

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, June 15, 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, Ashley Kellahan, Town Administrator, Bonum S. Wilson, Town Attorney, Merrell Roe, Finance Officer, Mark Johnson, Public Works Director, Kristen Crane, Planning 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 Hearings:

Ordinance #2017-08: An Ordinance Amending the Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations by adding a new section on a Temporary Moratorium:

Lauren Gellatly, 1351 Briarfield Avenue: Mrs. Gellatly said she supports the moratorium only if it leads to thoughtful planning across jurisdictions- - she think it does, and is encouraged by it. She urged Council to be careful not to become a gated community. If traffic is the primary concern for the people behind this, that needs to be addressed, not to become multi-family housing only because the issue is a lot more complicated and solutions are a lot more nuanced.

Ordinance #2017-09: Proposed Change to Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations, including a Change Adding Setbacks for Accessory Structures in Commercially Zoned Districts: No one spoke.

Public Comments:

Eddy Moore, 150 Bee Street: Mr. Moore is the Energy Program Director for the SC Coastal Conservation League. He spoke in favor of Councilman Milliken’s Resolution (#2017-09) stating that it is a wise energy policy resolution. Mr. Moore said he has been active in energy regulations for more than 20 years and there have been enormous positive changes in this field. Entities of government that follow and understand this are able to create opportunity for their constituents. He complimented Councilman Milliken for taking a step in that direction.

Lauren Gellatly, 1351 Briarfield Avenue: Mrs. Gellatly supports Resolution (#2017-09) and applauded Council Milliken for taking it up. She urged Council to support it. She said the environment and the local economy suffers from the impact of climate change. She thanked Council for taking this direction.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes of May 18, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting
- b. Minutes of May 25, 2017 Special Town Council Meeting

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

Information Reports:

- a. Finance Report: Finance Officer, Merrell Roe, gave an overview of the Finance Report and highlighted income & expenditures for March and April.
- b. Administrator Report: Town Administrator, Ashley Kellahan reported that the bid opening for the Dills Bluff Sidewalk is scheduled June 29. No bids were received for the On-Call Storm Water services and it will be re-bided. Mrs. Kellahan and Mrs. Simmons has been on conference calls with MASC to receive information on the revised FOIA laws. These updates include social media and may require us to make some policy changes. Mrs. Kellahan thanked everyone for a successful

Pinckney Park dedication. Phase I final walk-thru was conducted today. \$4,000 was authorized in a change-order with the contractor for minor items at Pinckney Park. Mrs. Kellahan is working with Nano Farms and JI Youth Soccer Club for a Farmers' Market on Saturday mornings.

- c. Public Works Report: Public Works Director, Mark Johnson, gave an overview of May's projects. He attended an Emergency Management meeting on hurricane awareness this month. Adult CERT is scheduled June 21. Councilman Stokes asked if the Camp/Folly intersection project is on schedule. Mrs. Kellahan answered the completion is scheduled December 2017.
- d. Island Sheriff's Patrol Report: Sergeant James reviewed crime statistics and May Island Sheriffs' Patrol Report. He announced that plans are underway for the Annual National Night Out event.

#### Requests for Approval:

Quote for automatic gate operator and removal bollards at Pinckney Park: Mrs. Kellahan requested approval for an automatic gate operator and removal bollards for Pinckney Park. The gate will open from sunrise to sunset and staff will have access after-hours by remote. Emergency vehicles will have access via a punch keypad. Three quotes were received and Maner Builders offered the best price based on the engineer's specifications. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

Award of New Town Hall Project to Blanchard Construction: Elissa Bostain with Liollo Architecture presented the notice of intent to award the Town Hall project to Blanchard Construction. She stated the last time Liollo appeared before Council, they were looking at a 95% cost estimate that came in above \$2.3. Bids were received on May 4 and Blanchard Construction was the low bid at \$2.7. Ms. Bostain said there was a \$400,000 discrepancy in the high numbers, (electrical, mechanical, and site work). By working with the contractors, over \$200,000 was identified in valued-engineered items so the quality of the project is maintained and the price is down. The contractor also identified \$20,000 in double coverage quoted for curb and gutter in the parking lot. Ms. Bostain said with the valued-engineering, and accepting Alternate # 1 (screened porch); the base contract is just over \$2.5. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Blank, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Councilman Blank asked when construction would begin. Ms. Bostain said a pre-construction meeting is scheduled next week and construction could begin after that. Passed unanimously.

Radar Sign: Public Works Director, Mark Johnson, requested approval for a Titan TC-400 Radar Speed Sign. This is a portable radar sign that detects the speed in which a vehicle travels. The device is battery-operated and comes in a durable case to prevent damage. The cost is \$3,000. Mrs. Kellahan added that the device could be used to determine if traffic calming is needed in neighborhoods. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Milliken. Councilman Blank asked the size of the read-out, which is 24x21. Councilman Milliken said this is a great idea for data collection about the speed it registers. Mr. Johnson answered Councilman Stokes' question that the device will perform traffic counts. Passed unanimously.

#### Committee Reports:

Land Use Committee: No report

Environment and Beautification Committee: Councilman Milliken reported that the James Island Arts Committee continued the McLeod Plantation poetry series with Dr. Kendra Hamilton. Dr. Hamilton is a professor at Presbyterian College and is a native Charlestonian. Dr. Hamilton will conduct a Poetry Workshop on Saturday, June 17 at Town Hall, 2-4 p.m. This event is free to the public. On Sunday, June 18, 2-4 p.m., Dr. Hamilton will read original poems at McLeod Plantation. Admission is free to the first 50 persons. A reception and book signing will be held afterwards.

Councilman Milliken acknowledged the James Island Arts Committee for organizing the event. Katherine Williams, (Arts Committee Chair) was congratulated for receiving an \$800 National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) Award to fund future poetry events.

Councilman Milliken called forward, Mary Beth Berry, Chair of Helping Hands Committee. Mrs. Berry presented Will Lacy with the Helping Hands Spirit Award. Will was recognized for his service as a volunteer, his dependability, and leadership role in arranging other young adults to volunteer their services in helping others. Will is preparing for College this fall and aspires to become an Officer in the Air Force.

Children's Commission: No report

Public Safety Committee: Councilman Mullinax announced the next meeting of the Neighborhood Council on Thursday, June 22 at 7:00 p.m. Plans are underway for National Night Out August 1.

History Commission: Mayor Woolsey requested approval of the historical marker for Simeon Pinckney, \$2,120. The marker will be installed at Pinckney Park. Mayor Woolsey recognized History Commissioner, Inez Brown-Crouch, for the research and her work with the SC Department of Archives and History. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Resolutions

- a. Resolution #2017-09: Sustainable Practices and Goals re: Climate Change: Councilman Milliken presented Resolution #2017-09 stating that the Town continues to set a real and proper example for sustainable infrastructure. He said the Town of James Island is a leader in doing many of the practices that other municipalities should be doing regarding sustainability. He said the Town's efforts could be seen in the construction of sidewalks, enhancement of bike lanes, and planting of trees in parks. All of these are sustainable practices that contributes in a positive way; not only to the health of James Islanders; but also to the health of the environment. He said the reason for bringing the Resolution forward is to set an example that other municipalities in the region can follow; with an eye in reducing the carbon footprint that will perhaps preserve some of nature that we still have. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Mullinax.

Councilman Blank asked why a resolution is needed when the Town is already doing these things. Councilman Milliken answered to continue to do it and to reinforce our commitment. Mayor Woolsey asked if the timing of the resolution had to do with President Trump's Administration's withdrawal from the Paris Accord. Councilman Milliken said 'no'; it is on time with our knowledge of rising sea levels and other things that affects coastal communities. Councilman Mullinax shared a Town in Cottageville's interest in solar panels on their Town Hall. He thought this could be something our Town explore in the future. Councilman Stokes expressed concern that the "whereas" clauses says these are all things that we have done. He noted that action speaks louder than words, and we have not slacked off. We continue to do all of these things and there are a number of other things in the pipeline. He personally does not see the need to reaffirm something that is practiced on a daily basis. Councilman Milliken said we have the potential in looking towards the future for ways to extend sustainability practices and that is a positive thing to do as a Town (i.e., future vehicle purchases that is not gasoline-powered; solar panels, and fueling devices in our parks). Mayor Woolsey referred to the coalition mentioned in the resolution and Councilman Milliken addressed it. Councilman Stokes said issues such as green vs. non-green could be addressed as they arise and see no need to put a resolution into practice at this time. Councilman Blank expressed concern that other

municipalities would not see the resolution and that it should mean something, not put into a file. Councilman Milliken added that the resolution is a nice gesture moving forward that may instigate other municipalities to adopt these practices or do something. No further discussion. Mayor Woolsey called for the vote.

In favor: Councilman Milliken, Councilman Mullinax

In Opposition: Councilman Blank, Councilman Stokes.

\*Mayor Woolsey did not vote. Motion failed.

Ordinances up for Second Reading:

- a. Ordinance #2017-08: An Ordinance Amending the Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations by Adding a New Section on a Temporary Moratorium. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

Ordinances up for First Reading:

- a. Ordinance #2017-09: Proposed Change to Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations, including a Change Adding Setbacks for Accessory Structures in Commercially Zoned Districts: Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Blank. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

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