

The Town of James Island held its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 1122 Dills Bluff Road, James Island, SC on Thursday, May 16, 2019. The following members of Council were present: Leonard Blank, Mayor Pro-Tem, Garrett Milliken, Joshua P. Stokes, Darren "Troy" Mullinax, and Mayor Bill Woolsey, presided. Also, Ashley Kellahan, Town Administrator, Bonum S. Wilson, Town Attorney, Merrell Roe, Finance Director, Mark Johnson, Public Works Director, Sergeant Shawn James, Island Sheriff's Patrol, and Frances Simmons, Town Clerk.

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

Public Comments:

Debbie McCravy, 1054 Blue Marlin Dr., spoke about speed humps as being silent policemen. Her husband has ALS. She spoke about the negative impacts that EMS encounter in reaching people because their response time is slowed by speed humps and how driving over them affects her husband's condition. She mentioned speaking to Mayor Woolsey about the new speed humps and asked him how many tickets were issued by police; he could not tell her how many but said speed humps would help to slow speeding and cut-thru traffic on Grand Concourse and Burnett. Mrs. McCravy talked about the cost of speed humps vs. real policemen issuing tickets. She said our government officials should not see speed humps as a tradeoff.

Julius Pettigrew, 1596 Ft. Johnson Rd., Mr. Pettigrew informed Council that he was supposed to meet his attorney here to talk about the road and asked to speak when his attorney arrives.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes of April 25, 2019 Regular Town Council Meeting: Motion to approve was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax, and passed unanimously.

Information Reports:

- a. Finance Report: Finance Director, Merrell Roe, gave a brief overview of the LOST funds received for March, Repair Care, Tallwood Drainage and Capital Projects.
- b. Administrator Report: Town Administrator, Ashley Kellahan reviewed the Administrator's report adding that the Pinckney Park Pavilion will go out to bid on next Tuesday (May 21). The James Island Intergovernmental Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.
- c. Public Works Report: Public Works Director, Mark Johnson, reviewed the written report, adding that May 19-25 is National Public Works Week.
- d. Island Sheriffs' Patrol Report: Sgt. James reviewed the monthly Island Sheriffs' Patrol and Crime Statistic Reports. Sgt. James shared information about an upcoming TV program called "First Responders Live". "First Responders Live" is featured in seven cities and Charleston/James Island is one of them. The program gives viewers a look into the day-to-day situations First Responders face and how they are handled. James Island is one of the places they want to see how this is being done. The program will feature Charleston County Sheriffs' Deputies Martin, Miller, and Sgt. James, and airs June 12 on Fox.

Mayor Woolsey asked Sgt. James how many speeding tickets were issued in April and he said 58, and he is looking into complaints on Northshore and Harborview.

Requests for Approval:

Award of IDC's for Engineering Services: Mrs. Kellahan reported that the Town is seeking on-call professional engineering services from multi-disciplinary firms for drainage, pedestrian, and traffic, roadway, survey and geotechnical services. The contract would be for a period of three (3) years with an option to renew for an additional year. Eighteen (18) proposals were received and the Evaluation Committee recommends these five (5) firms: Davis & Floyd, JLA, Stantec, Thomas & Hutton and Weston & Sampson. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Blank. Councilman Milliken asked whom the Evaluation Committee consisted of. Mrs. Kellahan replied, Mayor Woolsey, Mark Johnson, and her. Motion passed unanimously.

Repair of Drainage Box on Grand Concourse: Mrs. Kellahan reported that this request is coming before Council because it exceeds the \$10,000 threshold. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Stokes. Councilman Blank received clarification there are three boxes. One needs to be replaced, the other is severely cracked, and the third has minor damage. Mrs. Kellahan said two are on Grand Concourse and the other on Birchdale. Motion passed unanimously.

IGA for Leasing 1248 Camp Road: Mrs. Kellahan presented the Intergovernmental Agreement between Charleston County and the Town for the leasing of 1248 Camp Road. Charleston County has approved it and the Town has 45 days to approve the MOU. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Blank, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Land Use Committee: Councilman Blank reported that next year is the time when the Comprehensive Plan is to be rewritten. He asked Council to forward recommendations that they have for changes to the Plan to Kristen Crane, Planning Director, for the Planning Commission to review.

Environment and Beautification Committee: Councilman Milliken reported that James Island Pride hosted a litter pick-up on May 20 collecting 33 bags of litter. He thanked the volunteers that participated. On the same day, the Helping Hands Committee, Chaired by Stan Kozikowski, with James Island Charter HS students cleaned seven (7) yards. Councilman Milliken said Helping Hands is a committee of volunteers that cleans individual's yards who are unable to do it themselves. Helping Hands needs volunteers. Please contact Stan, 860-847-0544. James Island Pride held elections tonight and voted for Amy Ball as Chairperson and Martin Williams as Vice-Chairperson.

Children's Commission: No report.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman Mullinax announced the next meeting on Thursday, May 23 at 7 p.m.

History Commission: Mrs. Kellahan reported that the History Commission met and worked on the history brochure. The draft brochure is 99% completed and the Commission hopes to wrap the project up by June.

Rethink Folly Road Committee Report: Mayor Woolsey reported that the next Rethink Folly Road Steering Committee would be held on June 12. Toole Design, the Program Manager for Rethink Folly Road, will be present at the meeting.

Drainage Committee: Councilman Stokes reported that the Drainage Committee met on May 8. Topics discussed were recent, past, current, and near future drainage projects by various municipal staff as well as an update on the Island-wide Drainage Study. The next meeting would be held on July 10 at 3 p.m. after the Stormwater Managers meeting.

Proclamations and Resolutions:

Resolution #2019-10: ISP Deputy of First Quarter, 2019: There was a brief recess for the arrival of Deputy Herman Martin, ISP Deputy of the First Quarter, who was working an accident. Motion in favor for approval of the Resolution was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax and passed unanimously. Upon Deputy Martin's arrival Mayor Woolsey read the Resolution and presented him with a check for \$50 and a Town Pin as a token of appreciation. Sergeant James complimented Deputy Martin for his hard work and service to the Island Sheriff's Patrol.

Resolution #2019-11: Project Requests for FY 2020 Charleston County CTC "C" Fund Projects: Mrs. Kellahan presented a Resolution to request CTC funds for the Dills Bluff Sidewalk to the Camp Road intersection. The estimated cost of the project is \$186,000; the Town's 50% match of \$93,000 is in the Capital Improvements Budget. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Mrs. Kellahan gave explanation to Councilman Milliken about where the sidewalk would go. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances up for Second and Final Reading:

Ordinance #2019-01: Proposed Changes to Zoning and Land Use Development Regulations: Change to the Use Table creating a separate category for "Nonalcoholic Beverage Bars, including Coffee Shops and Smoothie Bars; Definition of "Nonalcoholic Beverage Bars"; Amend Standards for Bed & Breakfasts (from 5 to 3 rooms); add requirement to only allow one (1) car per guest room for Bed & Breakfasts. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Blank and passed unanimously.

Ordinance #2019-02: Proposed Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Budget: Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax and passed 4-1. Councilman Milliken voted no.

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 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Frances Simmons
Town Clerk