

The Town of James Island held its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 1238-B Camp Road, James Island, SC on Thursday, May 18, 2017. 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. Also present: Ashley Kellahan, Town Administrator, Bonum S. Wilson, Town Attorney, Merrell Roe, Senior Finance Clerk, 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 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:

Mark Teseniar, 467 Fort Johnson Road: Mr. Teseniar commented that lives adjacent to Pinckney Park and he is glad it is not a housing development. He appreciates the work that is going into the park; and the playground equipment is already getting good use. He asked the Town for vigilance as they continue to move forward, as he shares a 600 ft. border with the park. He said right now, he assumes he has a sunrise to sunset impact by the park. The parking lot is much larger in scope, and he appreciates that Mrs. Kellahan and the Town worked with him to alter the design and provide plantings and buffers. He does not want the sunrise to sunset impact to turn into a 24-hour impact by way of lighting. He said during discussions about the park, it is to be passive and natural and lighting is unnatural. If the park close at sunset, it would be better to have no lighting because it will attract people; or lighting should be on a timer and cut off an hour or two after sunset, as opposed to 24-hours. Mr. Teseniar said he would like to minimize the lighting impact on him and have it as natural as possible. He thanked Council and hopes they will consider this.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes of April 20, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting
- b. Proclamation for National Police Week
- c. Proclamation for National Public Works Week

Councilman Stokes moved to approve the consent agenda, Councilman Milliken seconded. Passed unanimously.

Information Reports:

- a. Finance Report: Written report provided by Senior Finance Clerk, Merrell Roe and accepted as information. Ms. Roe reminded Council about a shred day event on May 22, 10-1 p.m. in the parking lot at Town Hall.
- b. Administrator Report: Written report provided by Town Administrator, Ashley Kellahan and accepted as information. Mrs. Kellahan drew attention to the bid tabulation for the Town Hall project. She announced Blanchard Construction Company as the apparent low bidder and explained the budget funding process for Town Hall. Questions from Council were addressed.
- c. Public Works Report: Written report provided by Public Works Director, Mark Johnson and accepted as information. Mrs. Kellahan thanked Ms. Roe and Mr. Johnson for their work on the Taste of James Island event.
- d. Island Sheriff’s Patrol (ISP) Report: Sergeant James reviewed the crime statistics and April’s Island Sheriffs’ Patrol report. Sergeant James has met with Magistrate Stephen Harris, (new James Island Magistrate) to introduce himself and to see how the ISP can assist them. Sergeant James thanked Ashley Kellahan and Frances Simmons for assisting with the DSS Adoption event held in April.

Committee Reports:

Environment and Beautification Committee: Councilman Milliken reported that a successful Adopt a Highway trash pickup was held on May 7. He thanked the 32 volunteers that participated. Over 660 pounds of trash were collected. Councilman Milliken announced that James Island Pride, Chairman, Grant Scurry, would be relocating to Lancaster. A plaque has been ordered and Grant will be recognized at a later time. Amy Ball will serve as the new Chairperson.

Children's Commission: Councilman Stokes announced that the Children's Commission would meet on Thursday, June 8 at 5:00 p.m. Regarding the Easter Egg Roll event, it is the hope that commemorative eggs will be given to people in the future.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman Mullinax moved to appoint Henrietta Martin to the Neighborhood Council to represent Honey Hill, Councilman Stokes seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Martin replaces Mrs. Anna Fludd, who is no longer able to serve. Next Neighborhood Council meeting is Thursday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m.

History Commission: Mrs. Kellahan thanked Commissioner Inez Brown-Crouch on her research for a historical marker for Simeon Pinckney. The SC Department of Archives and History has approved the wording and the marker will be erected at Pinckney Park a later time.

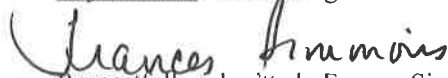
Resolutions:

- a. Resolution #2017-07: Request for CTC Funding for Seaside Lane Sidewalk: Mrs. Kellahan gave a recap of the project. The sidewalk was designed by Stantec and the plan is currently with the Department of Transportation (DOT) for comments. The total estimated cost of the project is \$408,255 and the Town's 50% match of \$204,128 is included in the 2017-2018 Capital Improvements Budget. A motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Milliken. Councilman Milliken commented that it would be a while before we get the sidewalk and voiced a safety concern in the area. He said there is high brush by the curb (towards the high school, near Edison's) causing the children to walk in the street. He asked if we could do something because this is a dangerous situation. Mayor Woolsey said this would be pursued. After the discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Resolution #2017-08: A Resolution Pertaining to a Moratorium in the Town of James Island: Mayor Woolsey stated that he prepared a resolution last week regarding the issue of a moratorium that was developed by the City of Charleston. A motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Milliken. Councilman Stokes moved to amend the original resolution, and Councilman Blank seconded. Councilman Stokes explained that the original resolution was put into the docket prior to the Intergovernmental Council meeting on Monday. It was established to look at putting into place a six-month moratorium, similar to what the City of Charleston has done. He said that would have to be addressed by ordinance; however, the other pieces of the resolution are the recommendations from the Intergovernmental Council meeting and he thinks it is appropriate to put into place now through the same resolution. Councilman Stokes presented the resolution with the recommended underlined amendments. There was no further discussion on the amendment. Mayor Woolsey called for the vote and amended resolution passed unanimously. Copy attached.

Ordinances up for Second Reading:

- a. Ordinance #2017-05: An Ordinance to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Annual Budget for the Town of James Island: A motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. No discussion. Motion passed.
- b. Ordinance #2017-06: Amend Ordinance #2012-06, Establishing Purchasing Procedures for the Town of James Island, SC: A motion in favor was made by Councilman Mullinax, seconded by Councilman Blank, No discussion. Motion passed. Councilman Milliken opposed.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.



Respectfully submitted: Frances Simmons  
Town Clerk

A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO A MORATORIUM IN THE TOWN OF JAMES ISLAND

**Whereas;** James Island has been subject to severe development pressure, adversely impacting the safety, health and welfare of all James Islanders, including the residents of the Town; and

**Whereas;** the zoning regulations in several of the government jurisdictions on James Island allow for high density residential development in nonresidential zones; and

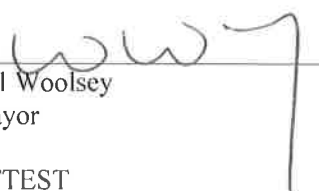
**Whereas;** the Town of James Island's zoning ordinance limits residential density in commercial zones to four units per acre;

**Whereas,** the James Island Town Council seeks to cooperate with the other government jurisdictions on James Island on planning and zoning matters;

**Therefore, the James Island Town Council:**

1. Supports the City of Charleston's 180 day moratorium on the issue of new zoning permits for more than four units or 1500 square feet in nonresidential zones on James Island;
2. Calls for Charleston County and the City of Folly Beach to adopt a similar moratorium in their areas of jurisdiction on James Island;
3. Proposes that Charleston County, the City of Charleston, the Town of James Island and the City of Folly Beach create a joint James Island Planning Committee with the goal of developing a James Island overlay to be recommended to the Planning Commissions of the four jurisdictions.
4. Further proposes that the joint James Island Planning Committee develop a comprehensive plan for James Island to be recommended to the Planning Commissions of the four jurisdictions with the goal of incorporating the plan into the comprehensive planning processes of the four jurisdictions. The comprehensive plan will include consideration of the following:
  - a. Affordable Housing
  - b. Urban Growth Boundary
  - c. Joint Design Review Board
  - d. Drainage Improvements
  - e. Folly Road Overlay
5. Asks that the four local government jurisdictions have representatives from their planning department work together to recommend a specific structure for the proposed committee to be approved by those four governing bodies.
6. Instructs the Town's Planning Director to determine what if any moratorium is appropriate given the Town's Zoning Ordinance.

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017

  
Bill Woolsey  
Mayor

ATTEST

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