

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, August 16, 2018. 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. A quorum was present to conduct business.

Opening Exercises: Mayor Woolsey called the meeting to order. He led Council in prayer and followed with 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: The following persons addressed Council:

Commissioner Kay Kernodle, James Island PSD: Commissioner Kernodle distributed information to Council pertaining to the Town adjusting boundary for Fire Station #1 and read a portion of it.

Mary Cooper, 912 Bradford Ave: asked what is being done about the property (across from the Fire Station on Camp@ Bradford) zoned commercial but is used as a residential rehab center. She asked what is being done about an Air B&B at 917 Bradford Ave. and expressed concern about the number of people that come and go there. This has been brought to the Town’s attention several times.

Jack Cooper, 912 Bradford Ave: expressed concern about a tree on the left at Camp and Bradford that is blocking the visibility of oncoming traffic. He suggested a mirror at the intersection similar to that at Fire Station #1 so people can see both ways. He asked the Town to help because there have been many near accidents there.

Geraldine Flood, 1780 N. Mayflower Dr., complimented the work done at the Camp @ Folly intersection; however, the traffic light changes too quickly for those crossing the street.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes: July 12, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Passed unanimously.

Information Reports:

- a. Finance Report: Presented by Merrell Roe, Finance Director, and accepted as information. Ms. Roe added that the auditor has started work on the 2017-2018 Annual Audit.
- b. Administrators’ Report: Presented by Ashley Kellahan, Town Administrator, and accepted as information. Mrs. Kellahan added that punch list items in the Town Hall is being worked on, as well as issues with the acoustics in Council Chambers. The Dedication of the New Town Hall will be held on Thursday, August 30 at 10:00 a.m. The public open house will be held that afternoon at 6:00 p.m.
- c. Public Works: Presented by Mark Johnson, Public Works Director and accepted as information. Mr. Johnson answered questions from Council.
- d. Island Sheriffs’ Patrol Report: Sergeant James presented the Island Sheriffs’ Patrol Report and the July monthly crime statistics. He added that July’s budget increased due to the hiring of additional deputies. He complimented the Women of God, Taking Back Our Streets march, and the Annual National Night Out as successful events.

Requests for Approval:

Establish Drainage Committee: Motion in favor was made by Councilman Mullinax and seconded by Mayor Woolsey. Councilman Mullinax announced that the Drainage Committee would be a Special

Standing Committee to deal exclusively with flooding and drainage issues on properties in the Town. The Committee would consist of the full Town Council with the Mayor serving as Chair, County Council members, City Council members, and State Representatives whose districts coincide with Town boundaries and would have full voting rights. In addition, the Town Public Works Director and his counterparts with the County and City will serve. The Committee would meet during periods of long rain events, hurricanes, or when the Chairman deems necessary. Councilman Mullinax said he felt a Committee was needed to deal exclusively with those issues. He noted that the Intergovernmental Council would also work with this Committee however; they work on other matters as well. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Woolsey said the Drainage Committee would be placed on the September meeting for the selection of a chairperson.

Committee Report:

Land Use Committee: Councilman Blank reported that Ordinance #2018-08 that is before Council tonight requires a Special Exception for parking lots in Office Residential areas. He said the Planning Commission voted unanimously to amend this so that no ingress or egress from these parking lots are allowed into residential neighborhoods. If this Ordinance pass tonight, it will come before Town Council next month for amendment.

Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) and Planning Commission Appointments:

BZA

Councilman Blank moved to nominate Sim Parrish for a 4-year reappointment; Councilman Stokes seconded. Reappointment passed unanimously.

Councilman Milliken moved to nominate Roy Smith for a 4-year reappointment; Councilman Blank seconded. Reappointment passed unanimously.

Planning Commission

Councilman Stokes moved to nominate Ed Steers for a 4-year reappointment; Councilman Blank seconded. Reappointment passed unanimously.

Mayor Woolsey asked to postpone consideration of the nomination and reappointment of Zennie Quinn and Council agreed without objection.

Environment and Beautification Committee: Councilman Milliken announced the members of James Island Pride: Henrietta Martin, Chair, Deann Grayson, Vice Chair and Adopt-a-Highway liaison, Amy Ball, Secretary, and Mary Beth Berry, Chair of Helping Hands. Helping Hands is an organization that helps people that do not have the ability to care for their yards. Councilman Milliken asked if groups would like to volunteer, they should contact Town Hall. He thanked Boy Scout Troop 46 who volunteered in July, Fort Johnson Baptist Church for August, HOSA (James Island Charter High School), for September, and First Baptist Church in October. Next Litter pickup is September 8. Meet at the Town Hall at 9:00 a.m. Lunch provided.

Children Commission: No report.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman Mullinax thanked staff for putting on a successful National Night Out and Sergeant James for his hard work. Neighborhood Council will meet on Thursday, August 23 at 7:00 p.m.

History Commission: Mayor Woolsey announced that the History Commission met in July and reviewed the first draft of the History pamphlet. Information will be presented to Council later.

Rethink Folly Road Steering Committee: Mayor Woolsey announced that the July meeting was postponed to September 26 and they will receive a report from Charleston County Transportation (CTC) and the consultant about options for the bike/pedestrian facility on Folly Road.

Proclamations and Resolutions

Town Hall Dedication Proclamation: Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Milliken and passed unanimously.

Resolution #2018-08: Island Sheriffs' Patrol Officer of the Second Quarter: Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax and passed unanimously. Mayor Woolsey recognized and congratulated Deputy Charles A. Sebban and read the resolution that attributed to his accomplishments. Sergeant James also recognized Deputy Sebban and referenced the significant work he is doing with DUI arrests.

Resolution #2018-09: Acceptance of Ownership and Maintenance of Canopy Cove Road and Drainage Easement into Public System: Motion in favor was made by Councilman Blank, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Mrs. Kellahan said based on the project the Town did on the Tallwood drainage project; (the easement that runs between Tallwood and Canopy Cove), a part of the drainage treatment carried water into the Canopy Cove drainage pond. During discussions with the neighborhood, they expressed wanting to dedicate the road and drainage pond to the public. The Town would be accepting the ownership and maintenance of Canopy Cove Road and the drainage easement into the public system. Councilman Stokes said it is great to be able to get some drainage relief for the residents on the backside of Tallwood. Councilman Stokes said he is in favor of the project; but will abstain from vote because he lives on Canopy Cove and this would affect him directly. Councilman Milliken asked the cost for the upkeep of the road going forward. Mayor Woolsey answered when accepted into the public system it would be included on the CTC schedule and handled with CTC funds federal and state. Potholes would be the Town's responsibility. Councilman Milliken asked if the drainage on the road is gutter and culvert and Mayor Woolsey and Councilman Stokes answered responded to his question. Motion passed. Councilman Stokes abstained from vote.

Ordinances up for Second/Final Reading:

*Ordinance #2018-06 mislabeled. Appears under Ordinances up for First Reading.

Ordinance #2018-07: Proposed Change to the Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance, including a change adding "self-service storage/mini warehouses" as a prohibited use in the Commercial Core and South Village areas of the Folly Road Overlay Zoning District: Motion in favor was made by Councilman Blank, seconded by Councilman Stokes. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

Ordinance #2018-08: Proposed Change to the Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance, adding a Special Exception requirement for parking lots in the Residential Office (OR) Zoning District: Motion in favor was made by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Blank. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

Ordinance #2018-09: An Ordinance to Amend the Town of James Island's Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019: Motion in favor was made by Councilman Blank, seconded by Councilman Stokes. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

Ordinances up for First Reading:

Ordinance #2018-06: Loitering and Sleeping in Public Places: Motion in favor was made by Councilman Blank, seconded by Councilman Stokes. Mayor Woolsey proposed an amendment that changes the original

language that was previously presented. He noted a copy of the amended ordinance was placed at Council's seat. Language added is underlined and language removed is stricken. Mayor Woolsey said these are the changes recommended by the Town Attorney. Added under Section C: The provisions of Section (C) are applicable to Sections (B) through (J) herein. Section D: Dwelling areas- in response to Councilman Milliken's concerns, the words in a clandestine manner is removed. Section F, the word park is removed. Section K is added: Streets, Sidewalks, and Rights of Way. No person shall loiter whereby passage over, on, or along a street, sidewalk, or right of way is obstructed in the manner by which a person so accused stands, loiters, or walks thereon.

Mayor Woolsey moved in favor of the amendment, Councilman Stokes seconded. There was no discussion and the Amendment passed unanimously. There was no further discussion on the Main Motion and it passed unanimously as amended.

Ordinance # 2018-10: An Ordinance Recognizing Implicit Repeal of Ordinance #2012-08: Mrs. Kellahan said this was recommended by the Town Attorney when he was reviewing some requests that our Building Official was moving forward on with condemning derelict strictures. She said when we amended our Building and Flood Ordinances in December 2016 it replaced our language and implicitly repealed our previous ordinance that referred to those Buildings and Flood Ordinances. Ordinance #2018-10 serves as clarification. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Blank, seconded by Councilman Stokes. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session: Not needed.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Frances Simmons
Town Clerk