

James Island Intergovernmental Council Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

1122 Dills Bluff Road, James Island, SC 29412

In Attendance: Marilyn Clifford, JI Intergovernmental Council Chair and JIPSD Commissioner; Chaplain Rich Robinson, Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy; Brook Lyon, Town of JI Mayor; Troy Mullinax, TOJI Councilmember; Caroline Parker, City of Charleston Councilmember; Susan Milliken, JIPSD Commissioner; Brenda Grant, JIPSD Commissioner; Paul Cantrell, JIPSD Commissioner; Inez BrownCrouch, JIPSD Commissioner; Jay Reese, May Forest Park Manger. Staff – Tamara Robinson, JIPSD Acting District Manager; Devri DeToma, P.E. Charleston County Public Works

Chair Marilyn Clifford called the meeting to order. Chaplain Rich Robinson led the invocation. The meeting audio failed during the January 31st meeting; therefore, Chair Clifford requested and is awaiting input from meeting attendees. Chair Clifford tabled the approval of the January 31, 2024, council minutes.

Public Comment:

Adam Friend, Woodland Shores Coalition, thanked those that supported speed humps on his road. He also shared concerns about significant flooding issues on Woodland Shores Road.

Shawn Fludd, 1006 Honey Hill Road, President of the Triangle (corners of Seaside Lane, Dills Bluff and Fort Johnson Roads) will be working with the agencies to make improvements to the community.

Old Business – none

New Business – none

(1) Legislative Updates – none.

(2) James Island Public Service District Updates – Tamara Robinson, Acting District Manager – announced that the JIPSD/CWS sewer expansion project for 199 properties in areas including Julian Clark Road, Up on the Hill Road and Oak Point Road. The Clark Point public notice for bid opening is scheduled for mid-June. The Oak Point and Up on the Hill sewer service projects are still in the preliminary service agreement acquisition phase. The public response and acceptance in both areas has been extremely poor and we are working to get more people signed up for the project. The Harbor View Road redundant force main project to Plum Island treatment plant will help to address water quality issues in the James Island Creek and will go out to bid in early 2024. Fire Station 2 (Harbor View Road) is currently in the design and development phase. Chair Clifford announced that next Adopt-A-Highway cleanup will be held at 9 am on May 18th on the corner of Ft. Johnson and Folly Roads. Ms. Milliken announced that the JIPSD will have the first reading of its annual budget on May 20th. There is a proposed 5 mil increase for personal and property taxes, 7.5% increase for wastewater customers, and over 12% increase for transportation wastewater customers. The draft budget can be found online at www.jipsd.org.

(3) Charleston County Updates – Devri DeToma gave an update on the following transportation projects:

- Rural Roads Program:
 - Donnie and Rafael Lane - Right of way acquisition underway. Pending redesign to minimize ROW acquisition. In the permitting phase, condemnation pending.
 - Arsburn Road - Right of way acquisition underway, condemnation pending. In the permitting phase.
 - Jeff Gailliard Lane - Condemnation documents pending.
 - Rosebush Lane – In the design phase
- Camp Road Sidewalk and Riverland Drive Multi-Use Path – substantially complete, final walk through, complete punch list items to close out project.
- Riverland Drive Multi-Use Path - final plans and permitting complete. Preparing IFB (Invitation For Bid) package. Anticipate to advertise for bid 2nd Quarter 2024.
- Carol Street Drainage - under construction. Expected substantial completion date June 15, 2024. Punch list items underway.
- Central Park and Riverland Drive Intersection Improvements - Project on hold pending potential modifications to limit right-of-way impacts. Present options to Council in May and determine path forward.
- Central Park Drainage Culvert Replacement - received the SCIP Grant – 3.4 Million and \$320K in CTC funding. Currently in the permitting phase. Working through permitting process and after permits have been obtained design will be finalized. Construction must be completed by June 2026.
- City Golf Course Crossing and Sidewalk Connection - met with the City (4/22) and the Golf course to discuss path forward.
- Folly Road Bike/Pedestrian Improvements - ready to advertise for bid. Anticipate advertising project for bids in 2nd Quarter 2024.
- Fort Johnson Road at Secessionville Improvements - advertised in 1st Quarter 2024. Bids received were over budget. Seeking additional funding, anticipate to readvertise for bid in 3rd Quarter 2024.
- Folly Road Multi-Use Path and Country Club Drive Sidewalk at McLeod - working to obtain permitting from City. SCDOT permit is preliminarily approved. Anticipate advertising project for bids 3rd Quarter 2024.
- Dills Bluff Sidewalk (Phase 3) - during review, found utility concerns, the County is working with the Town to update plans. Town’s engineer to update plans with identified utilities and ensure no conflicts. Anticipate advertisement 3rd Quarter 2024.
- Regatta Road Sidewalk - currently advertised for bids. Once bids have been received and reviewed -Award contract for construction.
- Fort Johnson Road at Camp Improvements - right-of-way acquisition is underway. Anticipate advertising project for bids 3rd Quarter 2024.
- Fleming Road Sidewalk - final plans close to completion (95% plans). In permitting and right of way. Working with property owners to obtain necessary easements. Continue to engage with property owners to obtain necessary easements and permissions, anticipate advertisement 3rd Quarter 2024.
- Maybank Highway and Woodland Shores Road - project was advertised. Bids are currently under review. Complete bid review to ensure within budget.
- Sol Legare Sidewalk - determined existing right of way limits. Utility coordination is underway and conducting survey to determine exact locations. Staff exploring potential

funding opportunities with BCDCOG.

- CTC 2023 Resurfacing Plan B - currently advertised - Advertised for bid April 12, 2024. Anticipate work to begin Summer 2024 (365-day contract to complete work.)
- TST 2023 Rejuvenator - contract has been signed, 365-day contract. A Notice To Proceed (NTP) date has been set for March 4, 2024. Work is expected to start later this Spring. As requested by the Town, all roads that are primarily owned (over 50% area) by the Town have been removed from this plan. The roads included in this project are owned and maintained by either SCDOT, City of Charleston, or Charleston County.

(4) City of Charleston Updates – Caroline Parker, City of Charleston Councilmember [*speaker not directly facing a mic - audio unclear*]

(5) Town of James Island Updates – Brooky Lyon, TOJI

- Introduced Mike Hemmer as the new Town Administrator and Keith LaDeaux as the new Public Works Manager.
- Mayor Lyon further spoke about addressing issues with flooding and drainage. The next drainage meeting will be held on May 13th at 6:00 pm.
- First reading of the Town’s budget is May 15th
- Conducting a minor facelift of the Town’s facilities
- Mentioned that the rejuvenator was placed in her neighborhood last year and two dogs became very ill after walking the roads and licking their paws. The roads stunk and she did not walk in the area for weeks. She is all for saving the roads but against spraying toxins on the road.
- Announced that Town Council voted towards getting part of the Dills Bluff property back to the Town.

(6) CCSD School Board Updates - none

(7) Charleston County Legislative Delegation Intergovernmental Flood Task Update – Phillip Sexton

- Stated that the task force was created in 2018 by Charleston County Senators and Representatives to address the need to build a bridge between the various public agencies that represent storm water in Charleston County. The flood prevention task force is successful because the local governments have worked together to solve issues. The task force is currently trying to deal with its many challenges.

(8) Miscellaneous

- Jay Reese, May Forest Park Manager – the park grounds is open 8 am to 5 pm, Monday – Friday. The park is awaiting funding for major renovations.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 31, 2024, 7 p.m., James Island Town Hall