



Town of James Island, Regular Town Council Meeting
April 16, 2015; 7:00 PM; 1238-B Camp Road, James Island, SC 29412

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CASE STUDY

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, North Carolina, USA

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Customer Profile

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD) provides public safety services for the city of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County in North Carolina. With 1,717 sworn officers, it is the largest police department between Washington, DC, and Atlanta, GA. The department was formed in 1993 by merging the Charlotte City Police Department with the Mecklenburg County Rural Police Department, and the officers patrol the entire 438 square miles of Mecklenburg County, protecting the more than 800,000 citizens who live there.

Background

The sheer size of both the CMPD and the geographic area the department protects creates logistic and operational challenges in coordinating divisions, districts, and personnel. To streamline operations, the CMPD's command staff has established a unique infrastructure to help field officers by anticipating problems and providing real-time intelligence, allowing them to respond more quickly to criminal activity.

Solution

For years, the CMPD has utilized technology toward public safety. The license plate recognition (LPR) technology was first introduced by the department in 2006 with the installation of LPR cameras on four marked police vehicles. As the host city for the 2012 Democratic National Convention (DNC), Charlotte enhanced their technology infrastructure to ensure public safety during the convention. Since the DNC, the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department has dedicated this technology to assist with law enforcement and resolving criminal investigations. With funding from the DNC federal security grant and Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant, the CMPD was able to enhance their investment in automatic license plate recognition cameras and software from NDI Recognition Systems (NDI-RS).



In total, the department increased their LPR technology to 89 fixed LPR cameras, 13 Road Warrior LPR trailers, four mobile systems, and two portable Rapid Deployment System (RDS) units. The NDI-RS technology is overseen from the CMPD's Real Time Crime Center (RTCC), a 24-hour command center staffed by trained detectives who support the CMPD's field officers. The LPR technology is also monitored by trained patrol officers and supervisors in field services.

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The RTCC also monitors more than 800 video cameras throughout the metropolitan area. Those cameras include units owned by the CMPD, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and local businesses and other partners. Under specific policy and guidelines, the CMPD reserves the privacy of citizens by restricting the use of their technology to law enforcement purposes and enforces retention periods for all camera and LPR footage.

The RTCC primarily focuses on crimes in progress and priority alerts. LPR cameras alert the RTCC to suspect or wanted vehicles, and the RTCC officers can use the video camera system to view activity. All the video cameras have pan-tilt-zoom capability, so RTCC officers can follow incidents and relay information and intelligence to officers in the field. A dedicated workstation provides access to the NDI-RS back office system, the Vehicle Intelligence Server and Communications Engine (VISCE), but every workstation in the RTCC can access the LPR systems as well as selected trained patrol officers in the field.



Results

The RTCC is able to support the officers in the field with real-time crime analysis and visual reconnaissance. The center offers both a real-time awareness of conditions in the field, coupled with a wide-ranging surveillance capability. RTCC officers can provide field officers with alerts and background information on suspect vehicles based on license plate information drawn from the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and state and local databases. In addition, they can monitor situations using video cameras, document criminal activity, track fleeing suspects, and provide information to assist in pursuits.



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CASE STUDY

Mount Vernon, New York, USA

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Customer Profile

Mount Vernon is the eighth most populous city in the state of New York. Located in Westchester County, Mount Vernon lies along the New York City borough of the Bronx and is home to nearly 70,000 people. The city is protected by more than 200 sworn officers and other personnel.



Background

Mount Vernon is a diverse city, encompassing a wide range of incomes and people. The city is a growing center of economic commerce, with new businesses moving into the city and new homes being built. Mount Vernon's location near New York City and major transportation routes make it convenient for residents and businesses, but also make it easier for criminals to operate in the area.

Solution

The Mount Vernon Police Department has long relied on automatic license plate recognition (ALPR) to help solve crimes. The city switched to NDI Recognition Systems in 2012 to take advantage of NDI's superior customer service, according to Officer Mike Christiansen. "It's been working really well," Christiansen said. "We're more than happy with the system."

Mount Vernon PD is currently using two NDI mobile systems in cars, and will also be deploying a new Rapid Deployment System (RDS) portable unit. Typically, Christiansen captures between 1,000 and 2,000 plates each day with a mobile system. Plate reads are collated by NDI's VISCE system, a central repository for ALPR data, and officers can search for suspect vehicles.

"We've been using the ALPR system a lot lately for auto thefts," Christiansen said. He starts each day by entering all the plates from cars reported as stolen into the VISCE system, to see if the cars have been scanned by ALPR cameras. Using the mapping feature, he plots the car's location and then goes there. "Frequently the car is still there," he said.

Background

Mount Vernon's work to address auto theft has generated results. Auto thefts have declined by 50% since 2000, according to Citydata.com. "We are recovering a lot of cars," Christiansen said. "I've recovered a half-dozen or more in the last two weeks."

"We're more than happy with the system," Christiansen said. "It works really well. And the customer service is through the roof – it's awesome!"

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CASE STUDY

Pawleys Island ALPR cameras help nab sex offender

Pawleys Island, South Carolina, USA

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Customer Profile

Pawleys Island, South Carolina, is a town of approximately 100 year round residents in Georgetown County. The town covers 1 square mile, and is protected by seven sworn officers which cover the 3.8 mile barrier island, its beaches and surrounding waters with three 4x4 vehicles, an all-terrain vehicle and a personal watercraft.



Background

Pawleys Island, SC might be a small town with only 100 full time residences, but that doesn't prevent the Pawleys Island Police Department from providing the same top notch 24-hour protection coverage as its larger neighboring communities. Smaller communities suffer from criminal activity just as larger, more populated cities. With the mission of the Pawleys Island Police Department being to preserve the public peace, prevent crime, detect and arrest violators of the law, and protect life and property, Police Chief Michael Fanning embraced his proactive mindset to get ahead of the communities problems and specifically transient crimes.

Solution

Pawleys Island Police Department, while a small agency, is very forward-thinking when it comes to technology. After much research and time, the department invested in four state-of-the-art static automatic license plate recognition (ALPR) cameras and joined forces with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED). SLED maintains a statewide license plate data system using NDI-RS's back-office software, the Vehicle Intelligence Server and Communications Engine (VISCE) to aid in their crime prevention initiatives.

The Story

A 73-year-old Conway man - already on the state's Sex Offender Registry - was arrested after allegedly exposing himself to an 11-year-old girl on Pawleys Island in April. She was approached by a man in a white pickup truck who asked her for directions to "Main Street" while performing the act in her presence, as stated in the police report. The young girl rode her bike home and told her father what happened at which time he went looking for the suspect and called 911.

Result

Chief Michael Fanning checked the data from the license plate recognition cameras installed by the town last year and matched the truck to the Conway man. Pawleys Island police were able to obtain the license tag number of the man's truck and notified area law enforcement agencies to be on the lookout for the vehicle. The camera records showed the man drove onto the island around 5 p.m. and headed off at 5:27, but turned around when he spotted the girl. Without the system, Fanning said the man probably would not have been caught. "There are a lot of white GMC pickups," he said. The man was also charged by Horry County Police with failing to register his vehicle. If he had, Fanning said, the camera system would have alerted police when the man drove on the island. Horry County deputies located Beckett and placed him under arrest, the report states.

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The Town of James Island held its regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 1238-B Camp Road, James Island, SC on Thursday, March 19, 2015. The following members of Council were present: Mayor Pro-Tem Leonard Blank, Garrett Milliken, Darren “Troy” Mullinax, Joshua P. Stokes, and Mayor Bill Woolsey, who presided. A quorum was present to conduct business.

Also present: Ashley Kellahan, Town Administrator, Jane Hale, Senior Finance Clerk, Attorney Bo Wilson, Wilson & Heyward, Mark Johnson, Public Works Coordinator, Kristen Crane, Senior Town Planner, and Frances Simmons, Town Clerk.

Opening Exercises: Mayor Woolsey called the meeting to order. He opened in prayer and followed with the Pledge to the Flag. FOIA: This meeting was published and posted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of James Island.

Public Comments: The following persons addressed Town Council:

Samantha Siegel, 64 Avondale Avenue: Ms. Siegel is the Southeast Campaign Organizer for Oceana. She thanked Council for considering the resolution to oppose seismic testing and off-shore drilling off the coast of SC. The International Game Fish Assn; Shellfish Foundation; SE Fisheries; and the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council opposes this as well as municipalities in Beaufort, Port Royal, Isle of Palms, Edisto Beach, and Folly Beach; a total 39 entities with the Town of James Island potentially being the 40th. The City of Charleston and Myrtle Beach will consider similar resolutions at their upcoming meetings. Ms. Siegel said public comments and resolutions are important because they become a part of the record for the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (the federal agency responsible for off shore drilling); and South Carolina has a chance to get out of the draft for a five year plan for oil and gas leasing.

Katie Zimmerman, 328 East Bay Street: Ms. Zimmerman who directs the Air, Water and Public Health Program for the Coastal Conservation League thanked Council for the resolution. She stated that from an economic perspective; if seismic testing is done on our coasts the results will not be disclosed to SC; it will be done between the federal government and those companies. South Carolinians and our elected officials will not have an opportunity to understand the data behind this research and we will not receive any direct benefits from off shore drilling. The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management’s data show that over 130,000 marine mammals will be harmed by seismic testing, including the fishing population. A letter was provided for the record.

Ryan Dodds, 1338 Ronald Lane: has lived on James Island for four years and enjoys our beaches. She does not want to see the beaches ruined and thinks that seismic testing and off shore drilling may do that. She agrees that off shore drilling may indirectly kill marine animals and interfere with their reproduction. A big draw to the low country, and what we pride ourselves on, is our local seafood, and seismic blasts will affect our shrimping and fishing economy. She would like for the Town to be the 40th municipality to pass resolutions opposing it.

Sara Bell, 1107 Lighthouse Boulevard: Ms. Bell is an Environmental Major with a Bachelor of Science Degree. She commented having done research on both sides; the pros for jobs, and the cons for the potential of environmental calamity. She said the jobs this will bring will be temporary and after a couple of years there will be a large population that moved here and are now out of work. Also, South Carolina is drawing many companies here and she doesn’t think that our state is hurting so badly to gamble with this.

Melissa Dority, 753 Grimsley Drive: asked Town Council to approve the resolution. She has called Senator Tim Scott and asked him to reconsider his position on this. She has also called Senator Lindsay Graham and is waiting to hear back from him. Mrs. Dority also addressed Council about having representation on the CARTA Board and encouraged them to do this for James Island’s future plans.

Jess Lempesis, 1010 Freedom Peak, Mr. Lempesis, a member of the Eaglewood Retreat Board of Directors, spoke about the Communications Tower proposed on the James Island Youth Soccer Club property and read a letter from the Board. Letter attached.

Michelle Lee, 1522 Ocean Neighbors, a James Island resident of 15 years read and provided a letter for the record.

Marty Morganello is the Bluewater Taskforce Coordinator of the Charleston Chapter Surf Rider Foundation read and provided a letter for the record.

J. Warren Sloane, 755 Waterloo Street: represented the James Island Youth Soccer Club asked Council to grant the request to waive the one year waiting period for the resubmission of the application for the Oyster Point Amendment. He said the Soccer Club has been in communication with the neighborhoods and have been looking at different locations at their request on the property. Mr. Sloane said it was that drive that caused them to delay the public meeting, which turned into a withdrawal. He asked Council to approve the waiver because it is not a vote for the tower, it is a vote to allow them to continue the process, to continue conversations with the neighborhood, and to continue to look at alternate locations that may be more suitable to everyone involved.

Brook Lyon, 669 Port Circle: asked Council to support its resolution to oppose seismic testing and off shore drilling. Mrs. Lyon said she is an Insurance Adjuster and has worked in the Gulf on different catastrophes. She commented that the culture surrounding the drilling communities is not like anything that we enjoy here. This is very dangerous, dirty, and she doesn't know if oil will be found on our coast because our waters are much deeper than the Gulf - her opinion is that it would be more dangerous. She hopes every community in SC passes a resolution to oppose this we need to call our congressmen and senators to let them know that we do not want it done.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes of February 19, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting
- b. Proclamation; Shatter the Silence, Stop the Violence Day

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilman Blank and passed unanimously.

Information Reports:

- a. Finance Report: Finance Clerk, Jane Hale, presented the February 2015 Budget Report. She reported that 67% of the fiscal year has been completed; revenues are at 42% and expenditures year-to-date for all departments is 27% of the budget.
- b. Town Administrator's Report: Town Administrator, Ashley Kellahan presented highlights from the Administrator's Report: closing on Pinkney Park has been delayed due to another appeal; the real estate attorneys expects a 6-9 month delay before the Town receives title on the property. We remain confident that we will still close. Building Services: 120 new building permits have been issued; Code Enforcement and Safety: 12 cases were open and 11 have been closed. Planning and Zoning: 12 permits issued. Public Works: Charleston County Public Works has begun clearing blockages on outfall ditches and marsh outlets for the Ocean view-Stone Post-Sea Aire drainage basin.
- c. Island Sheriff's Patrol: Sergeant James complimented the Island Sheriff's Patrol for their hard work in the Town. He reported low crime analysis and collisions are down. 25 deputies works in the Town when they are off duty from Charleston County.

Presentations:

Recognition of Jane Hale, Senior Finance Clerk: Town Administrator, Ashley Kellahan recognized Jane Hale, Senior Finance Clerk, and thanked her for her service to the Town. Mrs. Hale will be retiring on March 27th. Mayor Woolsey presented a plaque in appreciation. Mrs. Hale worked for the Town in the third and fourth incorporations.

Requests for Approval:

Request for waiver of one year waiting period for resubmittal of Application for Oyster Point Amendment: A motion to approve the request by the James Island Youth Soccer Club, Inc. for a waiver of the one year waiting period was made by Councilman Stokes and seconded by Councilman Blank. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Land Use Committee: No Report

Environment and Beautification Committee: Councilman Milliken reported a successful Art Auction was held on February 28th. The monies raised will be totaled and divided among the art classes at James Island schools. The Adopt-a-Highway litter pickup will be held on May 2nd. Charleston County Recycling will be collecting items that are hard to discard; (paint, tires, etc.) from Town Hall on May 2nd. Councilman Milliken thanked the members of James Island Pride for all the work that they do.

Children's Commission: Councilman Stokes announced that the Children's Commission will meet on April 14th at 5:30 p.m. Meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of each month.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman Mullinax announced that the Neighborhood Council will meet on Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Appointment of Chairman of the History Committee: Mayor Woolsey acknowledged that he does not chair a committee of Council and volunteered to be the chair for the History Committee with the assistance of Mayor Pro-Tem Blank. Mayor Woolsey motioned to serve as Chairman; Councilman Milliken seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

As Chairman of the History Committee, Mayor Woolsey moved to appoint the following persons to the James Island History Commission:

Doug Bostic
Eugene Frazier
Paul Hedden
Inez Brown-Crouch
Donald Hollingsworth
Ashley Welsh
Willis (Skipper) Keith
William (Cubby) Wilder

Councilman Stokes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Presentation of Draft Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Annual Budget: Mrs. Kellahan presented the draft budget and reported that it represents a 6% increase over last year's budget. Highlights include: funding a Town Hall; full-time position for a Facilities Maintenance staff; funds for Pinkney Park, 3% cost-of-living increase for staff; Public Works Projects for paving Jeffrey and Lemon tree Roads; design for Dills Bluff, Lighthouse

Point and Quail Drive sidewalks and the construction of the Camp Road sidewalk. A public hearing and first reading of the budget will be held at the April 16th Town Council meeting. A copy of the draft budget is on the Town's website at: www.jamesislandsc.us and at the Town Hall.

Resolutions:

- a. Resolution #2015-04: Representation of the Town of James Island on the CARTA Board: Mayor Woolsey said a decision on this resolution was postponed at the last meeting so Council is now in discussion and a motion is not required. Councilman Stokes said he would like to make an additional motion, and moved to table the resolution. Mayor Woolsey seconded the motion. Councilman Stokes said he met with some CARTA Board Members and while he is supportive of the Town having representation on the Board, his understanding is that CARTA is not in a position at this time for the Town to have representation. He said our representation would require a significant process; a process that would involve a significant investment that will not result in additional service to the Town. He believes there are other ways that we can work towards representation, but he does not think having a seat on the Board now is the right time. Councilman Milliken asked out of curiosity, what the significant investment is; to which Councilman Stokes answered that his understanding is that it would be in excess of \$1 million. Councilman Milliken commented about an excess of \$1 million, with no expanded service. Councilman Stokes spoke to this and explained that CARTA is currently facing a large financial deficit. After discussion, the motion to table passed unanimously.
- b. Resolution #2015-09: Resolution Opposing Seismic Testing and Off-Shore Drilling Activities: A motion to approve was made by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances up for Second Reading:

- a. Ordinance #2015-03: An Ordinance to Amend Article 4, Finance and Taxation, Section 4.410, Emergency Procurement: A motion to approve was made by Councilman Blank, seconded by Councilman Stokes. Mayor Woolsey moved to amend the current draft; to remove the words that were added at the last meeting: for such emergency response and change the word response to purpose (Section 8 (a)). He said as he read the ordinance, he did not think the word response was a problem, however; response is used in the lingo of emergencies as response vs. recovery and that would cause confusion. The sentence will now read: the maximum amount of the emergency purchase will be limited to \$150,000 for such emergency purpose. The amendment was unanimously approved. The vote on Ordinance #2015-03 with the amendment passed unanimously.
- b. Ordinance #2015-04: An Ordinance to Provide for Emergency Powers of the Mayor: A motion to approve was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Milliken and unanimously approved.

Ordinances up for First Reading: None

New Business: None

Executive Session: Not needed

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Frances Simmons
Town Clerk



COASTAL
CONSERVATION
LEAGUE

March 19, 2015

James Island Town Council
1238-B Camp Road
James Island, SC 29412

**RE: Agenda Item 9.b. Resolution #2015-09—Resolution Opposing Seismic Testing
and Off-Shore Drilling Activities**

Dear Mayor Woolsey and members of Town Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak. The Coastal Conservation League wholeheartedly supports your resolution opposing seismic testing and offshore drilling activities, and asks that you vote in favor of it. As you are aware, the recent federal proposal to allow offshore oil and gas development along the South Carolina coast is threatening the people, wildlife, and natural resources that make our state such a special place to live and work.

Along South Carolina's coast, municipalities including Beaufort, Edisto Beach, Isle of Palms, Hilton Head, Port Royal, and Folly Beach have voted in opposition to seismic testing and offshore drilling. Based on how much the Town of James Island cares about coastal resources, it makes sense to join those ranks. As my colleague Hamilton Davis recently pointed out, "To invite the oil and gas industry to the waters off of South Carolina would represent one of the great moral failures of our time."

Marine scientists, including leading experts in the fields of marine biology and bioacoustics, agree that airgun surveys have an enormous environmental footprint, with impacts on marine mammals and fish. The existing science raises concerns about potentially massive impacts on fish populations. The scientists agree that the activity is likely to have "significant, long-lasting, and widespread impacts on the reproduction and survival of fish and marine mammal populations in the region, including the critically endangered North Atlantic right whale, of which only 500 remain."

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Not only are these airgun surveys detrimental, but they could lead to offshore drilling, for which the data will never be released to the state of South Carolina or the public, and we risk a spill BP-like spill, from which tens of billions of dollars in damage was done to fisheries, tourism, and real estate, and the after-effects are still being felt today. The majority of the spilled oil was never recovered in the cleanup, and scientists are now connecting massive dolphin die-offs to the remnants of this manmade calamity.

Please vote in favor of this resolution.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Katie Z.", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Katie Zimmerman
Program Director
Air, Water, & Public Health

March 19, 2015

Dear James Island Town Council,

We understand that American Tower Company is asking for permission at Town Council tonight to come back with their proposal submitted and withdrawn a few weeks ago for a cell tower to go on the JIYSC in their original location or in another proposed location. As board members representing an immediately adjacent neighborhood, Eaglewood Retreat, we want to convey to you that we do not want the tower located on the property due to a number of reasons.

If Town Council decides that a tower is allowed on the JIYSC property (which we hope that you won't) we are extremely concerned about the fall radius of the tower, and that it should not be located near residences as it is currently proposed.

Thank you for your consideration of our request,

Eaglewood Retreat Board

Concerned with property values, health risks, and destroying views.

As a marine scientist, science teacher, and steward of the environment, I strongly oppose this project.

Our coastal community relies on the offshore ecosystem. Many individuals in our community rely on fisheries as a source of income and/or food. The natural and artificial reefs offshore support local and migratory species of vertebrates and invertebrates, many of which are consumed through recreational or commercial fisheries. Marine mammals, such as the endangered Northern Right Whale, migrate through these waters—often with newborn calves. Seismic testing causes severe damage to marine mammals—interrupting their natural foraging behaviors, breeding activity, displacement from the habitat, or injury to their hearing. Several endangered sea turtle species reside in or migrate through these waters also, including leatherbacks, loggerheads, and green sea turtles. Loggerhead sea turtles also nest on our beaches—another activity which will likely be altered due to seismic testing disorienting or forcing the turtles out of the habitat. Adult sea turtles return to nest on the beach where they emerged as a hatchling 30-40 years prior. Charleston's sea turtles NEED to nest on Charleston's beaches—it's that simple. They may not successfully find nesting grounds due to the habitat disruption caused by this project.

What's most astounding to me is that preliminary geologic data suggest that the regions offshore South Carolina are unlikely to be extensive or profitable for drilling due to the low volume of oil and gas found here. The exploratory drilling is dangerous—reminding me of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf from 2010. The costs to our local community as well as the ecological community are not worth the incredible risks of this project.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to these risks,
Michelle Lee

M.S. Marine Biology, College of Charleston

National Board Certified Science Teacher, James Island Charter High

Adjunct Professor, Trident Technical College

Hello,

My name is Marty Morganello and I'm a board member with Charleston Surfrider and serve as the Blue Water Taskforce coordinator. Charleston Surfrider is a non-profit grassroots environmental organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the lowcountry's waterways, beaches, and oceans. And that means protecting our coast from seismic testing and offshore drilling. Surfrider is strongly opposed to the expansion of drilling off of the Atlantic coast. It is a dirty and dangerous practice that threatens the health of our oceans and coastal communities. Oil and gas development would require seismic surveys, drilling operations, oil transport by tankers and the installation of platforms, pipelines, and other infrastructure. These activities would significantly damage both the environment and related economies, while exposing the East Coast to the risk of a catastrophic oil spill. Instead of advocating for transient and environmentally harmful ways to meet America's oil needs, we should seek a comprehensive and environmentally sustainable energy plan that includes energy conservation. Ultimately we believe that America cannot drill our way out of an oil consumption problem. We must look toward sustainable solutions that protect our natural resources. It is in the best interest of our environment and economy to develop a sustainable energy portfolio that includes renewable sources and conservation. The answers for sustainable energy are already in front of us—and offshore drilling is not part of the answer. Thank you.

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Marty Morganello, ARCSEA AP

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Mayoral Proclamation
April is Zero Tolerance for Litter Month

WHEREAS, Zero Tolerance for Litter is a joint initiative of the South Carolina Litter Control Association, statewide law enforcement agencies and Palmetto Pride to heighten awareness of the litter laws in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Zero Tolerance for Litter has a two-part mission: to enforce the state litter laws and to educate the public on the effects of litter; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina state agencies, law enforcement, counties, municipalities and community groups will be encouraged to plan their own Zero Tolerance for Litter activities including litter pickups, education about litter laws and community beautification efforts; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Governor Nikki Haley has proclaimed April as Zero Tolerance for Litter Month;

NOW THEREFORE, I, The Honorable Bill Woolsey, Mayor of the Town of James Island, do proclaim the month of April 2015, as

Zero Tolerance for Litter Month

throughout the Town of James Island, as recognized by the State of South Carolina, and encourage all citizens to engage in activities and efforts to beautify James Island and keep it litter-free during April and all year-round.

Done this 16 Day of April, 2015

Bill Woolsey
Mayor

ATTEST

Frances Simmons
Town Clerk

Fair Housing Month Proclamation

April 2015



WHEREAS, April marks the anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act of 1968, which sought to eliminate discrimination in housing opportunities and to affirmatively further housing choices for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing struggle for dignity and housing opportunity for all is not the sole responsibility of the Federal government; and

WHEREAS, vigorous local efforts to combat discrimination can be as effective as Federal efforts; and

WHEREAS, illegal barriers to equal opportunity in housing, no matter how subtle, diminish the rights of all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of James Island, SC do hereby join in the national efforts by proclaiming APRIL, 2015 as FAIR HOUSING MONTH and encourages all agencies, institutions and individuals, public and private, in the Town of James Island to abide by the letter and the spirit of the Fair Housing Law.

Signed and sealed this 16th day of April, 2015.

Bill Woolsey
Mayor

ATTEST

Frances Simmons
Town Clerk



A PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF
THE REVEREND DOCTOR BERNARD J. GADSDEN, SR.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF JAMES ISLAND

WHEREAS, the Town of James Island honors the dedicated service of the Reverend Doctor Bernard J. Gadsden, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Doctor Gadsden has served the First Baptist Church since 1984, and was installed as the official Pastor in 1985 and has served for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the milestone of our community is the result of the exemplary service that Reverend Doctor Gadsden has given to his Church, Community, and the Town of James Island, supporting its existence over the many incorporations of the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Town of James Island honor Reverend Doctor Gadsden by Proclamation for his unwavering labor and commitment, recognizing his great achievements and extraordinary service to the people and to our Town.

With great appreciation and respect, the Town of James Island wishes Reverend Doctor Gadsden continued and abundant success as he retires on May 1st, 2015 and as he continues to labor for the community through his faith.

Enacted this the 16th day of April, 2015

Bill Woolsey
Mayor

ATTEST

Frances Simmons
Town Clerk

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AT March 31, 2015

GENERAL FUND	\$	1,048,799
PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FUND	\$	1,982,736
BEN ROAD PROJECT FUND	\$	180,000
TREE FUND	\$	7,683
TOTAL FUNDS (4 Banks)	\$	3,219,218

TOWN OF JAMES ISLAND

BUDGET REPORT

MARCH 2015

PERCENT OF F/Y COMPLETED: 75%

REVENUE	MARCH 2015	FYTD	AMENDED BUDGET	PERCENT OF BUDGET
L.O.S.T. PROPERTY TAX CREDIT	135,715	\$ 545,324	841,060	65%
L.O.S.T. MUNI. REVENUE FUND	55,300	\$ 210,905	327,080	64%
STATE AID TO SUBDIVISIONS		\$ 193,759	256,060	76%
FRANCHISE FEES		\$ 355,212	390,500	91%
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	44,282	\$ 44,300	25,000	177%
ACCOMMODATIONS TAX		\$ 257	5,000	5%
BROKER'S & INSURANCE TAX		\$ 839	356,300	0%
BUSINESS LICENSES	71,788	\$ 175,805	190,000	93%
BUILDING PERMIT FEES	491	\$ 5,312	10,000	53%
PLAN REVIEWS		\$ 500	1,300	38%
ALCOHOL LICENSES		\$ 6,000	7,000	86%
TREE PERMITS	400	\$ 1,075	1,500	72%
REZONINGS		\$ 1,723	300	574%
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS		\$ 500	500	100%
ZONING REQUESTS	550	\$ 4,675	500	935%
DONATIONS-J.I. PRIDE	2,172	\$ 2,572		
DONATIONS-CHILDREN'S COMM.		\$ -		
INTEREST INCOME	123	\$ 703		
TREE MITIGATION		\$ 10,873		
MISCELLANEOUS		\$ 1,563	500	313%
TRANSFER FUNDS BALANCE		\$ -	570,000	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 310,821	\$ 1,562,249	2,982,600	52%
EXPENDITURES				
ADMINISTRATION	MARCH 2015	FYTD	AMENDED BUDGET	PERCENT OF BUDGET
Salaries	\$ 15,001	\$ 134,272	\$ 198,040	68%
Fringe Benefits	13,936	\$ 48,032	68,500	70%
Copier	384	\$ 2,949	5,300	56%
Supplies	712	\$ 10,807	12,700	85%
Postage		\$ 2,458	6,000	41%
Mobile Devices	168	\$ 929	900	103%
Information Services	2,206	\$ 19,241	25,000	77%
MASC Membership		\$ 5,341	5,500	97%
Insurance		\$ 17,029	15,000	114%
Legal Services		\$ 25,717	60,000	43%
Town Codification		\$ 3,985	5,000	80%
Advertising	256	\$ 2,447	5,000	49%
Audit		\$ 12,000	14,000	86%
Elections		\$ 9,956	5,000	199%
Mileage Reimbursement	28	\$ 277	800	35%
Bonding		\$ -	2,150	0%
Employee Screening		\$ -	200	0%
Dues and Subscriptions	513	\$ 508	1,000	51%
Training and Travel		\$ 60	2,460	2%
Children's Commission		\$ -	1,000	0%
Bank Charges	5	\$ -	-	
Employee Appreciation	220	\$ -	-	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 33,428	\$ 296,008	\$ 433,550	68%
ELECTED OFFICIALS	FEBRUARY 2015	FYTD	AMENDED BUDGET	PERCENT OF BUDGET
Salaries	\$ 3,769	\$ 30,154	\$ 50,000	60%
Fringe Benefits	1,194	\$ 11,132	36,500	30%
Mayor Expense		\$ 357	2,000	18%
Council Expenses	117	\$ 1,072	4,000	27%
Mobile Devices		\$ 348	1,180	30%
		\$ -	-	
TOTAL ELECTED OFFICIALS	\$ 5,081	\$ 43,063	\$ 93,680	46%

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GENERAL OPERATIONS		FEBRUARY 2015	FYTD	AMENDED BUDGET	PERCENT OF BUDGET
Salaries	\$	12,766	\$ 119,480	\$ 207,715	58%
Fringe Benefits		4,394	\$ 31,572	58,500	54%
			\$ -		
TOTAL GENERAL OPERATIONS	\$	17,160	\$ 151,052	\$ 266,215	57%
PLANNING		FEBRUARY 2015	FYTD	AMENDED BUDGET	PERCENT OF BUDGET
Supplies			\$ 224	\$ 500	45%
Advertising	\$	64	\$ 449	4,000	11%
Mileage Reimbursement			\$ -	200	0%
Dues and Subscriptions			\$ -	325	0%
Training and Travel		25	\$ 25	1,000	3%
Cell Phone		54	\$ 427	660	65%
Uniform/PPE			\$ 126	250	51%
Planning Commission			\$ 257	1,000	26%
Board of Zoning Appeals			\$ 27	1,000	3%
			\$ -		
TOTAL PLANNING	\$	143	\$ 1,536	\$ 8,935	17%
BUILDING INSPECTION		FEBRUARY 2015	FYTD	AMENDED BUDGET	PERCENT OF BUDGET
Mileage Reimbursement			\$ 9	200	5%
Cell Phone	\$	54	\$ 428	660	65%
Supplies			\$ 19	500	4%
Uniform/PPE			\$ 126	250	51%
Dues and Subscriptions			\$ 50	800	6%
Travel and Training			\$ 672	1,000	67%
			\$ -		
TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTION	\$	54	\$ 1,304	3,410	38%
PUBLIC WORKS		FEBRUARY 2015	FYTD	AMENDED BUDGET	PERCENT OF BUDGET
Mileage Reimbursement			\$ -	\$ 300	0%
Training		174	\$ 174	1,000	17%
Projects			\$ 120,518	780,000	15%
Engineering Services			\$ -	25,000	0%
Permits			\$ -	1,000	0%
Cell Phone	\$	54	\$ 427	660	65%
Traffic Control Devices			\$ 120	25,000	0%
Uniform/PPE			\$ 126	250	51%
Supplies			\$ 116	2,000	6%
Emergency Management			\$ 9,658	12,000	80%
Groundskeeping			\$ 5,229	30,000	17%
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$	228	\$ 136,369	\$ 877,210	16%
			\$ -		
CODE & SAFETY		FEBRUARY 2015	FYTD	AMENDED BUDGET	PERCENT OF BUDGET
Cell Phone	\$	54	\$ 430	\$ 660	65%
Mileage Reimbursement			\$ 64	300	21%
Emergency Equipment			\$ -	1,000	0%
Radio Contract			\$ 1,026	3,700	28%
Training			\$ 99	1,000	10%
Supplies			\$ 656	500	131%
Uniform/PPE			\$ 245	250	98%
Sheriff's Office Contract		14,165	\$ 102,773	165,000	62%
Unsafe Buildings Demolition			\$ -	7,000	0%
Overgrown Lot Clearing			\$ -	1,200	0%
Crime Watch Materials			\$ -	500	0%
Neighborhood Council			\$ 144	1,000	14%
Animal Control		120	\$ 120		
TOTAL CODE & SAFETY	\$	14,339	\$ 105,557	\$ 182,110	58%
PARKS AND RECREATION		FEBRUARY 2015	FYTD	AMENDED BUDGET	PERCENT OF BUDGET
James Island Pride	\$	642	\$ 1,572	\$ 2,000	79%
Recreation		2,090	\$ 26,248	5,000	525%
Special Events			\$ 8,372	7,500	112%
James Island Youth Sports Program			\$ 2,000	14,000	14%
Tree Fund		4,575	\$ 5,861		
			\$ -	15,000	0%
TOTAL PARKS AND RECREATION	\$	7,307	\$ 44,053	\$ 43,500	101%
FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT		FEBRUARY 2015	FYTD	AMENDED BUDGET	PERCENT OF BUDGET
Utilities	\$	1,414	\$ 10,020	\$ 14,000	72%
Rent		6,197	\$ 54,786	73,240	75%
Security Monitoring		2,864	\$ 3,486	1,380	253%

Janitorial	440	\$ 4,595	6,620	69%
Equipment/Furniture		\$ 1,401	3,000	47%
Building Maintenance		\$ 927	12,000	8%
Vehicle Maintenance	51	\$ 749	3,000	25%
Generator		\$ -	750	0%
Street Lights	10,535	\$ 19,319	114,850	17%
Signage	3,650	\$ 5,150	5,150	100%
TOTAL FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT	\$ 25,151	\$ 100,431	\$ 233,990	43%
COMMUNITY SERVICES	FEBRUARY 2015	FYTD	AMENDED BUDGET	PERCENT OF BUDGET
		\$ 10,000	\$ 40,000	
		\$ -		
TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES		\$ 10,000	\$ 40,000	25%
PROPERTY TAX CREDITS			\$ 800,000	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	FEBRUARY 2015	FYTD	AMENDED BUDGET	PERCENT OF BUDGET
	\$ 102,888	\$ 922,800	\$ 2,982,600	31%

Town Administrator's Report

Town Council Meeting 4/16/15

1. Administration

- a. We have finalized the Housing Rehabilitation Program with Habitat and will begin publicizing it by summer. The program's name will be "The Town of James Island and Sea Island Habitat Repair Care Program"
- b. The Senior Finance Clerk position is currently being re-advertised. The Code Enforcement position has been advertised and interviews are currently being scheduled. Charleston County code enforcement has agreed to help the Town in the interim.
- c. The Town sign on Folly Road is in the process of being taken down until it can be moved to another location on the current site.
- d. Reminder – the Intergovernmental Meeting is scheduled for April 22nd at 7 pm.
- e. 24 Business license issues / renewals for March

2. Building Services

- a. 91 New building permits issued in the Town by Chas County
 - i. 14 Building inspections
 - ii. 2 Re-inspections
 - iii. 4 Investigations into work w/o permit

3. Planning and Zoning

- a. Walgreens has agreed to the Town's request to add a bus shelter into the design of their site plan as they move forward with plans for redevelopment of their store at the corner of Camp and Folly Rd.
- b. Issued 18 permits
 - i. 2 Zoning Permits
 - ii. 6 Home Occupations
 - iii. 5 Tree removals
 - iv. 4 Sign Permits

4. Public Works

- a. The Town had the first stakeholders meeting for the Camp Rd Sidewalk from Folly Rd to Riverland Dr Conceptual plan project. The Town has hired Stantac Engineering for this work. Attendees were representatives from the City, CCPRC, and Bishop Gadsden.
- b. Attending quarterly SC Assoc. of Stormwater mtg in Columbia with Chas County SW staff engineers
- c. March continued to see drainage issues reported. Charleston County and SCDOT have been out clearing blockages and cleaning ditches. Specific areas of concern have been McCall's Corner, Lighthouse Plantation, Stiles Point, Lawton Bluff and Whitehouse Plantation. Drainage ditch behind the Folly Road carwashes was

reported to have homeless people living in it and accumulating trash. ISP was notified and Charleston County Stormwater cleared ditch to re-establish proper water flow.

- d. Fort Johnson Sidewalk Project is progressing with crews piping the ditch from Mikell to Lighthouse.
- e. TOJI hosted a meeting for residents around Lake Oakcrest to determine best way to maintain lake. City of Charleston participated and suggested a special stormwater fee to be added to water bills of property owners on the Lake. Residents agreed this would be an acceptable method to generate funds and City of Charleston would administer maintenance.

Emergency Management Update:

The Town of James Island has continued to work with Scott Cave of Atlantic Business Systems and representatives from JIPSD in developing an updated Town Emergency Operations Plan. In March we finished working on the specific Hurricane plan in cooperation with the JIPSD.

The Teen CERT program continues to grow. At our March meeting the group visited the James Island Fire Station #1 on Camp Road where the firefighters let the youth handle the equipment, sit in the firetrucks and tour the facility. The youth were excited to hear about career opportunities and special training available to them that could lead to jobs right out of high school. We have about 10 active youth members and are getting the word out to Island youth who may be interested in learning about the Emergency Services.

A class for amateur radio technician licensing has been set up for May 29 -30, 2015 here at Town Hall. The class is free, and the FCC license test is \$15.00. Seating is limited so call Town Hall to reserve a place and for more information.

Request for Approval: Town of James Island
Summer Student Internship Program

Description: The Town of James Island will conduct a Summer Internship Program for recent High School graduates who are seeking to gain knowledge and experience in local government. Over the course of six weeks during the summer, the Town will help a youth explore the various facets of public service. Through hands-on training at the Town Hall, staff will engage the intern with daily tasks and expose him/her through public meetings and Town committee functions. Stipend provided.



RESOLUTION 2015-10

A RESOLUTION HONORING ISLAND SHERIFFS' PATROL (ISP) QUARTERLY AWARD
WINNER, DEPUTY DANIEL WILCOX

WHEREAS, the Town of James Island promotes the protection, safety, and welfare of its citizens by utilizing the services of the Island Sheriffs' Patrol, and

WHEREAS, Deputy Wilcox has brought honor, and integrity by enforcing the laws in the Town of James Island, and

WHEREAS, Deputy Wilcox has been recognized by his supervisors and peers for providing outstanding law enforcement service;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of James Island Council does hereby recognize Deputy Daniel Wilcox as the Island Sheriffs' Patrol, Deputy of the First Quarter, for February 2015 through April, 2015.

Enacted this the 16th day of April 2015

Bill Woolsey
Mayor

ATTEST

Frances Simmons
Town Clerk