

The Town of James Island held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in person at the Town Hall, 1122 Dills Bluff Rd., James Island, SC. This meeting was also live streamed on the Town's website: [www.jamesislandsc.us/livestream-townmeetings](http://www.jamesislandsc.us/livestream-townmeetings) and held in accordance with the SC Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of James Island.

The following members of Council were present: Boles, Dodson, Mignano, Mullinax, and Mayor Lyon, who presided. Also, Michael Hemmer, Town Administrator, Merrell Roe, Finance Officer, Keith LaDeaux, PW Coordinator/Project Manager, Lt. Shawn James, Deputy Chris King, Island Sheriff's Patrol, Brian Quisenberry, Town Attorney, Frances Simmons, Town Clerk and incoming Finance Officer, Becky Heath.

Opening Exercises: Mayor Lyon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilwoman Mignano asked those who wished, to join her in prayer and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Lyon welcomed the public and introduced the members of Town Council, staff, Town Attorney, Island Sheriff's Patrol, and recognized incoming Finance Officer, Becky Heath.

Presentation: Proclamation Recognizing Bonum (Bo) S. Wilson, Former Town Attorney: Mayor Lyon called former Town Attorney, Bo Wilson forward and read a proclamation recognizing his 24 years of service to the Town. Mr. Wilson was presented with a plaque for his long-time service to the Town. Mr. Wilson thanked Council for the opportunity to serve the Town and it has been an interesting journey. Photo session followed.

Presentation: Proclamation Recognizing Tracy Boyette, James Island Postal Carrier: Prior to recognizing Tracy Boyette, Mayor Lyon said that a few weeks ago she received a call from Deputy Chris King about a situation in her neighborhood. The result was that a resident had passed away in his home and had been there for some time. Mayor Lyon said due to the prompt action by Tracy Boyette, (James Island Postal Carrier), who noticed the resident's mail had accumulated for some time and smelled an odor from the home. Mayor Lyon said the owner had a dog that was distressed by this but is now in a loving home. Ms. Boyette was recognized by the Mayor and Council for her exceptional and dedicated service to the Town. She was presented with a proclamation and plaque. Mayor Lyon stated that a letter has been sent to the Postmaster General in Washington, DC, and to the James Island Post Office to recognize Ms. Boyette's service. Photo session followed.

Public Hearing: Ordinance #2024-03: An Ordinance Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Town of James Island Annual Budget: Mayor Lyon opened the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Budget. Town Administrator, Mike Hemmer provided an overview and budget narrative. He explained that Revenues totaled \$4,167,958; and Expenses, \$4,167,949. Mr. Hemmer referred to the Budget Narrative which includes costs per departments. The information presented is included for the record.

No one from the public signed in to speak during the Public Hearing

Public Comment:

The following persons addressed the Council:

Stephen Szwartacki, 1344 Sea Aire Drive: spoke on the Town's potential purchase of the Sea Air property that blew up in the news/social media this week. Mr. Szwartacki said the property is directly across from his house and he looks at a dilapidated tennis court that has not been used in years; but could also turn into six gigantic houses. He said the potential for a park or development on the property caused a lot of "hub-bub" in the neighborhood. The neighbors have decided that they would not litigate this on social media or in the news but would speak to their family and neighbors about it. What scared them most/or what didn't scare them, is they do not think the amenities could be handled by this property that is only two acres. It is a good opportunity for green space but that may not fit into what the Town sees; what it can do; or if it's a promise that the Town could keep, but it sounds good to most people. He personally does want to see six mega houses constructed by an off-island developer. There is a lot of fear about what a public space can bring: traffic, quality, upkeep, and how much say the neighborhood could have. The neighborhood has been scared by what the Town has done in the past. A lot

of the neighbors voted for the current seated Council but don't think they should be held accountable for the sins of their predecessors about how things have been managed in other ways. This is a good opportunity for green space that has been agricultural for 100 years and where people played tennis for 60.

Gerry Schott, 1192 Stone Post Road: spoke on the Town's potential purchase of the Sea Aire property. She wanted to wear a Switzerland t-shirt because she is neutral. She is new to the neighborhood but feels she has to listen to the *ole timers*. She's heard that some want green space and others do not. The property is dilapidated and in disarray. It's an eyesore.; only two acres. What can be done on two acres? If it is green space with no buildings, restrooms, or porta potties that might work. The residents want to maintain their neighborhood. There are only three streets into the subdivision. It is quiet, serene, and they want to keep it that way. They do not want extra traffic coming in/out. The parcel of land is at the back of the subdivision. If it were in the front it would not be a problem. There are no sidewalks so the street is used for that. She said there are mothers pushing their babies in carriages, toddlers riding bikes and families. Her opinion is that she would like to maintain the peace and serenity of the neighborhood. There aren't a lot of trees anymore so there are none to be saved. She knows this property could be made into something beautiful area but worry about the neighbors that live close by.

Schuyler Blair, 850 Mellichamp Drive: thanked Mayor Lyon, Mike Hemmer, Mellissa Flick, and Keith LaDeaux for helping with the drainage problems he experiences in his neighborhood. The drainage sits between Mellichamp Drive and Hale Street. The homes on Hale Street were built in 2008-2009 and the builder placed plastic pipes in the open ditch easement and covered it with dirt. This has created severe drainage issues for the neighborhood, specifically for the homes on Mellichamp Drive. Homes on Hale Street sits higher and that causes the water to flow onto Mellichamp Drive and affects his property because there is only one access point for the water to flow through the pipe. The access point sits behind his house and the drainage box is two feet higher than the Mellichamp lawns. In order for the water to flow through the pipe it has to reach a certain threshold and until then, water sits stagnant. Since the pipes are plastic, they are not durable and two or three trees have grown over them compromising the drainage. He shared that an 80 year old resident has lived in the neighborhood for over 45 years and has never had drainage problems until the Hale Street homes were built. He thanked Mayor Lyon for preparing a request for proposal to help resolve this problem. He is also willing to help.

Megan Dean, 1243 Cornwallis Road: urged Council to vote in favor of changing the definition of a grand tree size from 24" to 18" DBH. The greatest thing that we can do for our environment and future is to protect and preserve it. Passage of this ordinance would allow more than saving trees. It would help flooding, save wildlife, improve air quality, and set a standard for James Island to be the beautiful place that we all love and cherish. Our decisions today will impact our tomorrows. As members of Council who represents our community and those who votes for them pleads to save our island. She said everyone at this meeting is talking the same thing and are worried about flooding and green space. This is one way that Council could make a difference.

Patrick Bucher, 1350 Sea Aire Drive: lives across from the old Herbert Tennis Center on Sea Aire Drive. He is happy to have green space as is opposed to having six large houses on the property. He would like citizens to have input into the planning process. He thanked Council for investing in the community by purchasing property. He shared that he inherited former Mayor Clark's dog, Muddy, and three cats after Thomas Herbert went into a home. He said if Council wanted to make a proclamation for Muddy the "first dog" of James Island that would be appreciated.

John Peters, 1301 Hampshire Drive: encouraged Council to approve changing the definition of a grand tree from 24" to 18" DBH. Trees are what makes James Island special and beautiful and the more we can preserve, the better. He thanked Council for doing a good job in compromising for green space and pursuing it. He encouraged Council to keep up what they are doing for the 6.5 acres. They know that the developers will possibly move forward but some may space be preserved and thinks it will turn out well for what it is. Mr. Peters offered his assistance with future green space/Green Belt opportunities. He shared information from the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), that the National Guidelines on sufficient distribution of park lands ranges from 6 acres to 10 acres per 1,000 of the population. As of 2022, James Island currently offers 8.58 acres of park space to its 11,602 residents. By this statistic using the minimum 6 acres, the Town has fallen short by 62.8 acres of

park space per 1,000 of its population. This means that 10,466 citizens are not accommodated by the Town with park space by National Standards. Mr. Peters asked Council to do what it can to pursue green space and thanked them for doing a good job.

Kevin McFarland, 1306 Ptarmigan Street: Thanked Council for recent drainage improvements in Quail Run. He is unable to determine if the project is at the end of Phase I or if Phase II is beginning because there are a lot of pipes in the middle of the neighborhood and that has not been addressed. With the recent Fort Johnson detour through the neighborhood, one of the pipes next to his house collapsed. It looks as if a plate is there now but it is still fully exposed. He urged Council to move forward with a repair because he has three teen drivers and a wife that drives over it every day. He said it is only a matter of time before it falls in completely and could cause damage to property or God forbid injury to someone. He asked Council to look at the other areas in the neighborhoods that were not completed.

Mayor Lyon addressed Mr. McFarland that the Town is aware of those issues and is in the process of investigating and obtaining estimates for repairs.

Jim Luby, 1330 Whitehouse Boulevard: Mr. Luby asked the Council to support changing the definition of a Grand Tree from 24" DBH to 18" DBH. He shared a story that early settlers on James Island discovered that the island thrived with Live Oaks and Southern Pines. Live Oaks have a quirky growth habit; the twisting, curving branches form in unpredictable ways making them natural components in ship building. Many seagoing vessels were built at shipyards in James Island. From 1700 to 1770 hundreds of ships of all sizes were constructed until most of the Live Grand Oaks were eliminated. An average of 60 grand trees were used to construct a small boat of 30 feet in length. A single ship might require the wood from 60 acres of Oaks and Pines. That was then; this is now! The future of grand trees are being eliminated for the expansion of roads and new construction one by one, little by little. Please save the trees.

Jesse Williams, 1224 Stone Post Road: Mr. Williams said he is a builder/developer, which are usually bad words; bit tonight he would like to put a different twist on that. He lived in Greenville prior to moving to James Island and absolutely loves the friendliness, charm, and everything James has to offer. It was brought to his attention that the Council will go into an executive session and make a decision to purchase land that is directly behind his house (Sea Aire). He spoke of the quietness of the neighborhood and friendly interaction with the neighbors. He has prided himself for building 400 plus quality and affordable homes for families to cherish, live and make and make memories. He asked Council to imagine having a park within 15 ft. of their back yard with people yelling, screaming, and traffic. He recently tried to purchase the property, but not to build five or six houses. He has two investor friends and told them the purchase is not to build four to six houses if they're going to be his partners. They will extend his back yard for a bigger space; place a buffer zone and keep it natural – maybe build two houses. He told Council that his house has enhanced the neighborhood. It is 3900 sq. ft.. He commented about Council entering into an executive session before bringing this information to the people to see whether or not they want it. He asked, should a park be in an unbelievably quiet neighborhood having no traffic? Council needs to go there before they make a decision and see how many people walk. What a peace of heaven it is. He said that SCDOT standards are being violated, i.e., the closing of Fort Johnson Road, that traffic was not properly routed. The property (Sea Aire) should be condemned. It infested with rats, coyotes are there, foxes and high grass and the County's standards are not being enforced.

Mayor Lyon informed the public that during executive sessions Council takes no votes or makes decisions. All decisions are made during open session because the Town believes in being transparent.

Wendy Teel, 1290 Hampshire Road: made an emphatic citizen support for the proposed amendment to change the definition of grand trees from 24" to 18" DBH. Retaining trees 18" will provide long term benefits to both current and future citizens and surrounding neighborhoods as flooding continues to increase. She asked Council's consideration in this matter.

Mayor Lyon said the members of Council (*she feels that she can speak for them*) ran on helping to curve development, traffic, and having more green space. The Town has explored many potential properties for green space. She referred to John Peters' comment, that we are far behind the curve for green space. The property on Sea Aire was identified that was a Tennis Center owned by former Mayor, Mary Clark's husband's family, and that gave it special significance. She said there is no signed contract and if Council feels this is best for the Town and decides to move toward a purchase we will solicit input from the public. There has been no back door deals and nothing has been done in executive session regarding this matter. Mayor Lyon commented that she tries to stay off of social media but this issue arose that could be good for the Town. Mayor Lyon announced that she veered from agenda. The media is here tonight and believes they are for that reason and felt it was important to address this matter.,

The following persons sent in public comments sent via email:

Ordinance #2024-04: Grand Tree Definition:

Jenny Welch, 1163 East and West Road  
Town of James Island Tree Advisory Council  
Becky Green, 675 Port Circle  
Wendy Teel, 1290 Hampshire Road

Sea Aire Property:

Susan Milliken, 762 Fort Sumter Drive  
Bob Cornell, 1075 Yorktown Drive  
Mark Rowland, 1234 Oxbow Drive  
Kandra Phillips

Consent Agenda:

Minutes of Town Council Regular Meeting of April 18, 2024: A motion to approve the minutes under the consent agenda was made by Councilman Boles, seconded by Councilwoman Mignano. Passed unanimously.

Information Reports:

Finance Report: Mayor Lyon recognized Merrell Roe, Finance Officer, and announced that this will be Merrell's last meeting. She complimented Merrell for serving the Town faithfully for many years and we are grateful for her service.

Ms. Roe gave an overview of the May Budget Report. She commented that the \$25,000 in Accommodations Tax collected is shown in the General Fund. An overview of the Revenues and Expenditures were shared. Councilwoman Mignano thanked Merrell for always answering her questions and did not have any tonight to ask her Report received as information.

Town Administrator Report: Mike Hemmer, Town Administrator, reviewed the May Administrator's Report. He gave an overview of item #3: Requests for Proposals for On-Call/Emergency Drainage Services that has been extended because we only received one proposal. Requests for Proposals for the Hale Street and Mellichamp Drainage project is being worked on. Report received as information.

Island Sheriff's Patrol Report: Lt. James reported on crimes and incidents that occurred in the Town, vehicle traffic counts (Creekside Drive), and a successful May Day Festival. Councilman Dodson asked when the Flock Cameras would be active and Lt. James replied in June. Lt. James once again shared a story of the effectiveness of these cameras..

Public Works Report: Keith LaDeaux, Public Works/Project Coordinator gave an overview of the Public Works report highlighting activities and events that occurred during the month. Report received as information.

Requests for Consideration by Staff:

Concrete and Grading @ Public Works Shop: Mayor Lyon stated that Council received copies of the quotes and they will become a part of the record. Mayor Lyon explained that bid were received from two contractors: Charles Baylock and J. Evans Services, LLC, to perform work at Pinckney Park prior to hiring Keith LaDeaux, Public Works. There is roughly a \$5,000 difference between Charles Baylock's and J. Evans Services, LLC bids. She noted that it is not apples-to-apples but are close and either acceptance would be a huge improvement at the Park. She said Baylock's bid was sent prior to requesting the sandbagger and that estimate includes more concrete. However, an extra pad is needed for the sandbagger. J. Evans' bid includes a slag for the lot at Pinckney. She said the difference is in the material and the amount of concrete that is needed.

Mayor Lyon asked Keith LaDeaux for his insight and he explained that the sandbagger needs to be mounted for security and safety reasons. According to the sales rep 500 bags of sand could be filled in an hour. He said the bags will be filled at Pinckney Park and brought over to the Town Hall so residents will no longer have to fill their own sandbags. He said we have taken our facilities projects in-house and the goal is to have a working Public Works yard. The lot at Pinckney Park is mainly dirt and muddy when it rains and that does not allow staff to change the equipment on the Kubota in a safe manner. Keith described how he envisions the Public Works yard to become. Staff will also clean behind the fence for better organization. As the Town continues to grow, he said we may need to look at future staffing. Mayor Lyon added that both contractors have done work with the Town and Keith is familiar with working with . Evans. Questions and answers were fielded by Keith and Mayor Lyon. Motion to accept J. Evans Services, LLC bid for \$18,880 was made by Councilman Dodson, seconded by Councilman Mullinax.

Vote

Councilman Boles	Aye
Councilman Dodson	Aye
Councilwoman Mignano	Aye
Councilman Mullinax	Aye
Mayor Lyon	Aye
Passed Unanimously	

Mayor Lyon added that at some point we will need to extend the lean-too to have additional storage space. She anticipates the cost to be around \$5-7,000 that may not need to come before Council but will keep Council updated on that matter.

Requests for Consideration by Council: None.

Committee Reports:

Land Use Committee: Mayor Lyon gave an update from the from the recent BZA meeting: Dutch Brothers Coffee was deferred by the applicant to the next BZA. The variance request for the removal of a 52" DBH Grand Tree was also deferred for additional information from the applicant's engineer. The BZA will hear a case for an encroachment permit for a pool filter backwash tank and concrete decking improvements in the Fort Johnson Estates neighborhood. At the May 9 Planning Commission meeting, they voted unanimously to approve changing the definition of a Grand Tree from 24" DBH to 18" DBH. The Preliminary Plat for the residential portion of Dills Bluff property was approved. That means that all the subdivision requirements were met.

Environment and Beautification: Councilwoman Mignano reported at the James Island Pride meeting there was discussion about the bike lanes on Harbor View Road. The bike lanes are becoming more narrow because of the overgrowth there. The James Island Pride committee is looking for different organizations to help maintain that area. Councilwoman Mignano complimented Virginia Smith, (JI Pride Chair) for her research into Rain Gardens with the Clemson Extension Program. The first trial run will be done in Virginia's yard. Three mentors were confirmed for the Repair Care Program. Councilwoman Mignano has a friend in the construction business who has volunteered his time as a mentor. He has offered the use of equipment and tools free of charge for the students to use. Councilwoman Mignano complimented Stan Kozikowski for working hard in putting the lists together. We have received several applications for minor repairs for persons who otherwise could not get these repairs

done or are unable to do it themselves. She added that the Repair Care Program is a great way to give students experience and give back to the community. She thanked Mr. Farrier and Ms. Brandon at James Island Charter High School for all of their invaluable help to the program. She hopes to get the program off and running within a month

Children's Committee: No Report.

Public Safety/Neighborhood Council: Councilman Boles reported that the Neighborhood Council met last month and had an attendance of over 30 people. Town staff, Melissa Flick and Keith LaDeaux gave an update of Town drainage projects and there was a lot of public input from the neighborhoods that attended. Also at that meeting there was discussion about adding an additional person from the neighborhood to serve on the Council to be able to attend if one of them is absent. The next meeting will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Lyon announced several appointments to the committee: Nathan Boynton (Quail Run, to serve with Lyndy Palmer); and Kevin Johnson (Oceanview, to serve with Leigh Ohlandt). Councilman Boles moved for the appointment of Nathan Boynton, and Kevin Johnson, seconded by Councilman Dodson and passed unanimously.

History Committee: Mr. Hemmer announced that he was unable to attend the meeting but the minutes states that three persons were in attendance. The committee has experienced some difficulties with the audio-tour vendors and Wendy Shelton will meet with Mr. Hemmer to write up a request for proposal for the tour.

Mayor Lyon moved for the appointment of Doug Oswald to serve on the History Committee, seconded by Councilwoman Mignano. Passed unanimously.

ReThink Folly Road: Mayor Lyon reported that a zoom meeting for the ReThink Folly Steering Committee was held on April 17. She said the funds for the Grant that Council had agreed to (up to \$30,000), along with Charleston County's and the City of Charleston at the time of the meeting had not come to an agreement so the Council of Governments (COG) has decided if there were not commitment the Grant would not be pursued at this time. She said the Grant was for Phases III and IV so the Town will not be contributing since the other municipalities have not come forth. The next ReThink Folly meeting is scheduled at the end of the month and she will share updates from the meeting.

Drainage Committee: Councilman Mullinax reported that a Drainage Workshop was held on May 13 to the public and it was well attended. Citizens were able to address their concerns and staff engaged with discussion. Councilman Mullinax hopes this will be a good starting point to identify drainage problems in the community as speedily as possible. He is working to kick-start the Drainage Committee hopefully in June or July after getting with Mayor Lyon and some others and will update Council on the progress. Mayor Lyon added that the Drainage meeting was a huge success. Councilmen Boles, Dodson, (Councilwoman Mignano had a death in her family); attended and the workshop had over 30 people that attended. Chris Wannamaker, Charleston County, and Laura Cabiness (Town contracted engineer) were also in attendance. Mayor Lyon is hopeful to begin work on some of the drainage issues in the Town.

Business Development Committee: No Report.

Trees Advisory Committee: Mayor Lyon reported that the Trees Advisory Committee met on May 14 but she was unable to stay through the entire meeting since it was her 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and felt she would not have a 31<sup>st</sup> if she were unable to spend time with her spouse. There was a good turnout with all members in attendance. Seats are open for anyone wanting to serve on the committee. Discussion included the Planning Commission's recommendation to change the definition of the Grand Tree size from 24" to 18" DBH and a motion was made to send a letter from the Trees Advisory Council to Town Council in support of the change. Also discussed was a tree give-away later this year, plans for Arbor Day, and Charleston Water System (CWS) wanting to replace a Live Oak tree for the one lost from the sink hole near Ft. Johnson and Folly. CWS has

reached out to the Town to do this and it would promote good public relations. Council will be updated when this is to take place.

James Island Intergovernmental Council: No report. Councilwoman Mignano commented that when the date is confirmed she will announce it at next month’s meeting.

Accommodations Tax Committee: Councilman Dodson moved for the appointment of the following persons to serve on the Accommodations Tax Board, seconded by Mayor Lyon. Passed unanimously:

- Charlie McManus
- Lachlan McIntosh
- Nick Skover
- Chase Barton
- Joan Dromey
- Paul Cantrell
- John Peters

Mayor Lyon congratulated Councilman Dodson on the appointments and noted that was difficult to fill since it is specific to the appointment of persons in the industry. Councilman Dodson explained that the Accommodations Board requires individuals from hotel/short-term rentals, hospitality, arts, and at-large. He anticipates having one meeting a year. A zoom meeting will be scheduled soon to review the mandate and requests regarding use of the accommodations tax.

Proclamations and Resolutions:

National Safe Boating Week Proclamation: Mayor Lyon called Mike Pascale, US Coast Guard, forward and presented him with the National Safe Boating Proclamation. Proclamation was read into the record.

Mr. Pascale, Flotilla Staff Officer for Public Affairs, shared that one of the Auxiliary’s key missions by the Coast Guard is to promote recreational boating safety and educate the public. He said that boating is a way of life in the low country 365 days a year and, sadly, many boating tragedies could have been avoided using safe boating practices. He informed the audience that there are free educational courses that could help keep individuals safe. Photo session followed.

Ordinances up for First Reading:

Ordinance #2024-03: An Ordinance Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Town of James Island Annual Budget: A motion to approve the First Reading of the FY 2024-2025 Annual Budget was made by Councilman Boles, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. No discussion.

Vote

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| Councilman Boles     | Aye |
| Councilman Dodson    | Aye |
| Councilwoman Mignano | Aye |
| Councilman Mullinax  | Aye |
| Mayor Lyon           | Aye |
- Passed unanimous.

Ordinance #2024-04: An Ordinance Amending the Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance, Number 2013-07: (Exhibit A): General Provisions, Grand Tree Definition, Section 153.013; Subdivision: Tree Preservation, Section 153-309; and Development Standards: Tree Protection, Section 153.334: Motion to approve the First Reading of Ordinance #2024-04 was made by Councilwoman Mignano, seconded by Councilman Dodson. Councilman Dodson commented that this is a great Ordinance and he loves the changes and regarding property rights that the BZA understands that there may be reasons for people to remove a Grand Tree under this new Ordinance if it affects the foundation, falls on a house, or is at-risk. He said

it is great to protect trees and also people, so it takes understanding of people asking for a variance. Mayor Lyon agreed and announced that 30 letters of support were received by the Planning Commission and several more came in afterwards to Council and will become part of the record.

Vote

Councilman Boles	Aye
Councilman Dodson	Aye
Councilwoman Mignano	Aye
Councilman Mullinax	Aye
Mayor Lyon	Aye
Passed unanimously	

Public Hearing will be held at Second Reading June 20.

Ordinances up for Second/Final Reading: None.

Old Business:

Construction, Access and Maintenance Easement Agreement (the "Monument") Mayor Lyon reported that this Ordinance is for the Stone Post Monument (round-about at Fort Johnson/Camp Road). This is on a SC Department of Transportation Road and the monuments cannot be in the right-of-way. This Agreement states that the monuments will be moved back on the Fire Station property and on the property of the landowner at the corner. She said the Town has agreed to safeguard the monuments and maintain them by keeping the grassed mowed and weed eating, etc. moving forward. The monuments are historical part of James Island's history and there were a lot of interests in trying to find a more suitable location for the citizens in the Stone Post neighborhood. Mayor Lyon said she lobbied with SCDOT on several occasions and we will still have them. Motion to approve Mayor Lyon to authorize the Agreement was made by Councilman Mullinax, seconded by Councilman Boles.

Councilwoman Mignano acknowledged that the citizens are concerned about the Stone Post monuments and she is also. She asked if the Town will be taking them down and restoring them. Mayor Lyon explained that the Town is not taking them down or rebuilding them. That is a part of the County's project they will do and pay for. It is her understanding that the County was going to look at the Building Arts to do it, however she is not certain about that. She reached out to John Martin (Charleston County) to attend tonight's meeting to answer questions, but he has been out sick. Councilwoman Mignano noted that previously people have expressed concern to make sure the monuments did not get lost and in previous discussions Council had talked about the Town keeping them until they were ready to be reconstructed. Mayor Lyon stated that the Town plans to store them at Pinckney Park for safekeeping. She said someone with masonry skills would need to take down and replace them.

Vote

Councilman Boles	Aye
Councilman Dodson	Aye
Councilwoman Mignano	Aye
Councilman Mullinax	Aye
Mayor Lyon	Aye
Passed unanimously	

New Business: None.

Executive Session: Mayor Lyon announced that the Town Council may enter into an Executive Session in accordance with the Code of Laws of South Carolina 30-4-70 (A) (2) regarding discussion of proposed contractual matters and proposed purchase of property. Upon returning to Open Session the Council may act on matters discussed in the Executive Session.



Councilwoman Mignano moved to enter into the Executive Session at 8:36 p.m., seconded by Mayor Lyon and carried unanimously.

Return to Regular Session: Mayor Lyon called for a motion to return to open session at 9:06 p.m. The motion was made by Councilman Mullinax and seconded by Councilman Dodson. Mayor Lyon announced that no votes were taken during the Executive Session.

Councilwoman Mignano made a motion to approve the Addendum to the State Health Insurance as discussed in the Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Boles and passed unanimously.

Announcements/Closing Remarks:

Councilman Dodson thanked everyone for their hard work and welcomed new staff member Becky Heath, Keith LaDeaux for his work, Bo Wilson and Merrell Roe as they depart the Town. He lives near Dock Street Park and love having a park in his neighborhood and hopes we will get more in the Town. Thanked everyone who came out and those who are watching on-line.

Councilwoman Mignano welcomed new staff members and hopes that we will get along famously, though she knows that we will. She thanked Bo Wilson and Merrell Roe for their service to the Town and wished she could've thought of one more question for Merrell at her last Council meeting. She hopes that Lt. James and our deputies are safe as she's heard sirens when he left the meeting. She thanked everyone that showed up tonight.

Councilman Boles addressed the public that November there will be some open seats on the JI PSD. He encouraged anyone interested in the future of James Island to consider running for the PSD and to speak to any member of Council if they needed help in doing that.

Councilman Mullinax thanked everyone for their hard work; Keith, who came in on the deep-end and has been doing a good job; special thanks to Frances. He hopes everyone has a safe evening.

Mayor Lyon thanked everyone for attending. She is grateful to have Becky join us, Brian for doing a great job in helping us out; Frances "you're the best" and reiterated what everyone has said about Keith. We are blessed and have the best Town in the world and thanks Council for making it so.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Frances Simmons  
Town Clerk