

**TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND
WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING
June 9, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Mayor Gregg called the Ways & Means Committee meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and confirmed with the Town Clerk that the requirements of the SC Freedom of Information Act had been met. Councilmembers Crane, Finke, Fox and Goldstein, Town Clerk Allbritton and Town Administrator Cronin attended the meeting. Due to COVID-19 requirements, guests could dial in to listen by phone or watch a live recording on the Town's YouTube page.

Mayor John Gregg:

- **Curfew Notices** – Mayor Gregg reported that curfew notices had been sent out by Charleston County for:
 - Saturday, May 30, from 11:00 p.m. to Sunday, May 31, at 6:00 a.m.
 - Sunday, May 31, from 6:00 p.m. to Monday, June 1, at 6:00 a.m. This notice allowed for persons going to and from work.
 - Monday, June 1, from 6:00 p.m. to Tuesday, June 2, at 6:00 a.m. This curfew was made effective for the unincorporated areas of Charleston County, although other municipalities within the County could set their own curfew. The curfew also allowed for persons going to and from work.

The Mayor reported that, due to the late notice of the curfew for May 30, the Town of Seabrook Island did not issue a curfew notice. The Town issued a notice of the May 31 curfew and for the June 1 curfew. Absent guidance from Charleston County Council, the Mayor had considered online sources regarding effects of curfews generally and responded to an inquiry from the Seabrook Island Club to the effect that businesses were not obliged to close but that nonemployees travelling to and from Club amenities could be found in violation of curfews within the Town.

- **MUSC Anti-Body Testing Proposal** – On May 22, Council participated in a video conference with representatives of the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) pertaining to coronavirus anti-body testing. Mayor Gregg presented specifics of the MUSC proposal to test Seabrook Island residents for coronavirus anti-bodies and the cost at the Town Council meeting of May 26. Members of Council expressed a lack of support to pursue MUSC's proposal. On May 28, notice to this effect was sent to the MUSC representatives and to the residents of Seabrook Island that had inquired about the possibility of anti-body testing.
- **Updates from the Governor that Impact On-going Business Closures for Pandemic Response** – The Mayor reported that there were no new Governor's Orders impacting local businesses. The last Executive Order from the Governor was an extension of the already existing State of Emergency within the State.

Town Councilmembers:

Skip Crane – Councilman Crane reported that the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, June 8. The Committee discussed visibility safety issues on the Town’s pathway that runs in front of the Town Hall to Freshfields Village. A representative of Reveer Group, the Town’s transportation consultant, will look at the pathway and give their recommendations.

Jeri Finke – Councilwoman Finke reported that Lauren Rust, Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network, has reached out to volunteers that had helped her with the Dolphin Education Program on Seabrook Island during 2019. Fifteen volunteers, who are doing about two shifts per month, and Ms. Rust, who is doing about 4 to 5 shifts per month, started the Program on Memorial Day. Councilwoman Finke stated that Ms. Rust expressed concern about funding for the Dolphin Education Program and she was told that it was not in the suggested budget cuts for 2020 but that Council would not begin working on the 2021 budget until later this year.

Patricia Fox – No Report

Barry Goldstein – No Report

Town Administrator Cronin: The Town Administrator reported that the Town’s spring community shred event had been cancelled by Shred360, but it has now been rescheduled for July 17, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- Action Items for June 23, 2020 Meeting:
 - **Ordinances for Second Reading**
 - Ordinance 2020-03: An ordinance amending the Zoning Map of the Town of Seabrook Island so as to change the zoning designation for Charleston County Tax Map Number 147-10-00-003, containing approximately 0.51 +/- acres located at 2561 High Hammock Road, from the SR Single-Family Residential District to the AGC Agricultural-Conservation District
 - Ordinance 2020-04: An ordinance amending the Zoning Map of the Town of Seabrook Island so as to change the zoning designation for Charleston County Tax Map Number 147-12-00-023, containing approximately 0.74 +/- acres located at 3062 Seabrook Island Road, from the SR Single-Family Residential District to the AGC Agricultural-Conservation District

Town Administrator Cronin stated that Ordinance 2020-03 and 2020-04 had first reading in February. All Town meetings for March and April were cancelled and the Public Hearing and second reading are now scheduled for June 23. Both properties were acquired by Greenspace and transferred to SIPOA and are being rezoned from Single-Family Residential to Agricultural-Conservation District.

- **Wildlife Documentary** – The Town Administrator reported that he had been contacted by a documentary film crew, who want to film the dolphins strand feeding on Seabrook Island, for a two-week period beginning September 8. The group will make a written request and will ask for permission to bring a vehicle onto the beach to carry equipment and personnel. Town Administrator Cronin stated that the Town’s

ordinance prohibits vehicles on the beach with a few exceptions. A section of the ordinance does permit the Town to issue a permit to allow a vehicle on the beach if the Town views the allowance as being essential but the ordinance does not specify who can approve the permit. The group has been in contact with the Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network and will be working with them. The Town Administrator also recommended getting the Turtle Patrol involved since the filming would take place during turtle nesting season.

- **Strategic Planning Session** - The Town Administrator reported that Charlie Barrineau, from the Municipal Association of SC, had contacted him about the possibility of rescheduling the Town's Strategic Planning Session. Mayor Gregg suggested trying to reschedule for some time in July.
- **Ordinances for First Reading**
 - Ordinance 2020-06: An ordinance amending the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 – Town Administrator Cronin reported that no changes had been made on the amended budget handout in Council packets since the June 3 Budget Workshop.

Total Revenue, for the General Fund and Restricted Funds is anticipated to drop from \$1,530,180 to \$1,288,430 or a 15.8% decrease. The recommended changes in the General Fund, Restricted Funds and Designated Funds Expenditures would decrease total expenditures from \$2,084,000 to \$1,538,640 or a 26.2% decrease. The adopted budget for 2020 anticipated using \$553,820 in reserve funds. If the proposed amendments are adopted, the use of reserve funds would be \$250,220 and the Town would preserve \$303,600 in reserve funds for future use. The proposed amendment of the 2020 budget is in balance and would not be using any of the General Fund balance.

After the Town Administrator answered questions from Council, the Mayor stated that Ordinance No. 2020-06, which amends the Town's 2020 budget, will be on the agenda for first reading at the June 23 Town Council meeting.

- **Miscellaneous:** Councilman Crane advised Council that the Development Standards Advisory Group would have a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, June 16. This will be the group's first meeting since February.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Date: June 23, 2020



Town Clerk