chief received a letter from Mr. Stelljes with positive comment on assistance received from two officers.

Mayor Smith reviewed issues covered from the Police Committee meeting of May 14, 2010.

**Streets and Maintenance Committee**, Councilwoman McGee. The beach path sign at Station 22-1/2 was hit by a car and is being replaced.

**Motion was made by Councilman Perkis, seconded by Councilman Kaynard, to have Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2012-02, An Ordinance to Adopt Budget for July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilwoman McGee, seconded by Councilman Kaynard, to have First Reading, by title only, of Ordinance No. 2010-03, An Ordinance to Adopt Water and Sewer Budget for July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Howle, to have First Reading, by title only, of Ordinance No. 2010-04, An Ordinance to Amend Section 3-2 of the Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan's Island, regarding animals, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilman Howle, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to have First Reading, by title only, Ordinance No. 2010-05, An Ordinance to Amend Section 14-8 of the Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan's Island, regarding disorderly conduct, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilman Howle, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to have First Reading, by title only, of Ordinance No. 2010-06, An Ordinance to Amend Section 14-15 of the Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan's Island by Adding Section 14-15 (G) regarding yelling and shouting, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilman Howle, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to have First Reading, by title only, of Ordinance No. 2010-07, An Ordinance to Amend Section 14 of the Ordinances of the Town of Sullivan's Island by Adding Section 14-33, regarding damaging and injuring property, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilman Howle, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to adjourn at 8:25 p.m., carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen McQueeney