



# TOWN COUNCIL

## Regular Meeting

### Minutes

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Monday, 27 February 2017

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

This meeting's notice was published in the Post and Courier newspaper.

#### **I. Call to Order**

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Heyward at 6:30 PM.

#### **II. Roll Call**

In attendance were Councilmembers Dunmyer, III, Salters, Sausser, Scott, Smalls, Sr., Townsend, Attorney Austen, Planner/Zoning Administrator Holton and Clerk-Treasurer White.

#### **III. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

Invocation was given by Councilmember Smalls, Sr., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **IV. Adoption of Agenda**

Mayor Heyward requested under New Business, Resolution 11-2016-17 to add "Property Management" to the title of the resolution. Councilmember Sausser made the motion to adopt the agenda with the change; Councilmember Dunmyer, III seconded and all voted in favor.

#### **V. Public Comments**

*Mary Harley, 6409 Barrun Street*, questioned whether or not sewer taps would be provided to the owners of "Opti-Isle" and if so and they receive more than needed, will they keep them or would the taps be given back to the Town. She said that while listening to the architect's presentation at last month's meeting, she heard that a portion of the sidewalk is going to be installed in front of the new Town Hall. She remembers some time ago filling out a form where citizens were asked what kinds of things they would like to see in the community. She answered on that form that she would have liked to have a sidewalk from Town Hall to Hollywood Manor and was wondering if this was going to happen, and if the Town will contact Charleston County with this proposal. She would be willing to contact someone as well. With the new Town Hall, Library, swimming pool and possible fitness center, it would be a great idea for citizens in the area to be able to access these facilities via walking or riding their bicycles. She noticed Charleston County Recycling Center at the meeting and wanted to send a thank you to Councilwoman Condon with Charleston County for bringing the recycling program to Hollywood. She mentioned that some places in Hollywood does not have recycling and was wondering if there was any way they could get it.

*Jeff Meyer, builder with Deerfield Hall*, said Deerfield Hall is almost sold out and they have been very successful in providing new homes at affordable prices. He wants to introduce the concept of more affordable housing in the Hollywood area. They have a contract on the adjacent parcel and would like to apply the zoning that they have at Deerfield to this property. The proposed neighborhood would have the same lot sizes as the Deerfield Hall neighborhood and with this density would achieve the goal of the workforce housing overlay plan that is stated in the Town's ordinance. This would provide a significant percentage of the homes to be priced less than a \$1000

a month. He would like feedback from Council on this idea before making a formal application to the Planning Commission. Mayor Heyward stated that this is not the forum for back and forth dialogue. If Council wishes to ask questions at this time, they may, but the first stop should be Planning and Zoning and then presented to Council.

*Genny King, President of the St. Paul's Garden Club*, invited Council and other interested parties to their next meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. at Christ St. Paul's Church, 4981 Chapel Road. Germaine Jenkins will be the guest speaker. She has developed the Fresh Future Farm in North Charleston. Ms. King had read an article about Hollywood wanting to start a community garden for the new park and wanted to extend an invitation to the meeting for anyone interested in attending. She shared an article about Ms. Jenkins and the details of the program with Council.

## **VI. Presentation**

*Charleston County Recycling Center, Andy Quigley and Carol Simmons*, talked about building a partnership with the Town and its residents with regard to recycling. Ms. Simmons explained which recyclables they can and cannot accept and shared some problem areas in the Town. Both Mr. Quigley and Ms. Simmons entertained questions from Council and residents. Many voiced interest in having Charleston County extend their services throughout the Town.

*Ephod Foundation, Dr. Elizabeth Castle*, spoke about creating community empowering programming to the Town. President, Augustus Bakari talked about offering various cultural events that will highlight the rich African history of the Town. The desire is to bring the Juneteenth celebration to Hollywood. A community garden, mentoring program for young men, and a financial literacy program are a few of the other events they would like to bring to the Town this year.

## **VII. Minutes**

Councilmember Smalls, Sr., made the motion to accept the Regular Council minutes of January 23, 2017; Councilmember Dunmyer, III seconded and all voted in favor. Councilmember Salters abstained from voting.

## **VIII. Committee Reports**

*Finance*: Councilmember Sausser made the motion to accept the Finance Report as information; Councilmember Dunmyer, III seconded and all voted in favor.

*Planning/Zoning*: Planner/Zoning Administrator gave a brief review of the cases heard before the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Commission. Councilmember Dunmyer, III made the motion to accept the Planner's Report as information; Councilmember Sausser seconded and all voted in favor.

## **IX. Old Business**

*2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 2016-17-1 Rezoning from Rural Agriculture (RA) to Residential –One (R-1) on parcel TMS #'s 285-00-00-135, 285-00-00-181, 285-00-00-182, 285-00-00-183, 285-00-00-184, 285-00-00-185, 285-00-00-186, 285-00-00-187, 285-00-00-188, 285-00-00-189, 285-00-00-190, 285-00-00-191 and 285-00-00-192 known as "Opti-Isle."* Councilmember Sausser made the motion to approve; Councilmember Smalls, Sr., seconded. Councilmember Dunmyer, III mentioned that he visited the property and there were TMS #'s that he was not able to identify but spoke with

the Planner and he was able to clear his concerns. Councilmember Townsend stated that he still has questions about how the retention will be handled. The applicant, Bruce Sauers explained that in the new covenants and restrictions, only porous substances will be used and the retention pond area has been cleaned out. Councilmember Townsend also noted that he could not identify sewer taps. Mr. Sauers stated that some of the sewer taps are already in. They were marked a few weeks ago. Councilmember Dunmyer, III stated that there were thirteen (13) TMS #'s and asked which ones will be removed. Mr. Sauers answered that there are only 11 lots; one of the TMS #'s is for the man made pond and the other is the road itself. Councilmember Townsend asked Mr. Sauers if he owned all of the lots, and he answered that he owned nine of the lots. Councilmember Townsend asked if the Town has an application from each of the other owners to rezone the property. Planner/Zoning Administrator Holton said that the owners of the other lots have given their consent for the zoning change. Councilmember Sausser asked if all the lots have sewer taps. Mr. Sauers answered yes. Councilmember Sausser asked if the fees were paid to the Town. Mr. Sauers explained that the taps were pre-existing through Charleston County. Councilmember Sausser asked if he owned any extra taps. Mr. Sauers answered no and he has no plans to ask for more. Councilmember Smalls, Sr., asked if there were plans to widen the road coming in and going out of the subdivision. Mr. Holton explained that there is 20 feet of pavement; 4 feet on one shoulder and 9 feet on the opposite shoulder and there is plenty room. All voted in favor to approve.

#### **X. New Business**

*Resolution 11-2016-17 Adoption of amended Property Management agreement with F.A. Johnson Consulting Group, Inc:* Councilmember Sausser made the motion to approve; Councilmember Smalls, Sr., seconded. Mayor Heyward noted that the new contract would be extended for 3 years. All voted in favor.

Mayor Heyward stated that as a result of the discussion at this meeting, there are some resolutions that Council may want to act on. She noted that the resolutions are not on the agenda but if Council wishes to vote on them, they may do so. Councilmember Dunmyer, III made a motion to amend the agenda to add under New Business, Resolution 12-2016-17, Senior Citizens' Center Fresh Garden Project and Resolution 13-2016-17, Partnership with the Ephod Foundation for the Juneteenth Celebration; Councilmember Sausser seconded and all voted in favor.

*Resolution 12-2016-17 Senior Citizens' Center Fresh Garden Project:* Councilmember Sausser made the motion to approve; Councilmember Dunmyer, III seconded and all voted in favor.

*Resolution 13-201-17 Partnership with the Ephod Foundation for the Juneteenth Celebration:* Councilmember Sausser made the motion to approve; Councilmember Dunmyer, III seconded and all voted in favor.

#### **XI. Mayor's Update**

Mayor Heyward welcomed Councilmember Salters who had missed several meetings due to an automobile accident. She shared that the Conservation of Heirs Property Society will host a Commitment to Justice Award reception on March 9<sup>th</sup> honoring Reverend McKinley Washington. She has registered to attend this event and will share with Council at next month's meeting. The UNCF (United Negro College Fund) has extended an invitation for a fund raising event. The purchase of a table will cost \$1500 and would support young people in South Carolina. The donation would have to be made before the next meeting and she would like to have Council's participation. The event takes place March 31, 2017 at 7:00p.m. at the North Charleston Marriott.

Councilmember Sausser made the motion to make a donation to the event; Councilmember Smalls, Sr., seconded and all voted in favor. She mentioned that the Boston College students will arrive Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Many activities have been scheduled during their time here. The ad for the part-time Code Enforcement Officer has been placed and staff has received 10 resumes. The next step is to schedule interviews. Councilmembers Dunmyer, III and Scott are on the interview team. The housing committee met several weeks ago and one of the main goals was to discuss affordable and low income housing. She added that Councilmember Townsend chairs this committee and Councilmember Sausser serves as well. She said that it is the Town's desire to have different stocks of housing in the community. She mentioned that the SC Discovery Team has been accepting applications at Town Hall for residents that may have suffered flood damage during the October storm. She encouraged everyone to share this information with anyone that may need assistance.

## **XII. Comments from Council/Mayor**

Councilmember Sausser recognized Kim Meservey, a guidance counselor at Low Country Leadership Charter School as a hero. She rescued a driver that had been involved in an automobile accident. On March 6, the Mayor and Councilmember Sausser along with the Excel Club will honor Ms. Meservey. Councilmember Dunmyer, III talked about working with Deerfield in regards to affordable housing and wanting to bring Hollywood residents back home. He also mentioned that Burke High School's basketball team is going to the State championship, Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Scott thanked the Mayor and Council for the Code Enforcement Officer. He said he is very passionate about cleaning up the Town. Councilmember Townsend said the housing committee has met and is trying to find someone else to serve on the board. He discussed inviting developers to these meetings for a possible partnership and to utilize some of the Town's assets.

## **XIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49PM.

**Prepared by:  
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