

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, February 16, 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. A quorum was present to conduct business. 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 Comment: No one signed in to speak.

#### Consent Agenda

a. Minutes of January 19, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting

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 added that the final payment was made for the Camp Road Phase II project; \$37,000 was spent for new playground equipment at Pinckney Park, and the first principle payment on the new Town Hall Building of \$3097 was made.
- b. Administrator Report: Written report provided by Town Administrator, Ashley Kellahan. Mrs. Kellahan thanked everyone that participated in today’s groundbreaking ceremony for Pinckney Park. Work at the park is scheduled to begin in two weeks and completed in five weeks for Phase I. The Budget Workshop for FY 2017-2018 will be held on March 2 at 6:00 p.m.
- c. Public Works Report: Written report provided by Public Works Director, Mark Johnson and accepted as information. Mr. Johnson added that the CERT team meeting is March 15 to discuss Terrorism Awareness.
- d. Island Sheriffs’ Patrol Report: Written statistics and the monthly crime report provided by Sergeant James and accepted as information. Sergeant James reminded citizens to lock their vehicles. “Lock it or lose it,” Signs will be ordered soon.

#### Requests for Approval:

Stone Post Drainage Easement Acquisition: Mrs. Kellahan said this is the drainage easement created by Seabrook Engineering. The firm of Michael Baker International proposes to provide right-of-way acquisition services to obtain easements on six properties at a cost of \$4,925 per parcel. A motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes; seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Councilman Milliken asked what will be done with the drainage; is it for curb and gutter or culvert. Mrs. Kellahan said this is an existing drainage ditch that the Town is acquiring easements in order to maintain them. Mayor Woolsey explained a plan from two years ago for the County to clean them; but we did not have the proper easements. He said this is an open ditch, it is being maintained; but we need to obtain the easements. He commented that a long-term goal is to have a maintenance shelf to store equipment. Motion passed unanimously.

Dills Bluff Sidewalk Phase I Sidewalk Acquisition: Mrs. Kellahan said there is one parcel along the Dills Bluff sidewalk (potentially where the boardwalk will go) along an oxidation pond. She explained that the way the boardwalk is designed would cause it to go into the pond. This request is for the Primacq Group to acquire easements. Mrs. Kellahan said she hopes this could be done through an agreement process;

however, we may need to settle in order to have access. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Milliken. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

MOU, City of Charleston JIRC: Mrs. Kellahan said this is an agreement with the City of Charleston for the James Island Recreation Center to open on Sundays. This is the Town's second year agreement with the City. The Center will open on Sundays from 1-5 p.m. at a cost \$15,000 a year. A motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Milliken. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Land Use Committee: No report

Environment and Beautification Committee: Councilman Milliken gave an update on the February 4 James Island Pride Adopt a Highway Litter Pick-up and thanked everyone that participated. The next litter pick-up is scheduled for May 6. James Island Arts will be hosting its Fourth Annual Art Auction on Saturday, February 25. This juried Art Show raises monies for art supplies for James Island Art Teachers. A silent auction is planned in conjunction with this event.

Presentation of Community Hero Awards by James Island Pride: Councilman Milliken announced that James Island Pride receives nominations from the community each year for individuals that have made significant contributions over time to the Town and the island in general; particularly those involved in caring for youths. He said the Community Hero recognition is a wonderful award and James Island Pride is proud to give it. Councilman Milliken introduced Grant Scurry, Chair of James Island Pride and he announced the following nominees.

Cal Worthington, nominated by Garrett Milliken: Cal Worthington has been a tireless advocate and Director of James Island Outreach and has fed and cared for the citizens of James Island for several years. He has made relationships with grocery stores and restaurants and has taken their donations to the food bank for distribution to needy families. Mr. Worthington has also been instrumental in the process of moving James Island Outreach from Bethany Church to St. James Church. He secured two new and larger trailers and the necessary zoning and location for the new home of James Island Outreach. The expanded physical size of the building will allow Outreach to serve more people in need of services. In distributing food, and painting and preparing the new trailers and in providing door-to-door updates of Outreach activities. Mr. Worthington has provided opportunities for service from Boy Scouts and youth groups. He has also enlisted the St. James Men's Club for these activities as well as brush clearing and site preparation. Mr. Worthington's selfless efforts continue the war against hunger in our community.

William "Cubby" Wilder, nominated by Susan Milliken: Cubby has served this community in many capacities for several decades as a veteran, community leader, a leader in his church, a support for young people on James Island, and as an elected official. He has kept the history of the Sol Legare community alive by sharing it with others and supporting its preservation. He has spearheaded the work to advocate the destination of Mosquito Beach as an official historic site and researched much of its history. He has made application to the SC Department of Archives and History for Mosquito Beach to be added to the National Registry of historical places. Cubby serves on the Town of James Island's History Commission and he passionately supports the Gullah-Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor in the low country. Cubby has also advocated for minority youth recreation and sports opportunities on James Island. He has served as a founder of the Town of James Island, a Councilmember for the Town of James Island, currently a Commissioner on the James Island PSD, an elder in his church, St. James Presbyterian, and the Sol Legare Community Governing Board. There is no better example of a community hero, than, Bill "Cubby" Wilder.

Nick Skover, owner, Paisano's Pizza, nominated by Sandy Williams: During the years that I was PTA President at James Island Middle, Nick never turned me down when I reached out to him for support. He

made a generous cash donation to the PTA at the start of each school year, hosted numerous school spirit nights, and donated additional funds. This is the kind of generous community partner that James Island schools, James Island Recreation, and other non-profits know they can count on. Wouldn't the world be an amazing place if all business owners were as civic minded and concerned about giving back to their communities as Nick.

Presentation of the Golden Rake Award: Mr. Scurry announced and congratulated William "Cubby" Wilder, recipient of the Golden Rake Award. All nominees were congratulated and presented a certificate for their service to the community. Mr. Wilder thanked everyone for the award. He shared the struggles and the vision he has fought for over the last 24 years and in helping to form the Town.

Proclamation Honoring Community Heroes: A motion in favor was made by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Mullinax and passed unanimously.

Children's Commission: Councilman Stokes announced plans for a spring event called "Easter Egg Roll" on Saturday, April 15. He hopes this will become an annual event. More information at next month meeting.

Public Safety: Councilman Mullinax moved to nominate Melissa Dority to the Neighborhood Council, Councilman Stokes seconded and passed unanimously. Mrs. Dority will replace Norty Glover to represent Lighthouse Point. The Neighborhood Council will meet on Thursday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m.

History Commission: Mayor Woolsey reported that the History Commission was presented with a proposal for economic development for a historical tour concept. The proposal is being studied and further information will be provided to Council.

Resolutions:

- a. Resolution #2017-02: Island Sheriffs' Patrol Officer of the Year: Mayor Woolsey recognized and presented a Resolution in honor of Deputy Stanley Singer, the 2016 Island Sheriffs' Patrol Officer of the Year. Sergeant James complimented Deputy Singer on this outstanding achievement. His stats has been consistently high which adds to this outstanding achievement. His stats includes 592 hours worked, 1093 vehicles stopped, 1063 warnings issued, and 15 arrests made. Resolution passed unanimously.
- b. Resolution #2017-03: Resolution to Lower Density and Scale New Development on Central Park Road: Motion in favor was made by Councilman Mullinax; Councilman Milliken seconded. Councilman Mullinax said the Resolution is a request for the Town to go on record that the development at the Carmike Cinema be scaled down. The development will be a 138 unit, four-story apartment complex with 207 parking spaces, with no buffers. He would like the parties to consider a two-story building with a 20-foot buffer around the development (Up the Hill Road). He stressed the importance that the building blend into the existing, well-established neighborhood should the Town annex parts of the northern area in the future. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances up for Second Reading:

- a. Ordinance #2017-01: Proposed Changes to Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance, as it relates to Signage regarding Inflatables and Monument Signs: Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Blank. No discussion. Motion passed. Mayor Woolsey opposed.
- b. Ordinance #2017-02: Amending Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance #2013-07: Use Table 153.110 (Exhibit A); and, addition of a Special Exception requirement for Fast Food Restaurants, Convenience Stores, and Service Stations in Community Commercial (CC) and Neighborhood Commercial (CN) Zoning Districts: Motion in favor was

made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Blank. No discussion. Motion passed. Mayor Woolsey opposed.

- c. Ordinance #2017-03: Proposed Zoning Map Amendments (rezoning): specifically on property located at 1122 Dills Bluff Road, TMS #428-03-00-055; 1126 Dills Bluff Road, TMS #428-03-00-054; and 1109b Camp Road, Lot 4, TMS # 428-03-00-117, from Low-Density Suburban Residential District (RSL) to Residential Office District (OR) for the Town of James Island Town Hall (Government Office): Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances up for First Reading: None

New Business: None

Executive Session: Not needed.

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Frances Simmons  
Town Clerk