



Town of James Island, Regular Town Council Meeting
March 19, 2015; 7:00 PM; 1238-B Camp Road, James Island, SC 29412

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13. Executive Session: The Town Council may/will enter into an Executive Session in accordance with 30-4-70(a) Code of Laws of South Carolina
14. Return to Regular Session
15. Adjournment

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, February 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: Jane Hale, Senior Finance Clerk, Mark Johnson, Public Works Coordinator, Attorney Bo Wilson, Wilson & Heyward, 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.

Without objection, Town Council approved an agenda change to allow a presentation on plans for the James Island Library as the first item.

Update on Plans for James Island Library: Janet Segal, Chair, Charleston County Public Library Board of Trustees stated she had met with Mayor Woolsey on several occasions about this project since 2011. She thanked Council for having the County staff give an update of the plans to improve our Library System. She gave a brief overview that 74% of the voters approved moving forward to improve some libraries and build new ones in November. She introduced the County staff who are charged with working on the project: Walt Smalls, Deputy County Administrator, Brian Whitley, and Dan Chandler, Director of Facilities Management, Councilwoman Anna Johnson was also in attendance.

Dan Chandler gave an overview of the plans for the libraries in Charleston County that will include a new branch on James Island. Mr. Chandler showed a Power Point presentation and explained the project scope, scheduled timeframe, and the implementation process. There will be five new libraries: Mt. Pleasant; West Ashley; North Charleston, James Island; and Hollywood. 19 libraries will be renovated to bring them up to standard. The property for some of the libraries have been determined. The location for the James Island branch has not been determined; however there have been discussion with the School District for location at Fort Johnson Middle or at Baxter Patrick Elementary (South Grimball Road). The James Island Library will be 20,000 square feet on 4+ acres. The building timeframe is two years, depending on the construction date. Additional public meetings will be held.

Public Comments: The following persons addressed Town Council regarding the Communications Tower:

Archie Hirschmann, 813 Sloop Street, a 26 year resident of James Island living in Lighthouse Point said he was surprised to hear about the cell tower and the Soccer Club moving ahead with it. He thinks it is a bad idea and asked Council to shelve it.

Brook Lyon, 669 Port Circle, resident of Lighthouse Point and President of the HOA said that very few people knew that this request was to be heard at the January Planning Commission meeting. Mrs. Lyon said she attended the January Planning Commission meeting, and with Councilman Milliken spoke against it because a 180 foot cell tower would impact four neighborhoods, one of which is the oldest scenic bi-ways in the country. She referred to a comment by a Planning Commissioner at the meeting about the residents of Eaglewood Trail not being able to use their cell phones; this was the only comment made about Eaglewood Trail, but they are also opposed to having a cell tower in the community. She said the residents of Lighthouse Point have supported past incorporations and makeup 10% of the Town. She values the Soccer Club as a neighbor but has concerns about this; also existing cell towers can be upgraded. She is concerned about children playing on a sports field with a cell tower. She asked Council not to approve this request.

Paul Hedden, 35 Crosscreek Drive, a licensed Tour Guide and local historian asked Town Council to consider him to be a member of the Town's History Committee.

Chris Moore, 669 Schooner Road, echoed the comments of the other speakers against the cell tower.

Melissa Dority, 753 Grimsley Drive, has two boys that play soccer at the James Island Youth Soccer field, and as a soccer mom she is strongly opposed.

Richard Dority, 753 Grimsley Drive, has never had problems using cell phones. He has a 14 year old daughter with epilepsy and is concerned that the waves a cell tower emits can be harmful to her body. He lives .42 miles where the cell tower will be placed and he is appalled that the Soccer Club would compromise the health of children and the community.

Rob Carmichael, 776 Grimsley Drive, agreed with the comments expressed by Ms. Lyon and Mr. Dority and voiced comments for the health and safety of his family and community.

Sara Bell, 1107 Lighthouse Point Boulevard, commented that she was blocked and her post deleted on the Soccer Club's Face Book about the American Cancer Society and cell towers. Asked Council to air on the side of the people and vote against it.

Melina Dority, 753 Grimsley Drive, her father read a letter that she wrote against having a cell tower on the soccer field and in the community. She believes cell towers can be dangerous to her health, and that of the community. She has epilepsy and her physician has explained that brain waves can be affected by electromagnetic waves, including the types of waves that cell towers emit. Her choice is that Council not continue with the cell tower proposal.

Eugene MacIntosh, Lighthouse Point, spoke about the hazardous material and the health risk level of cell towers and also the fall zones if they collapse on field where children play.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes of January 15, 2014 Regular Town Council Meeting: A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilman Blank, seconded by Councilman Milliken and passed unanimously.

Information Reports:

- a. Finance Report: Finance Clerk, Jane Hale, presented the January 2015 Budget Report. She reported that 50% of the fiscal year has been completed; revenues are at 38% and expenditures year-to-date is 25% of the budget.
- b. Mayor's Report: Mayor Woolsey announced that Town Administrator, Ashley Kellahan had given birth to a baby boy. Mayor Woolsey highlighted the following: Town Hall: After consulting with Town Council, and the Administrator, he will begin to move forward to build a Town Hall. Plans are in the preliminary stage and he will ask Town Council to approve bond funding. Proposed Cell Tower on Fort Johnson Road: the public hearing for the Cell Tower at the Youth Soccer Club was cancelled tonight at the request of the applicant. If there is a proposal to move the Cell Tower to another location, the request will go to the Planning Commission. It is likely that this request will not come before Town Council until a public hearing is held, perhaps in April. Pinckney Park: The Town hopes to have a closing by the end of this month. The Town will prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) to develop a plan for the park after closing on the property. Camp and Folly Road Improvement Project. The Camp and Folly Road project should go to bid the end of March with construction to begin in June. Walgreen plans to move its location at the front further back in place of stores behind it. The Town is asking Walgreens to provide space for a bus stop/bus shelter on

Folly Road. Emergency Management: The Town has successfully implemented a Teen CERT Explorer 911 Program with the expertise of our local law enforcement, fire service, emergency medical services as well as those skilled in disaster preparedness. Currently 12 youth and 6 adult advisors, including Mark Johnson, Inez Brown-Crouch, and Donald Hollingsworth are participating in the program. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at the Town Hall; Chief Moore is the liaison representing the James Island Fire Department.

- c. Island Sheriffs' Patrol: Sergeant James gave the monthly crime statistic report and encouraged residents to report suspicious activity.

Officer of the Year: Sergeant James introduced Deputy Corey Shelton, Island Sheriff's Patrol Officer of the Year 2014. Deputy Shelton has worked 448 hours last year in the Town alone; made 724 stops; issued 689 warnings; and wrote 65 citations. Sergeant James complimented and congratulated Deputy Shelton for doing an outstanding. Mayor Woolsey presented Deputy Shelton with a plaque for outstanding service and a check for \$100.

Requests for Approval:

Camp Road Sidewalk Conceptual Design Proposal: Mayor Woolsey presented the Camp Road Sidewalk Conceptual Design proposal for approval. A Motion to approve was made by Councilman Blank, and seconded by Councilman Stokes. Councilman Milliken asked if a presentation will be given that reveals the sidewalk plan for Camp Road. Mayor Woolsey said the Conceptual Design is to develop the plan. He said the proposal is to work with the City, Charleston County Parks, the Library, the County School District (for front of Fort Johnson Middle School) and the Town, for connection from Camp and Folly to the County Park. Councilman Milliken commented favoring sidewalks, but that \$15,000 has been given to Stantec and is curious what it has been used for. He would like to see the results prior to allocating another \$11,500. He would like to see a cohesive plan as to what trees will be taken out and how the sidewalks will be (whether they will meander around the trees, or will go where the trees were). Mayor Woolsey explained the three phases of the project. Phase I will run from Fort Johnson to Dills Bluff Road; Phase II - from Dills Bluff to Secessionville Road, (this will include a Transportation Sales Tax (TST) match. Mayor Woolsey said the Plans and Engineered Drawings for Phase II are available at Town Hall for Council and the public to look at. Phase III will run from Folly Road to Riverland Drive. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Land Use Committee: Councilman Blank reported that he and acting Planner, Berry Rudisill, attended an application conference with Charleston County today for a request from MUSC to construct an educational facility at the DNR property. He will update Council as the plans move forward.

Environment and Beautification Committee: Councilman Milliken reported that James Island Pride "Adopt a Highway" conducted a litter pickup on February 7th and picked up 65 bags of trash. Special thanks to James Island Charter High School Honor Society, the Exchange Club, and community volunteers. The next litter pickup is scheduled for May 2nd; however, another pickup may be held prior to May 2nd because areas are already in need of cleaning. Notice will be provided through social media if a date is scheduled for this.

Art Auction: The Second Annual Silent Art Auction will be held on Saturday, February 28th from 5-7 p.m. at the Town Hall. The event is free and open to the public. There will be plenty of art pieces to bid on and proceeds will benefit James Island's Art classes, Councilman Milliken thanked Katherine Williams, Mary Beth Berry, and James Island Pride for their work on the Art Auction, and Mark Johnson for helping to organize Helping Hands.

Presentation of Community Hero Awards (James Island Pride): Grant Scurry, Chairman, James Island Pride, presented the nominees for the second Annual Community Hero Award. He said this award is given to a business, family, or group of individuals who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to serve their community. All persons nominated will be awarded a certificate and one will be awarded the Golden Rake Award. The following persons were presented as nominees and Mr. Scurry gave a brief bio on each:

- 1) Trina Schulhof – Trina is no longer with us but she played a big part on James Island Pride. She served in the Harborview community as the treasurer and the groundskeeper. She was in charge of the funds for beautification and she had a special heart for the Boy Scouts, often feeding them after they helped after cleanups.
- 2) Reverend Joseph Barbour – is no longer with us. He was represented by Mrs. Sandra Barbour. Reverend Barbour was the Pastor of His Grace and Mercy Ministry, Chairman of the Apple Charter School, served on the Board of Directors for the James Island Outreach; was Chairman and Vice Chairman of James Island High School and worked extensively with the Food Bank.
- 3) Kristi Reagor – is the driving force behind Backyard Eats, an annual charity cooking competition that collects food and funds for the James Island Outreach program to serve those that are less fortunate. In 2014 she collected over 964 pounds of food and donated \$3,400 for James Island Outreach, a 64% increase over last year.
- 4) Eric Stewart – Eric serves on the Town of James Island Children’s Commission representing Harbor View Elementary and Fort Johnson Middle Schools. He is active in the PTA and has served as treasurer and president. Over the last 15 years he has volunteered with the Fort Johnson Players assisting with set construction, lighting and decoration, and organizing parents and volunteers.
- 5) Mary Beth Berry – served as Councilwoman for the Town of James Island and is one of the spearheads for the James Island Pride. She helps coordinate the Helping Hands program with local scout troops to serve the elderly and disabled by cleaning their yards. She also help coordinate the James Island Pride litter pick-ups; is a voice on our social media; and supports the fine arts on James Island with our Annual Art Auction. Councilman Milliken congratulated all of the nominees as heroes. The Community Hero Award, “The Golden Rake”, was presented to Eric Stewart.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman Mullinax announced that the James Island Neighborhood Council meeting will be held on Thursday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Children’s Commission: Mayor Woolsey recognized Councilman Stokes who announced that the Children’s Commission will meet on the Tuesday, March 10th at 5:30 p.m. and will be meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. thereafter.

Resolutions:

- a. Resolution #2015-04: Representation of the Town of James Island on CARTA Board: Mayor Woolsey said this agenda item was postponed at the last Council meeting so it comes up in the middle of discussion. Mayor Woolsey proposed an amendment by substitution; that we substitute language that was brought forth at the last meeting with the new language provided in the Resolution in Council’s packet; the motion was seconded by Councilman Blank. There was no discussion on the amendment by substitution and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Woolsey announced working with the substitute language. Councilman Stokes made a motion to postpone action to the March meeting; Councilman Blank seconded. Councilman Stokes said his reason for the postponement is that he has reached out to some of the CARTA Board and they have not been able to meet until this Monday. He asked for this to be done first. The motion to postpone passed unanimously.
- b. Resolution #2015-05: Island Sheriff Patrol Officer of the Year, 2014: A motion to approve was made by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Stokes, and unanimously approved.
- c. Resolution #2015-06: Municipal County Agreement for Jerdone Street Sidewalk: A motion to approve was made by Councilman Mullinax, seconded by Councilman Blank. Mayor Woolsey

announced that Eric Adams with Charleston County was present to answer questions. The motion passed unanimously.

- d. Resolution #2015-07: To Create Citizens Advisory Committee: History Commission: A motion to approve the creation of a Citizens Advisory Committee for the History Commission was made by Councilman Blank, seconded by Councilman Stokes. Councilman Blank asked who the chairperson will be; to which Mayor Woolsey said he was not prepared to make an appointment tonight. He said the chairperson could be appointed at the March meeting and he asked Council to think of persons they would like to nominate to serve. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. Resolution #2015-08: To Designate an Annual “James Island Arts Day” Observance and Celebration: Councilman Milliken motioned to approve; seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Councilman Milliken said the Resolution will designate the last Saturday in February as James Island Arts Day. The idea is that we perpetuate James Island Arts on the Island Silent Auction that will benefit Art Teachers as long as there is a Town. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances up for Second Reading:

- a. Ordinance #2015-01: An Ordinance to Amend the Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations: Table 6-1.1 Use Table: A motion to approve was made by Councilman Blank, seconded by Councilman Stokes. Councilman Blank explained that a lot has been done with the Land Use Ordinance over the last year and changes will continue to be made because changes are never ending. He said a complete rewrite of the body of the Ordinance had been done and that he and the Senior Planner has gone through the Office Residential (OR) zonings in the Use Table to see what uses are allowed and those that should not be allowed. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances up for First 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 Mullinax, seconded by Councilman Stokes. Councilman Milliken commented that we are in the process of having an Emergency Plan prepared by Consultant, Scott Cave and Phase I has been done but he has not seen the plan. He would like to see the Emergency Plan before drafting Ordinances; and that we have a good system within Charleston County with the Emergency Command Center and the Sheriffs’ Office. Councilman Milliken said he would like to see more detail about how we could interface with the ordinances that are in existence; as well as the Plan we are developing. He stated that the motion is to adopt; however, he believe it would be more useful to counter it with a motion to postpone. Councilman Mullinax gave a second to the motion to postpone. Mayor Woolsey spoke against postponing the motion. He gave reason for the Ordinance and that the Consultant said our existing Emergency Purchasing Procedures were out of line of those of other municipalities in Charleston County and recommended that we adopt an ordinance similar to what Kiawah Island has, (Mr. Cave recently went through this procedure with them). In following the consultant’s advice, we adopted the Emergency Purchasing Procedure for the Town. Mayor Woolsey added that we have emergency purchasing procedures; but this one changes it somewhat. He also does not think we need to complete the entire plan before taking this step. Councilman Milliken commented that Kiawah’s budget is quite substantial compared to ours and the amount of money that we are proposing. His thought is that we should have a sound basis for considering the amounts that we are allowing the Mayor or the person in charge to allocate in emergencies; and also we should

specify that it is allocated in emergency situations only. Councilman Blank said he understands what Councilman Milliken is saying and he doesn't disagree with all of it; however, if we have an emergency we will need to spend a certain amount of money to do what is necessary; he does not have a problem approving a budget before approving a plan because the budget can be adjusted once a plan is in place. There was no further discussion. The Mayor called for the vote on the motion to postpone and it failed 4-1; Councilman Milliken voted in favor of the postponement.

While discussing the main motion, Councilman Milliken asked for a point of clarification or to make an amendment. He stated that at the end of Section 2: 8-A, it is implied that the maximum amount of the emergency purchase will be limited to \$150,000. He would like to add at the end "for such emergency response" because it specifies that the expenditure is for the emergency response and not for something else. Councilman Blank seconded the amendment and it passed unanimously.

b. Ordinance #2015-04: An Ordinance to Provide for Emergency Powers of the Mayor:

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Blank, seconded by Councilman Stokes. Mayor Woolsey reiterated the consultant's concern about our ordinance and questioned where it gave the Mayor authorization to for emergency powers. Mayor Woolsey said we again looked at the Town of Kiawah's ordinance and patterned ours after theirs. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business: None

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances Simmons
Town Clerk



Mayoral Proclamation

Shatter the Silence, Stop the Violence Day

WHEREAS, People Against Rape (PAR) was established in the City of Charleston in 1974 to provide advocacy services to adult victims of sexual assault, and was the first rape crisis center created in the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, PAR celebrates more than 40 years of serving survivors and their families in the tri-county areas and commits to continually improving services; and

WHEREAS, PAR volunteers strive to provide high-quality advocacy and support services to all survivors of sexual violence, and to empower them during their healing process; and

WHEREAS, PAR's volunteers provide confidential advocacy services to survivors of sexual violence and abuse, responding to calls 24/7 through its Crisis Hotline, accompanying victims through the evidentiary medical exam, and providing them emotional support and factual information about the protocol and procedures associated with the aftermath of a sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, PAR advocates make a critical difference in the lives of victims at a most stressful time, and victims have confirmed that having a PAR advocate was key to their recovery; and

WHEREAS, PAR will provide a forum for education and awareness of sexual assault and related issues, and encourages survivors and friends to speak out against sexual assault through its "Take Back the Night" Rally on April 26, 2015;

NOW THEREFORE, I, The Honorable Bill Woolsey, Mayor of the Town of James Island, do proclaim April 26, 2015, as

Shatter the Silence, Stop the Violence Day

throughout the Town of James Island and encourage all citizens to recognize the important role that People Against Rape plays in supporting victims and educating the public about sexual assaults.

Done this 19th Day of March, 2015

Bill Woolsey Mayor

Frances Simmons, Town Clerk

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AT FEBRUARY 28, 2015

GENERAL FUND	\$	1,002,397.15
PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FUND	\$	1,847,020.66
BEN ROAD PROJECT FUND	\$	180,000.00
TREE FUND	\$	12,257.62
TOTAL FUNDS (4 Banks)	\$	3,041,675.43
Less February liabilities	\$	5,275.12
NET ASSETS	\$	3,036,400.31

TOWN OF JAMES ISLAND

BUDGET REPORT

FEBRUARY 2015

PERCENT OF F/Y COMPLETED: 67%

REVENUE	FEBRUARY 2015	FYTD	AMENDED BUDGET	PERCENT OF BUDGET
L.O.S.T. PROPERTY TAX CREDIT		\$ 409,609	841,060	49%
L.O.S.T. MUNI. REVENUE FUND		\$ 155,605	327,080	48%
STATE AID TO SUBDIVISIONS		\$ 193,759	256,060	76%
FRANCHISE FEES	\$ 60,401	\$ 355,212	390,500	91%
TELECOMMUNICATIONS		\$ 18	25,000	0%
ACCOMMODATIONS TAX		\$ 257	5,000	5%
BROKER'S & INSURANCE TAX		\$ 839	356,300	0%
BUSINESS LICENSES	61,665	\$ 104,017	190,000	55%
BUILDING PERMIT FEES	429	\$ 4,821	10,000	48%
PLAN REVIEWS		\$ 500	1,300	38%
ALCOHOL LICENSES		\$ 6,000	7,000	86%
TREE PERMITS	100	\$ 675	1,500	45%
REZONINGS		\$ 1,723	300	574%
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS		\$ 500	500	100%
ZONING REQUESTS	575	\$ 4,125	500	825%
DONATIONS-J.I. PRIDE	285	\$ 400		
DONATIONS-CHILDREN'S COMM.		\$ -		
INTEREST INCOME		\$ 580		
TREE MITIGATION	25	\$ 10,873		
MISCELLANEOUS	50	\$ 1,915	500	383%
TRANSFER FUNDS BALANCE		\$ -	570,000	
		\$ -		
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 123,530	\$ 1,251,428	2,982,600	42%
EXPENDITURES				
ADMINISTRATION	FEBRUARY 2015	FYTD	AMENDED BUDGET	PERCENT OF BUDGET
Salaries	\$ 14,952	\$ 134,272	\$ 198,040	68%
Fringe Benefits	5,321	\$ 48,032	68,500	70%
Copier	322	\$ 2,949	5,300	56%
Supplies	929	\$ 10,807	12,700	85%
Postage	118	\$ 2,458	6,000	41%
Mobile Devices	385	\$ 929	900	103%
Information Services	2,838	\$ 19,241	25,000	77%
MASC Membership		\$ 5,341	5,500	97%
Insurance	(350)	\$ 17,029	15,000	114%
Legal Services		\$ 25,717	60,000	43%
Town Codification		\$ 3,985	5,000	80%
Advertising	205	\$ 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	39	\$ 508	1,000	51%
Training and Travel		\$ 60	2,460	2%
Children's Commission		\$ -	1,000	0%
		\$ -		
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 24,786	\$ 296,008	\$ 433,550	68%
ELECTED OFFICIALS	FEBRUARY 2015	FYTD	AMENDED BUDGET	PERCENT OF BUDGET
Salaries	\$ 3,769	\$ 26,384	\$ 50,000	53%
Fringe Benefits	2,924	\$ 9,937	36,500	27%
Mayor Expense		\$ 357	2,000	18%
Council Expenses		\$ 955	4,000	24%
Mobile Devices		\$ 348	1,180	30%

TOTAL ELECTED OFFICIALS	\$ 6,693	\$ 37,982	\$ 93,680	41%
GENERAL OPERATIONS	FEBRUARY 2015	FYTD	AMENDED BUDGET	PERCENT OF BUDGET
Salaries	\$ 12,766	\$ 106,714	\$ 207,715	51%
Fringe Benefits	3,327	27,177	58,500	46%
		\$ -		
TOTAL GENERAL OPERATIONS	\$ 16,092	\$ 133,892	\$ 266,215	50%
PLANNING	FEBRUARY 2015	FYTD	AMENDED BUDGET	PERCENT OF BUDGET
Supplies		\$ 224	\$ 500	45%
Advertising	\$ 51	385	4,000	10%
Mileage Reimbursement		0	200	0%
Dues and Subscriptions		0	325	0%
Training and Travel		0	1,000	0%
Cell Phone	54	374	660	57%
Uniform/PPE		126	250	51%
Planning Commission	50	257	1,000	26%
Board of Zoning Appeals		27	1,000	3%
TOTAL PLANNING	\$ 155	\$ 1,393	\$ 8,935	16%
BUILDING INSPECTION	FEBRUARY 2015	FYTD	AMENDED BUDGET	PERCENT OF BUDGET
Mileage Reimbursement		\$ 9	200	5%
Cell Phone	\$ 54	374	660	57%
Supplies		19	500	4%
Uniform/PPE		126	250	51%
Dues and Subscriptions		50	800	6%
Travel and Training	168	672	1,000	67%
TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTION	\$ 222	\$ 1,250	\$ 3,410	37%
PUBLIC WORKS	FEBRUARY 2015	FYTD	AMENDED BUDGET	PERCENT OF BUDGET
Mileage Reimbursement			\$ 300	0%
Training			1,000	0%
Projects		\$ 120,518	780,000	15%
Engineering Services		0	25,000	0%
Permits		0	1,000	0%
Cell Phone	\$ 54	374	660	57%
Traffic Control Devices		120	25,000	0%
Uniform/PPE		126	250	51%
Supplies		116	2,000	6%
Emergency Management		9658	12,000	80%
Groundskeeping		5229	30,000	17%
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 54	\$ 136,141	\$ 877,210	16%
		\$ -		
CODE & SAFETY	FEBRUARY 2015	FYTD	AMENDED BUDGET	PERCENT OF BUDGET
Cell Phone	\$ 54	\$ 377	\$ 660	57%
Mileage Reimbursement		64	300	21%
Emergency Equipment		-	1,000	0%
Radio Contract	342	1,026	3,700	28%
Training		99	1,000	10%
Supplies	228	656	500	131%
Uniform/PPE	118	245	250	98%
Sheriff's Office Contract	10,050	88,608	165,000	54%
Unsafe Buildings Demolition		-	7,000	0%
Overgrown Lot Clearing		-	1,200	0%
Crime Watch Materials		-	500	0%
Neighborhood Council		144	1,000	14%
TOTAL CODE & SAFETY	\$ 10,792	\$ 91,219	\$ 182,110	50%
PARKS AND RECREATION	FEBRUARY 2015	FYTD	AMENDED BUDGET	PERCENT OF BUDGET
James Island Pride	\$ 125	\$ 930	\$ 2,000	46%
Recreation	7,883	24,158	5,000	483%
Special Events		8,372	7,500	112%
James Island Youth Sports Program		2,000	14,000	14%
Tree Fund		1,286		
			15,000	0%
TOTAL PARKS AND RECREATION	\$ 8,008	\$ 36,746	\$ 43,500	84%
FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT	FEBRUARY 2015	FYTD	AMENDED BUDGET	PERCENT OF BUDGET
Utilities	\$ 423	\$ 8,606	\$ 14,000	61%
Rent	6,176	48,589	73,240	66%

Security Monitoring	270	621	1,380	45%
Janitorial	473	4,155	6,620	63%
Equipment/Furniture		1,401	3,000	47%
Building Maintenance	65	927	12,000	8%
Vehicle Maintenance	45	698	3,000	23%
Generator		-	750	0%
Street Lights		8,783	114,850	8%
Signage		1,500	5,150	29%
TOTAL FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT	\$ 7,451	75,281	\$ 233,990	32%
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
	\$ 74,252	\$ 819,912	\$ 2,982,600	27%

Town Administrator's Report

Town Council Meeting 3/19/15

1. Administration
 - a. The closing on Pinkney Park has been delayed due to another appeal. Per our Real estate attorney, we are looking another 6 to 9 months before we can get clear title on the property. He feels we will prevail, it's just taking longer than anticipated.
 - b. 20 Business license issues / renewals for Feb
2. Building Services
 - a. 120 New building permits issued in the Town
 - i. 11 Building inspections
 - ii. 1 Re-inspections
 - iii. 5 Investigations into work w/o permit
3. Codes enforcement and Safety
 - a. Cases Opened– 12
 - b. Cases Closed - 11
4. Planning and Zoning
 - a. Issued 12 permits for the month of December
 - i. 1 Zoning Permits
 - ii. 7 Home Occupations
 - iii. 1 Site plan Review
 - iv. 3 Sign Permits
5. Island Sheriffs' Patrol February Status Report
 - i. Hours Worked: 398
 - ii. Stop Made: 606
 - iii. Tickets Issued: 83
 - iv. Warnings: 575
 - v. Arrests: 12
 - vi. Calls for Service: 46
 - vii. Field Interviews: 12
6. Public Works
 - a. Landscaping permits for both the Folly Rd and HBVR sign have been received and the landscapers are working the project into their schedule.
 - b. Charleston County Public Works began clearing blockages on outfall ditches and marsh outlets for the Oceanview-Stonepost-Sea Aire Drainage Basin.
 - c. February was a wet month with over 5 inches of rain falling. Most service requests were stormwater related
 - d. Charleston County Public Works cleaned out and examined with camera equipment the drainage system at the intersection of Trapier Drive and Robert E

Lee. Charleston County will be contacting SCDOT, who has ownership of this system, to discuss constructing an outfall or abandoning the system.

- e. Fort Johnson Sidewalk Project is progressing with crews continuing along toward the High School.
- f. Teen CERT mtg - At our second meeting in February the group worked on disaster triage and patient assessment training with adult CERT members helping to coach the youth members and parents acting as victims.

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March 9, 2015

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Bill Woolsey
Mayor of the Town of James Island
1238-B Camp Rd
James Island, SC 29412

Re: Request for waiver by James Island Youth Soccer Club, Inc. on their request for an amendment to Zoning Regulations and Development Guidelines for Oyster Point Planned Development District (PD-R16A)

Dear Mayor Woolsey,

On behalf of James Island Youth Soccer Club, Inc., we would respectfully request a waiver to have our application for an amendment to Zoning Regulations and Development Guidelines for Oyster Point Planned Development District (PD-R16A) be heard by Town Council earlier than the statutory period. James Island Youth Soccer Club, Inc.'s request was originally scheduled to be heard by Town Council in February. We deferred the request in order to allow more time to study alternatives for the placement of the wireless communications facility and to work with surrounding neighbors. Our request was approved unanimously by the Town of James Island Planning Commission; however, subsequent to this approval, certain neighborhoods expressed concern with our proposal. Our goal has been simply to present the best possible plan to the Town of James Island.

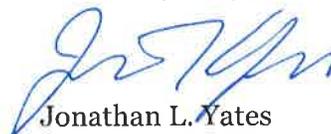
We would respectfully ask that our request for waiver be placed on the Town of James Island's Council agenda for March 19, 2015. We thank you and the Town Councilmembers for all of their time and consideration.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 843-414-9754.

Thank you so much for all your help with this.

With warmest regards, I am

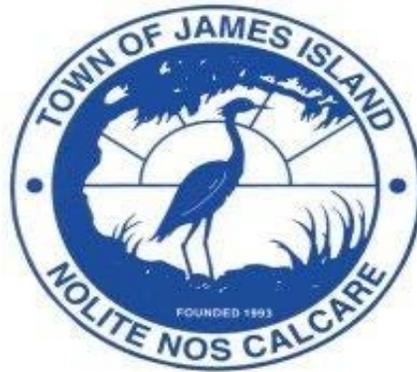
Yours very truly,



Jonathan L. Yates

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Cc: Frances Simmons

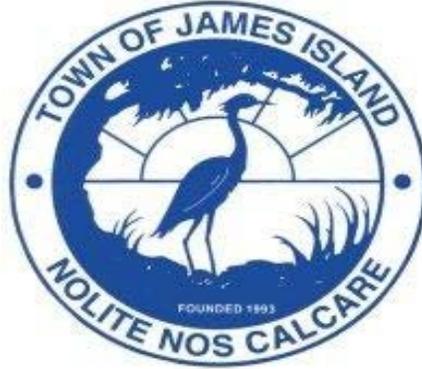
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MAYOR

W. BILL WOOLSEY

MAYOR PRO-TEM

LEONARD A. BLANK

TOWN COUNCIL

GARRETT MILLIKEN

DARREN "TROY" MULLINAX

JOSHUA STOKES

BUDGET SUMMARY

**TOWN OF JAMES ISLAND
BUDGET SUMMARY**

	FY 2014 - 2015	FY 2015 - 2016
REVENUES	AMENDED	DRAFT
OPERATING REVENUES	1,571,540	1,634,865
TRANSFER FROM FUNDS BALANCE	570,000	683,082
LOST PROPERTY TAX REVENUE	841,060	841,535
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,982,600	\$ 3,159,482
EXPENDITURES	AMENDED	DRAFT
ADMIN	433,550	453,980
ELECTED OFFICIALS	93,680	74,410
GENERAL OPERATIONS	266,215	289,700
PLANNING	8,935	12,935
BLDG.INSP	3,410	5,410
PUBLIC WORKS	877,210	656,692
CODE AND SAFETY	182,110	182,150
PARKS AND RECREATION	43,500	118,000
FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT	233,990	274,670
COMMUNITY SERVICES	40,000	50,000
SUB TOTAL	\$ 2,182,600	\$ 2,117,947
TRANSFER TO PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FUND	800,000	841,535
TRANSFER TO TOWN HALL BUILDING FUND	-	200,000
TOTAL	\$ 2,982,600	\$ 3,159,482

TOWN FUNDS	FY 2014 - 2015 Estimate	FY 2015 - 2016 DRAFT
BEN ROAD PROJECT FUND	\$ 180,000	\$ -
PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FUND*	\$ 2,106,523	\$ 2,948,058
TREE FUND*	\$ 7,232	\$ -
TOWN HALL BUILDING FUND	\$ -	\$ 200,000
UNEMCUMBERED FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE	\$ 1,377,209	\$ 694,127

REVENUES

**DRAFT BUDGET
FY 2015-2016**

	AMENDED BUDGET FY 2014-2015	YTD REVENUES 1/12/15	ESTIMATED REVENUES FY 2014-2015	DRAFT FY 2015-2016
REVENUES				
Local Option Sales Tax - rev	327,080	128,484	311,920	327,080
State Aid to Subdivisions	256,060	84,073	260,000	256,060
Franchise Fees*	390,500	223,804	418,750	420,000
Telecommunications	25,000	18	27,500	27,500
Accommodations Tax	5,000		-	
Brokers and Insurance Tax	356,300	13	375,000	375,000
Business Licenses	190,000	37,459	190,000	190,000
Building Permit Fees	10,000	3,188	10,000	10,000
Planning and Zoning Fees			13,250	10,000
Plan Reviews	1,300			
Liquor Licenses	7,000	6,000	16,500	16,500
Tree Mitigation		1,275	1,500	1,500
Tree Permits	1,500	550		
Rezoning	300	1,200		
Board of Zoning Appeals	500	500		
Zoning Requests	500	3,100		
Miscellaneous	500	1,688	2,000	1,000
Donations (James Island Pride)		105		
Interest Income		332	290	225
TOTAL	1,571,540	491,789	1,626,710	1,634,865
Local Option Sales Tax - property tax	841,060	339,621	831,100	841,060
Interest Income - property tax			375	475
Transfer Funds Balance	570,000		570,000	683,082
TOTAL TOWN REVENUE	2,982,600	831,410	3,028,185	3,159,482

EXPENDITURES

**DRAFT BUDGET
FY 2015-2016**

	AMENDED BUDGET FY 2014-2015	YTD EXPENDITURES 12/31/2014	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FY 2014-2015	DRAFT FY 2015-2016
ADMINISTRATION				
Salaries	198,040	104,369	199,000	205,200
Fringe Benefits	68,500	37,611	74,000	74,000
Copier	5,300	2,049	5,100	5,300
Supplies	12,700	7,549	13,700	13,000
Postage	6,000	1,391	4,800	6,700
Information Services	25,000	12,414	28,632	35,000
MASC Membership	5,500	5,341	5,341	5,500
Insurance	15,000	16,679	16,679	19,200
Legal Services	60,000	25,717	50,000	60,000
Town Codification	5,000	3,985	5,000	1,500
Advertising	5,000	1,975	4,500	5,000
Audit	14,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Elections	5,000	9,500	9,500	500
Mileage Reimbursement	800	223	500	800
Bonding	2,150	-	1,750	1,750
Employee Training / Screening	200	-	200	850
Dues and Subscriptions	1,000	245	1,060	1,060
Training and Travel	2,460	60	500	2,460
Mobile Devices	900	461	900	660
Children's Commission	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Business Development Council	-	-	500	1,000
History Commission				1,000
Employee Appreciation			500	500
TOTAL	\$433,550	\$241,569	\$435,162	\$453,980

DRAFT BUDGET
FY 2015-2016

	AMENDED BUDGET FY 2014-2015	YTD EXPENDITURES 12/31/2014	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FY 2014-2015	DRAFT FY 2015-2016
ELECTED OFFICIALS				
Salaries	50,000	20,730	48,998	50,000
Fringes	36,500	7,587	15,174	17,000
Mayor Expense	2,000	357	500	2,000
Council Expenses	4,000	604	2,000	4,000
Mobile Devices	1,180	461	1,180	1,410
TOTAL	\$93,680	\$29,739	\$67,852	\$74,410

**DRAFT BUDGET
FY 2015-2016**

	AMENDED BUDGET FY 2014-2015	YTD EXPENDITURES 1/26/2015	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FY 2014-2015	DRAFT FY 2015-2016
General Operations				
Salaries	207,715	97,557	185,000	216,200
Fringe Benefits	58,500	30,811	58,500	73,500
TOTAL	266,215	128,368	243,500	289,700

**DRAFT BUDGET
FY 2015-2016**

	AMENDED BUDGET FY 2014-2015	YTD EXPENDITURES 12/31/2014	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FY 2014-2015	DRAFT FY 2015-2016
PLANNING				
Supplies	500	224	500	500
Advertising	4,000	64	1,000	2,000
Mileage Reimbursement	200	-	200	200
Dues and Subscriptions	325	-	325	325
Training and Travel	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Cell Phone	660	267	660	660
Uniform / PPE	250	126	250	250
Planning Commission	1,000	195	500	4,000
Board of Zoning Appeals	1,000	27	500	4,000
TOTAL	\$8,935	\$903	\$4,935	\$12,935

**DRAFT BUDGET
FY 2015-2016**

	AMENDED BUDGET FY 2014-2015	YTD EXPENDITURES 12/31/2014	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FY 2014-2015	DRAFT FY 2015-2016
BUILDING INSPECTION				
Mileage Reimbursement	200	9	100	200
Cell Phone	660	267	660	660
Supplies	500	19	250	1,000
Equipment/Software	-			1,500
Uniform / PPE	250	126	250	250
Dues and Subscriptions	800	50	800	800
Travel and Training	1,000	504	1,000	1,000
TOTAL	\$3,410	\$975	\$3,060	\$5,410

**DRAFT BUDGET
FY 2015-2016**

	AMENDED BUDGET FY 2014-2015	YTD EXPENDITURES 12/31/2014	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FY 2014-2015	DRAFT FY 2015-2016
PUBLIC WORKS				
Mileage Reimbursement	300	-	100	300
Training and Travel	1,000	504	1,000	1,000
Projects	780,000	108,478	258,478	545,500
Engineering Services	25,000	3,500	25,000	25,000
Permits	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Cell Phone	660	267	660	660
Traffic Control Devices	25,000	120	25,000	30,000
Sharrows	-		-	-
Uniform / PPE	250	126	250	500
Supplies	2,000	116	2,000	2,000
Emergency Management	12,000	9,658	17,500	12,000
Groundskeeping	30,000	5,176	20,000	30,000
Tree Fund Expense		515	5,515	8,732
TOTAL	\$877,210	\$128,460	\$356,503	\$656,692

**DRAFT BUDGET
FY 2015-2016**

	AMENDED BUDGET FY 2014-2015	YTD EXPENDITURES 12/31/2014	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FY 2014-2015	DRAFT FY 2015-2016
CODES AND SAFETY				
Cell Phone	660	268	660	660
Mileage Reimbursement	300	64	200	300
Equipment	1,000	-	-	1,000
Radio Contract	3,700	684	1,368	2,740
Training	1,000	99	500	1,000
Supplies	500	272	500	500
Uniform / PPE	250	126	250	250
Sheriff's Office Contract	165,000	63,898	127,796	165,000
Unsafe Buildings Demolition	7,000	-	2,500	7,000
Overgrown Lot Clearing	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
Crime Watch Materials	500	-	-	500
Neighborhood Council	1,000	144	500	1,500
Teen CERT Program				500
TOTAL	\$182,110	\$65,555	\$135,474	\$182,150

**DRAFT BUDGET
FY 2015-2016**

	AMENDED BUDGET FY 2014-2015	YTD EXPENDITURES 12/31/2014	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FY 2014-2015	DRAFT FY 2015-2016
PARKS AND RECREATION				
James Island Pride	2,000	668	2,000	2,000
Recreation	5,000	1,275	5,000	5,000
Pinkney Park	-	-	-	85,000
Special Events	7,500	8,372	8,372	12,000
Youth Sports Program	14,000	-	7,000	14,000
Donations	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
TOTAL	\$43,500	\$25,315	\$37,372	\$118,000

**DRAFT BUDGET
FY 2015-2016**

	AMENDED BUDGET FY 2014-2015	YTD EXPENDITURES 12/31/2014	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FY 2014-2015	DRAFT FY 2015-2016
FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT				
Utilities	14,000	7,221	15,000.00	21,600
Rent	73,240	36,237	73,240	77,700
Security Monitoring	1,380	234	1,500	3,000
Fire Safety	-	-	-	-
Janitorial	6,620	3,241	5,491	6,620
Equipment/Furniture	3,000	1,401	3,000	3,000
Building Maintenance	12,000	737	12,000	12,000
Vehicle Purchase	-	-	-	25,000
Vehicle Maint.Expense	3,000	595	3,000	5,000
Generator Maint.	750	-	750	750
Street Lights	114,850	-	60,000	120,000
Signage	5,150	1,500	5,150	-
TOTAL	\$233,990	\$51,166	\$179,131	\$274,670

DRAFT BUDGET
FY 2015-2016

	AMENDED BUDGET FY 2014-2015	YTD EXPENDITURES 12/31/2014	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FY 2014-2015	DRAFT FY 2015-2016
COMMUNITY SERVICES				
Housing Rehabilitation Program	30,000	-	15,000	30,000
Community Service Contributions	10,000	10,000	10,000	20,000
TOTAL	\$40,000	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$50,000

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE REPRESENTATION OF THE TOWN OF JAMES ISLAND ON THE CARTA BOARD

WHEREAS, the Town of James Island requested that the Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA) allow the Town of James Island Representation on its Board of Directors by letter dated January 8, 2014, and

WHEREAS, South Carolina Code Section 58-25-40 (1) states in part, “No member government, regardless of population, may have less than one member on the board.”, and

WHEREAS, South Carolina Code Section 58-25-35 states, “The members of a regional transportation authority created under the authority of this chapter must be the municipalities within the service area as defined by this chapter and the counties within the unincorporated areas of the service area of the authority,” and

WHEREAS, South Carolina Code Section 58-25-20 (14) defines the service area as, “the area served by the regional transportation authority and may be all or part of the area of jurisdiction of an authority,” and

WHEREAS, the entire territory of the Town of James Island is included within the service area defined by CARTA in 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of James Island supports the continued and expanded provision of services by CARTA within the jurisdiction of the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, let it be resolved, that the Council of the Town of James Island requests that the Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority allow for representation by the Town of James Island on its governing board.

Adopted this 19th day of March , 2015

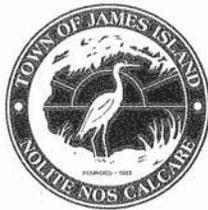
Bill Woolsey
Mayor

ATTEST

Frances Simmons
Town Clerk

Town of James Island

Bill Woolsey
Mayor



Council Members

Leonard Blank

Garrett Milliken

Darren Troy Mullinax

Joshua P. Stokes

March 11, 2015

The Honorable Bill Woolsey
Mayor, Town of James Island
1238-B Camp Road
James Island, SC 29412

Dear Mayor Woolsey,

Please find attached *A Resolution to Express the Town of James Island SC's Opposition to Seismic Testing and Offshore Drilling Activities* for council's consideration at the March 19, 2015 meeting. I am requesting this Resolution be included on our meeting agenda for March 19 for discussion and vote. Additionally, please include this letter of support in council packets for the March 19 meeting. Similar resolutions have been recently passed by the municipalities of Beaufort, Edisto, Port Royal, Isle of Palms and by the City of Folly Beach (March 10, 2015). Similar resolutions are pending before other SC towns and cities (including the City of Charleston).

The U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (the federal agency responsible for offshore drilling activities) is currently seeking input and public comment from coastal communities and residents into proposed leasing activity off the Atlantic coast. Several public meetings are being held in the southeast and the public comment period is open until March 30, 2015. A Public Meeting hosted by the Bureau will be held in Mount Pleasant on March 11, 2015.

As you may know, the Obama administration has proposed opening up the southern Atlantic coast to offshore oil drilling activities, which would involve auctioning off areas off the coasts of Virginia, North and South Carolina, and Georgia to oil companies. Land off South Carolina's coasts would be available for oil and gas leases for the first time under a five-year plan, which would begin in 2017 and continue through 2022. Nine permits are currently before the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, which must also be approved by NOAA before being finalized.

Seismic testing is proposed to determine potential locations for oil and gas deposits. Seismic testing involves comparing resonance from cannon-like blasts of compressed air in 10 second intervals for periods from weeks to months at a time. The sound level of these seismic blasts is around 200-230 decibels. For comparison, a jet engine is 140 decibels when recorded at 50 meters. There is a strong likelihood for hearing loss when animals are exposed to these intensities. Recently, 75 scientists from around the world sent a letter to the Obama administration opining that the use of seismic testing represents a "significant threat to marine life throughout the region" and can harm marine mammals that rely on hearing to survive (*The State*, March 5, 2015). Scientists are warning of the negative effects that seismic testing will have on commercial and recreational fisheries, sea turtles, and marine mammals including the endangered Atlantic right whale.

The State of South Carolina has a \$7 billion dollar coastal tourism and fisheries economy. Our South Carolina beaches, salt marshes, creeks, estuaries, and wildlife define the beauty of the

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Lowcountry and in particular, the sea islands of Charleston County. James Island is the epitome of this coastal paradise, bordering the Stono and Ashley Rivers along with the Atlantic coast, with our estuaries feeding into outlying areas of Folly, Johns Island and peninsular Charleston.

In 2010, the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill off the Gulf Coast released over 200 million gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico. The impact to the marine environment and coastal communities there was devastating, with the impact still being felt today. Tens of billions of dollars in damage was done to fisheries, tourism and real estate.

Environmentalists have been clear that the risk is far too great and outweighs the benefits of offshore drilling given how little oil is estimated to be off the Southeastern coast. State Senator Chip Campsen, who represents a portion of James Island and opposes offshore drilling, has stated that more people would oppose the idea of offshore drilling if they were aware of the "very dirty, very industrial" infrastructure necessary for its development (*Post and Courier*, February 22, 2015). Sen. Campsen spoke publicly opposing offshore drilling activities at an environmental forum in Charleston on March 8, 2015.

The National Resources Defense Council has said that the Obama administration's proposal to drill for oil in the Atlantic exposes the Eastern Seaboard to the hazards of drilling and puts oceans, beaches, wetlands, and all they support at grave and needless risk, imperiling our coastal communities and economies and "anchoring our future to the dirty fossil fuels of the past" (*The Washington Post*, January 27, 2015)

Elected officials in coastal jurisdictions are presently being urged to "make our voices heard" (*Post and Courier*). I ask that our Town Council support Senator Campsen and other elected officials who have voiced their opposition to seismic testing and offshore drilling off the South Carolina coast. The time is now as the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management is receiving public input until March 30, 2015.

I agree with others who have stated that to invite the oil and gas industry to the waters off of South Carolina would be a great moral failure. We have the responsibility as stewards of our coastal resources to protect them for generations to come. I urge our Town's elected officials to move to the front of this issue by taking a united stand with other South Carolina coastal cities and towns to oppose seismic testing and offshore drilling activities.

Sincerely,



Garrett Milliken
Councilmember, Town of James Island

A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE TOWN OF JAMES ISLAND SC'S OPPOSITION
TO SEISMIC TESTING AND OFFSHORE DRILLING ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is currently in the process of trying to open the mid-Atlantic Ocean to exploration and development of offshore oil and gas including risky methods, such as seismic blasting; and,

WHEREAS, seismic air-guns fire intense blasts of compressed air, one of the loudest manmade sounds in the ocean. These dynamite-like air gun blasts can occur as frequently as every ten seconds, for days to weeks at a time and are loud enough to harm marine and aquatic life; and,

WHEREAS, the full impacts of seismic testing and offshore drilling in the Atlantic Ocean are not yet fully understood by scientists, the oil and gas industry, BOEM, or the Federal Government, and lower-impact alternative technologies may be available for exploration in the near future; and,

WHEREAS, exploratory and commercial drilling, extraction, and transportation of offshore oil and gas resources pose a significant risk of a spill; and,

WHEREAS, eventual offshore drilling may require significant onshore infrastructure, such as pipelines or refineries, which may harm the character of our coast; and,

WHEREAS, offshore drilling activities pose threats to coastal wetlands surrounding James Island, which are of intrinsic ecological value for numerous migratory bird species, serve as essential nursery habitats for recreational and commercially important fisheries, and act as natural buffers from storm surge and hurricanes; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of James Island, a South Carolina municipality and sea island of Charleston County, is located in close proximity to Folly Beach and peninsular Charleston where a major economic force is tourism related to the appreciation of our natural coastal and historical environment, which are also the primary factors contributing to the high quality of life the residents of James Island enjoy, enabling business recruitment and attracting new residents; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of James Island endeavors to be a good steward of its coastal environment and its resources; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of James Island believes that more research should be done to fully understand and to better address the impacts of seismic testing and the options for mitigating those impacts before exploration begins,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is hosting public meetings, currently soliciting input concerning this issue by March 30, 2015, and strongly urging public participation in this process,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF JAMES ISLAND,
SOUTH CAROLINA:**

Section 1: That the foregoing recitals are incorporated in and made part of this reference;

Section 2: That the Town of James Island is Opposed to Seismic Testing and Offshore Drilling Activities off the South Carolina coast;

Section 3: This Resolution to become effective upon its adoption and approval. Enacted this the 19th day of March 2015.

ATTEST

Bill Woolsey, Mayor

Frances Simmons, Town Clerk

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF JAMES ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA TO AMEND ARTICLE 4 FINANCE AND TAXATION, SECTION 4.410, EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of James Island adopted Ordinance 2012-16 on November 11, 2012 pursuant to the S.C. Code of Laws 1976, § 11-35-50; and,

WHEREAS, Section 8 (a) provides for emergency procurement procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to amend Section 8 (a) to allow greater flexibility to make purchases during an emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JAMES ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND IT IS ORDAINED BY THE AUTHORITY OF SAID COUNCIL

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Ordinance 2012-16 Section 8 (a) to allow the Town greater flexibility to make purchases during an emergency.

Section 2: Ordinance

Section 8 (a) Emergency Procurement is repealed and replaced with the following:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this procedure, the mayor, or his designee, may make an emergency procurement when there exists a threat to public health, welfare or safety under emergency conditions or where normal daily operations are affected; The purchasing limits, as provided for in the Informal Purchase Procedures outlined in Section 3 and 4, will be suspended during the emergency situation to prevent an interruption or delay in emergency response. The maximum amount of the emergency purchase will be limited to \$150,000 for such emergency response. Purchases above this amount will require approval by a quorum of Town Council.

Section 3: Severability

If any part of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional, it shall be construed to have been the legislative intent to pass said Ordinance without such unconstitutional provision, and the remainder of said Ordinance shall be deemed to be valid as if such portion had not been included. If said Ordinance, or any provisions thereof, is held to be inapplicable to any person, group of persons, property, kind of property, circumstances or set of

circumstances, such holding shall not affect the applicability thereof to any other persons, property or circumstances.

Section 4: Effective Date and Duration

This Ordinance shall be effective upon its enactment by the Town Council for the Town of James Island.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF JAMES ISLAND ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2015.

Bill Woolsey
Mayor

ATTEST

Frances W. Simmons
Town Clerk

First Reading Approval: February 19, 2015

Second Reading Approval: _____, 2015

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF JAMES ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE FOR EMERGENCY POWERS OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, the Town of James Island is authorized to define the powers of the Mayor in the event of an emergency pursuant to the S.C. Code of Laws 1976, § 5-7-250 and 5-9-30 as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to allow for a line of succession for the Mayor during an emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JAMES ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND IT IS ORDAINED BY THE AUTHORITY OF SAID COUNCIL

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to define the powers of the Mayor in the event of an emergency and allowing for a line of succession for the Mayor during an emergency.

Section 2: Ordinance

Emergency powers of mayor.

(a) Upon the probable happening of any one or more of the following events, to wit:

- (1) The formation of any unruly mob;
- (2) The existence of a state of war, whether declared or not, or of any insurrection;
- (3) The occurring of any tornado, hurricane, and cyclone, major fire, earthquake, flood, or any other act of God or force which disrupts or threatens to disrupt the normal activities of the community;
- (4) The occurrence of multiple acts of arson or of any acts which unduly alarm and/or threaten the public;
- (5) The occurrence of a nuclear accident; and/or
- (6) Any other threatening event designated as an emergency by council;

The mayor, or in his absence, the mayor pro tem, may declare a state of emergency to exist within the corporate limits of the Town. The state of emergency shall be declared by proclamation signed by the Mayor and posted on the town's official bulletin board(s) and shall be legally effective immediately upon posting. The proclamation shall be in substantially the following language:

"It has been determined that (here state the event giving rise to the emergency) has occurred within the corporate limits of the Town of James Island, South Carolina, and that, accordingly, a state of emergency does, in fact, exist. I, therefore, proclaim a state of emergency and invoke the emergency powers of Mayor as defined by Ordinance 2015-___".

(b) In the event a state of emergency is declared by the mayor under the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the mayor shall become vested with the extraordinary powers listed below.

- (1) To establish curfew to be effective, within the corporate limits;
- (2) To prohibit the sale of gasoline, explosives, dynamite, and/or any other type of inflammable or explosive materials, firearms, or any other materials or supplies or any component parts thereof which could readily be utilized as weapons;
- (3) To mobilize and deputize the emergency safety task force under the command of the mayor (or mayor pro tem);

- (4) To disperse assemblies or congregations of people;
- (5) To suspend issuance of permits;
- (6) To order evacuation of the town;
- (7) To designate off-limit areas;
- (8) To commandeer boats and vehicles;
- (9) To restrict trade/commerce (tourism); and/or
- (10) To make emergency purchases.

(c) If the mayor is unavailable, the mayor pro-tem is vested in with the extraordinary powers listed in section (b). If the mayor and the mayor pro-tem are unavailable, then council members shall be vested with the extraordinary powers listed in section. The line of succession is to be determined by the mayor. In the absence of the official line of succession, it is to be determined alphabetically according to each member of Council's last name.

Section 3: Severability

If any part of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional, it shall be construed to have been the legislative intent to pass said Ordinance without such unconstitutional provision, and the remainder of said Ordinance shall be deemed to be valid as if such portion had not been included. If said Ordinance, or any provisions thereof, is held to be inapplicable to any person, group of persons, property, kind of property, circumstances or set of circumstances, such holding shall not affect the applicability thereof to any other persons, property or circumstances.

Section 4: Effective Date and Duration

This Ordinance shall be effective upon its enactment by the Town Council for the Town of James Island.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF JAMES ISLAND
ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2015.**

Bill Woolsey, Mayor

ATTEST

Frances W. Simmons, Town Clerk

First Reading Approval: February 19, 2015

Second Reading Approval: _____, 2015