

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, May 15, 2014: The following members of Council were present: Mary Beth Berry, Mayor Pro Tem, Leonard Blank, Sam Kernodle, Darren “Troy” Mullinax, and Mayor Bill Woolsey, who presided. A quorum was present to conduct business.

Also present: Ashley Kellahan, Town Administrator, Jane Hale, Finance Clerk, Mark Johnson, Public Works Coordinator, 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:

Alan Laughlin, 847 Darwin Street: Mr. Laughlin announced that the Low-country CERT and Team 4 will be hosting the 2014 James Island Hurricane Expo. The event will be held on Saturday, May 17th, 9-1 p.m. at Lowe’s on Daniel Ellis Drive. The Expo focuses on preparation for all types of emergencies, including natural and man-made disasters. This is a free public event.

Presentation:

Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce: Jeff Aysse, Business Development Executive, thanked the Town for joining the Chamber of Commerce. The Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1773 and is the oldest operating Chamber in the US. Today there are over 1700 members representing more than 100,000 employees in our region. Information regarding the Chamber’s mission and involvement in the community was distributed.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes of April 17, 2014 Regular Town Council Meeting. Approved without objection.

Information Reports:

- a. Finance Report: Finance Clerk, Jane Hale, gave an overview of the April 2014 Finance Report. Percent of the FY budget completed is 83%; total revenue is 62%, and the total year to date expenditure is 33%.
- b. Town Administrator’s Report: Mrs. Kellahan, reported that the notice on the filing period for the July 29th Town Election was advertised on April 29th in the Post and Courier. The candidate filing will be from May 19-30. The Town received communication from the Attorney General (AG) regarding the Local Option Sales Tax questions that we had. The Town is waiting on a response from the AG Office. CARTA’s Rules Committee has been discussing the requests for new board members for the Town of James Island the Town of Summerville. The committee is looking into a procedure for adding new members, as it may mean other member cities may lose their seats. The first annual employee appreciation picnic will be held on Saturday, May 31st from 12-2 p.m. at the Dock Street Park. The Riverland Drive Corridor Management meeting will be held on June 26; location to be determined. Mayor Woolsey was a guest speaker along with other local mayors and community leaders at the Ashley Cooper Stormwater Education Consortium. The Town received an award and participated in the signing of a Joint Resolution. Building Inspector, Berry Rudisill, received his SC Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulations Building Codes certification to perform residential inspections. The Town will begin to organize grand openings of new businesses. This will help promote local businesses and build good relationships with them. The ribbon cutting ceremony for Wild Blue Ropes will be held on Tuesday, May 20 at 3:30 p.m. on Folly Road. Phase 1 of the Camp Road Sidewalk project will be constructed with the rerouting of the Fort Johnson Road sidewalk project. This was one of the Town’s Transportation Sales Tax (TST) application requests.

Public Works Coordinator, Mark Johnson, introduced Peyton Sorrows, a Junior at the Citadel majoring in Engineering. Peyton will intern in the Public Works Department for the summer.

Requests for Approval

- a. Requests to Approve Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. to Perform Engineering Services for Camp Road Sidewalk Project: Mrs. Kellahan reported that the first phase of the sidewalk project will be completed by Charleston County. The Town's portion of the agreement will run from Secessionville Road to approximately 400 feet west of Dills Bluff Road, where it will tie into the existing sidewalk. The sidewalk will be on the south side of Camp Road. Councilman Blank moved to approve, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. After answering Councilwoman Berry's question, the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

James Island Land Use Committee: No report.

James Island Environmental and Beautification Committee: Councilwoman Berry announced that James Island Pride will participate in the Green Fair on September 21 and encouraged everyone to attend. The next litter pickup is scheduled for September 6. Smoky Oak has volunteered to provide food after the cleanup. Another litter pickup will be scheduled in November. A Community Pride luncheon will be held tomorrow and the James Island Pride has been selected to receive an award. James Island Pride has also been given an award from Palmetto Pride for the best adopt a highway group in Charleston County.

James Island Children's Commission: Councilman Kernodle announced that the James Island Children's Commission Memorial Day event will be held on Saturday, May 24. He encouraged everyone to attend and to bring their children. The events include art displays by the children from James Island's schools.

James Island Public Safety Committee: Councilman Mullinax announced that the James Island Neighborhood Council will meet on Thursday, May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. He complimented Chairman Alan Laughlin and Mark Johnson for last month's presentation on Earthquake Awareness. He encouraged everyone to attend the Hurricane Expo Saturday at Lowe's.

Resolutions:

Resolution #2014-11: Island Sheriff's Patrol Officer of the Quarter: Mayor Woolsey asked for a motion in favor. Councilman Mullinax moved, seconded by Councilman Blank and passed unanimously. Mayor Woolsey read the Resolution into the record. Deputy Shawn James complimented Deputy Barton and made remarks about his accomplishments.

Resolution #2014-12: Authorization of Application for FY 2015 CTC Funds: Mrs. Kellahan reported that the Town is requesting \$250,000 for the paving of Jeffrey and Lemon Tree Roads from CTC funds; the Town's match will be \$125,000. Mrs. Kellahan said the process is similar to that of Ben Road (which was successful project). Mayor Woolsey asked for a motion in favor. Councilwoman Berry moved, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #2014-13: A Resolution Regarding Libraries on James Island: Mayor Woolsey asked for a motion in favor. Councilman Mullinax moved, seconded by Councilwoman Berry. Councilman Mullinax read the ordinance and voiced his reasons for the Camp Road Branch to remain open. He stated that the library is in the heart of the Town; it offers many services to the neighborhoods, and it is easy to get to. No other discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #2014-15: Authorization to Approve Welcome to Town of James Island Signs: Mayor Woolsey asked for a motion in favor. Councilwoman Berry moved, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Councilwoman Berry shared information about "Welcome to James Island" signs. She said a welcome to James Island sign is located in the window of Signature Signs, but the designer did not remember where it originated. It was later discovered that the sign belonged to the first Town under Mayor Joan Sooy's administration. She said it would be wonderful to have this sign duplicated and erected in the places where we can put them in the Town; (one on Harborview Road; and two on Folly Road). Councilwoman Berry showed a picture of the sign and the various color options. Councilman Blank asked the cost of the signs. Councilwoman Berry said the cost would depend on the type of sign that is required. For example, on Folly Road, a monument style and those on Harborview Road could be on posts. No cost was available at this meeting. Councilman Blank said the sign (in Signature Signs) was the result of a contest held in 2006; then

the Town was dissolved. He voiced concern about approving the request without knowing what the costs will be. He said additional information is needed because Folly Road is a State Highway and the SCDOT will tell the Town where the signs can be placed. Mayor Woolsey commented that he personally thought that our temporary signs are appropriate for what he hopes our temporary boundaries are; and to make elaborate signs on our temporary boundaries is cutting off one-third of the people we are trying to get back. Councilwoman Berry commented that signs introduce our Town to people that come here and it should be something that makes us proud to be here. She agreed that we need to know what they will cost. Councilman Blank moved to postpone consideration to the next meeting; seconded by Mayor Woolsey. Councilman Blank asked Mark Johnson to look into SCDOT requirements for placing signs on Folly Road.

Resolution #2014-15: A Resolution to Support the Neighborhood Preservation Area of the Folly Road Corridor Overlay District (FRCOD): Councilman Blank moved to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Berry. Councilman Blank gave an overview of the Folly Road Overlay District Committee formed in November 2013. He said the City of Folly Beach, Charleston County, the City of Charleston, and the Town of James Island, established common goals for development along the Folly Road corridor. The County staff recommended the area from Raphael to Battery Island zoned as Neighborhood Preservation, and the Overlay Committee agreed to that. Charleston County now wants to zone that area as Commercial Transitional, which would allow uses such as bars, pawnshops, and restaurants. Councilman Blank asked to amend Resolution # 2014-15, to change some of the wording based upon information that was received at last night's meeting. He said in 2006 after the referendum passed to form the Town; that area of Folly Road was shown as Commercial Transition one month before Town Council took office. He did not know this until he attended the meeting last night – the residents were also unaware of this. This area had been zoned by the County as Residential (S-3) allowing three (3) units per acre. The majority of the people want the area to remain residential; only a few wanted it commercial. Councilman Blank moved to amend the Resolution to strike through the old wording; Mayor Woolsey seconded. There was no further discussion. The amendment passed unanimously. Mayor Woolsey called for the vote on Resolution #2014-15 with the amendments and it passed unanimously. The Resolution will be sent to the members of Charleston County Council.

Ordinances up for Second Reading

- a. Ordinance #2014-03: SCE&G Franchise Agreement: Mayor Woolsey asked for a motion in favor. Councilman Blank moved, seconded by Councilwoman Berry. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Ordinance #2014-04: Town of James Island Proposed Annual Budget for 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget: Mayor Woolsey asked for motion in favor. Councilman Kernodle moved, seconded by Councilman Blank. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Ordinance #2014-05: Annexation Ordinance for 148 Residential Lots West Fort Johnson TMS #4251500001 - #4280200156 and 9 Residential Lots in the East Lighthouse Point Area: TMS #4520600020 - #4520600061: Mayor Woolsey asked for a motion in favor. Councilman Blank moved, seconded by Councilman Kernodle. Mayor Woolsey expressed pleasure in having these residents back in the Town. Mrs. Kellahan confirmed that 271 voters are eligible to run for office and vote in the upcoming Town election in July. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #2014-06: Change in Dates of Future Town Elections: Mayor Woolsey asked for a motion in favor. Councilman Kernodle moved, seconded by Councilwoman Berry. Councilman Berry asked and it was confirmed that Councilmembers elected in July will serve until November 2019. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances up for First Reading:

- a. Ordinance #2014-07: An Ordinance to Increase the Members to Town Council: Councilman Mullinax moved to table; seconded by Councilman Blank. There is no discussion on a motion to table. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business: None

Executive Session: Not needed

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frances Simmons". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Frances Simmons
Town Clerk