



TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

Minutes

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Monday, 25 September 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 and Clerk-Treasurer White. Planner/Zoning Administrator Holton was absent.

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 that the Finance Report be separated from the Wastewater Report. Councilmember Smalls, Sr., made the motion to adopt the agenda with the correction; Councilmember Dunmyer, III seconded and all voted in favor.

V. Public Comments

Margaret McKenzie, manages Old Wide Awake Plantation, shared a handout with Council. She stated that she has several concerns while managing and moving throughout Trexler Avenue. The first is the offensive sign that is posted when turning onto Trexler Avenue. The second is the condition of the road and the third is the timeline for the improvements of the road. She addressed the issue of the sign and said that she is very disappointed by the signs posted by a resident of Trexler Avenue. This is a greeting point for anyone turning into Old Wide Awake Plantation and it is where wedding venues are hosted at Wide Awake Park. She was guided by Councilmembers Dunmyer, III and Sausser and also spoke with Mayor Heyward about how to reach a peaceful compromise with the family that has displayed the offensive signs. She discussed the Town's jurisdiction over what can be displayed and said her mission is to come up with a temporary compromise of speed bumps to put on the road to help with the traffic. It is very sad that this is the first thing that people who travel all over the country see when they visit the area. She would like to reach out to the family to discuss this option in exchange for the removal of the signs. She addressed concern of the condition of Trexler Avenue especially now with the two serious storms the area has experienced, the washout, pot holes and traffic. She requested information on the timeline of when these improvements would take place. Lastly, she mentioned that in the last three years she has made a lot of adjustments as far as noise control and has not had any complaints from the neighbors. They are trying to be good neighbors and asking the same of others.

Handy Miles, Jr, stated that he is from Orangeburg, SC but has lived in Hollywood since 1999. He expressed his love for Hollywood and would like to discuss the idea of a community shelter in the area during storms where families can feel safe without the financial burden of having to go out of

town. He works for the school system and many students missed school because they were out of town and some did not have anywhere to go. He asked if any of the neighboring schools would be able to become shelters during a storm and the criteria for making this happen.

Carol Tillman, Hollywood resident since 2014 and lives near Old Wide Awake Plantation, said that she was made aware that Margaret McKenzie was speaking at the meeting this evening. She shared that she has attended meetings twice inquiring about noise issues and Mrs. McKenzie has reached out to her on several occasions. She wanted all to know that they are a good neighbor. There have not been any complaints this past spring or summer and she feels that it is important for everyone to know that and how good a neighbor they are trying to be. She said that it is very discerning to her that one of the community's major businesses could possibly suffer loss of business due to signage and the park could lose business as well. The community doesn't have a lot of revenue sources and being able to rent the park is important and needs to be promoted. If there is an issue that is detrimental to the community, everyone needs to work towards a common solution.

Mayor Heyward stated that Public Comments is where the community is invited to share concerns and those concerns are taken very seriously. If there is a response, it will be addressed during another part of the agenda or at another meeting where staff is given the opportunity to investigate the concern. She shared that Charleston County controls where the shelters are located and recalled during Hurricane Hugo that shelters were open at the local schools all across the county. Lincolnville High School was one of those schools and citizens that evacuated there had to elevate themselves in the roof to escape the water that had flooded the school. After that, Charleston County decided that it was not safe because of the elevation of the land here in Hollywood as well as other areas. The only place where there are shelters is North Charleston where the County feels the land is elevated enough to allow this to happen. They are trying to be cautious and do not want to put citizens in a dangerous situation. Their answer is to evacuate if the need arises. Mayor Heyward said she understands that it can be a hardship for a lot of people and Council can talk about that and how to alleviate some of the hardship that it may cause. There are buses that come to Hollywood to take residents that want to evacuate to safe shelters and we should get that information out as well. She mentioned that she appreciated Mrs. McKenzie's efforts and that the Town has not received any complaints about noise at Old Wide Awake Plantation. She said that we certainly want to make our park and roads a nice place to travel. Charleston County has been working to get the funds to improve the road. Mayor Heyward said she is unable to give a timeline but it is being worked on. We could initiate some of the things that were talked about such as the speed bumps, the liability it may cause and what would be preferable to place on the road. Trying to be a good neighbor and talking one on one might be a good place to start.

VI. Presentation

Fred Johnson II, Esq., FA Johnson Consulting Group-Town Projects Update, Mr. Johnson gave a brief presentation regarding the construction of the new Town Hall. He discussed the site of the structure, policy decisions, construction documents and the approval of the contract with Carolina Contracting. He entertained questions from Council and expressed his excitement for the project.

VII. Minutes

Councilmember Smalls, Sr., made the motion to accept the Public Hearing minutes of August 28, 2017; Councilmember Dunmyer, III seconded and all voted in favor.

Councilmember Dunmyer, III made the motion to accept the Regular Council minutes of August 28, 2017; Councilmember Sausser seconded and all voted in favor.

VIII. Committee Reports

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

Wastewater Report: Elizabeth Carpenter shared a handout with Council and talked about the recent hurricane. She stated that the Town was very well prepared and had minimal problems. Ms. Carpenter mentioned that the odor control unit is up and running. Mayor Heyward commended the wastewater staff for their hard work during the storm and added that a report will be compiled for FEMA to help with some of the expenses that were accrued.

Mayor Heyward noted that there was not a Planner's Report this month and mentioned that Planner/Zoning Administrator Holton had lost a loved one and has taken some time off. She asked that everyone remember Mr. Holton and family in prayer. A memorial service will be held and she will inform everyone as to when it will take place.

IX. Old Business

None

X. Executive Session

Mayor Heyward asked for a motion to enter into an Executive Session at 7:12PM. Councilmember Dunmyer, III made the motion; Councilmember Sausser seconded and all voted in favor.

Mayor Heyward asked for a motion to enter into Regular Session at 7:33PM. Councilmember Sausser made the motion; Councilmember Dunmyer, III seconded and all voted in favor.

XI. New Business

Resolution 4-2017-18, Award of contract for new Town Hall, Councilmember Smalls, Sr., made the motion to approve; Councilmember Salters seconded. The motion was then re-stated by Councilmember Townsend authorizing Mayor Heyward to sign the contract for the award of the new Town Hall project to Carolina Contracting Solutions, LLC; Councilmember Sausser seconded and all voted in favor.

Resolution 5-2017-18, Acceptance of Code Enforcement Manual and Procedures, Councilmember Sausser made the motion to approve; Councilmember Smalls, Sr., seconded and all voted in favor.

XII. Mayor's Update

- Mayor Heyward congratulated Linda Gadsden, a native of the Town of Hollywood for receiving the 2017 McFarland Tecklenburg Washington Human Service Award. This award is given to persons who show great leadership in moving citizens from poverty.
- She announced that the Municipal Association of South Carolina cited the Town of Hollywood as an applicant in their annual awards program. Since its creation, municipal projects have vied for the awards which recognize successful and innovative projects that improve the quality of life for residents and add value to communities.

XIII. Comments from Council/Mayor

Councilmember Smalls, Sr., said that he is proud that the Town of Hollywood is getting the recognition it deserves. Councilmember Dunmyer, III thanked Councilmember Sausser for her vision for the Serenity Garden at Wide Awake Park. Councilmember Salters asked if the Town had planned to participate in the Baptist Hill High School parade. Mayor Heyward answered that if Council was interested to please contact staff so that it could be arranged. Councilmember Townsend suggested that the Code Enforcement Officer be present to give a report at Council meetings.

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM

**Prepared by:
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