

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
KIAWAH ISLAND MUNICIPAL CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
July 1, 2008, 2:00 PM
Minutes**

I. Call to Order: Mayor Wert called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. FOIA: Notice of this meeting has been published, and posted, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of Kiawah Island.

IV. Roll Call

Present: William G. Wert, Mayor
Council: Al Burnaford,
G. Steven Orban
Charles R. Lipuma

Also Present: Tumiko Rucker, Town Administrator
Catherine Wilson, Town Clerk
Dennis Rhoad, Town Attorney
Ken Gunnells, Town Treasurer

V. Approval of Minutes:

A. Town Council Minutes for June 3, 2008

Mr. Burnaford motioned to approve the minutes of June 3, 2008. Mr. Lipuma seconded the motion. Mr. Orban made non-substantive changes to the minutes. With those changes the motion carried unanimously.

VI. Citizen Presentations:

None

VII. Old Business:

A. Johns Island Roads

Mr. Burnaford stated that a Public Hearing was held on June 19, 2008 to gather input from residents on whether to move forward with the idea for a new road across Johns Island. Mayor Wert stated that County Council passed a motion that supported County Councilman Curtis Bostic's opinion that the State should partially fund road construction to fix diminishing sections of roadway on all John's Island Roads.

VIII. New Business:

A. Ways and Means Committee Appointment

Mayor Wert motioned to appoint Mr. Burnaford to the Ways and Means Committee. Mr. Orban seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Arts Council Recommendation

Mr. Lipuma explained that Mr. Sid Williams announced his retirement from the Arts Council and that his contributions will be greatly missed. Mayor Wert stated that Mr. Williams was a very active and constructive member to the Arts Council and that his service will be greatly missed. Mr. Lipuma recommended Mrs. Linda Morganstein as Mr. William's replacement.

Mr. Lipuma motioned to appoint Mrs. Linda Morganstein to the Arts Council Committee. Mr. Orban seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Awarding of Emergency Debris Removal Contract

Mayor Wert explained that the Town's current Emergency Debris Removal Contract will expire July 31, 2008. Mrs. Rucker stated that the Town received seven bids in response to the published Emergency Debris Removal RFP and that the Ways and Means Committee unanimously accepted the recommendation of Phillips and Jordan as the Town's Emergency Debris Removal service provider. Mrs. Rucker stated that Phillips and Jordan have over fifty-six years of experience and have contracted with the Town in the past. Phillips and Jordan also placed a high level of importance on their environmental procedures which is very valued by the Town.

Mayor Wert motioned to authorize Town staff to negotiate a contract with Phillips and Jordan for Emergency Debris Management and Collection. Mr. Burnaford seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Awarding of Catering Service Contract

The Town's 20th Anniversary subcommittee, and staff, devised a Request for Proposals for catering services. Mrs. Rucker explained that due to the timing of the RFP due date and the availability of the reviewing committee members, an official recommendation to award a specific caterer was unavailable. On June 30, 2008 the Ways and Means Committee unanimously recommended the approval of up to \$20,000 for catering

services. Mrs. Rucker stated that the subcommittee will meet on July 2, 2008 to select the catering service provider.

Mayor Wert motioned to authorize the Town Treasurer and Administrator to negotiate a contract award not to exceed \$20,000 for catering services. Mr. Orban seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Charitable Contributions

Mayor Wert explained that the Town's Charitable Contributions policy stipulated that qualified 501 (c) (3) non-profit organizations could submit an application to the Town which would be reviewed in either July or December of the year. The Ways and Means Committee reviewed the following four applications on June 30, 2008: Rural Mission, JI Rural Housing, Capers Preparatory and Barrier Island Free Medical Center. The Ways and Means Committee recommended that the Town contribute \$6,050 to Rural Mission, from the FY 2008/2009 budget and \$30,000 to the Barrier Island Free Medical Center from the FY 2007/2008 Budget.

Mayor Wert motioned to fund \$6,050 to the Rural Mission and \$30,000 to the Barrier Island Free Medical Clinic. Mayor Wert noted that the \$30,000 contribution is part of a matching grant challenge previously promised by the Town and will be funded from the Town's FY 2007/2008 budget. Mr. Orban seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Island-Wide Recycling Report

Mrs. Rucker explained that throughout the year the Town, along with other entities on the Island, implemented several green initiatives. The Town hired Mr. Wayman Pearson of WJP, INC. as a solid waste/recycling consultant. Mrs. Rucker explained that Mr. Pearson helped the Town determine the feasibility of their service expansion. Mrs. Rucker presented the final report and stated that the consultant focused on the following main points: Solid Waste Contract Negotiation, Public Education, and Collaboration among entities on the Island. Mr. Pearson suggested that the collaborative group facilitate discussion of the Island-Wide initiatives, reduce any redundant efforts, define responsibility, establish a plan for the public education program and formalize the efforts in a written memorandum of understanding. WJP, Inc. recommended that the following entities be included in the group: the Town, KIGR, KICA, all rental agencies and rental property managers. Mrs. Rucker explained that the Town should review the current solid waste contract to determine if the current hauler has the ability to pick-up dumpsters and if not, the Town should seek to establish a contractual relationship with Fennel Disposal to do so on a flexible basis since the volume are undetermined at this time. Mrs. Rucker also stated that Mr. Pearson recommended that the Town offer a hazardous waste pick-up on a quarterly basis, rather than biannually, along with the "brown trash" pick-up.

Mayor Wert instructed Mrs. Rucker to organize the committee as advised in the report, and report the committee's findings to Council on a regular basis.

Mr. Orban asked Mrs. Rucker to request more specific information in regards to the Town's recycling program from WJP, INC. Mr. Orban stated that the report was very general and he expected more specific recommendations in regards to recycling. Mrs. Rucker explained that Mr. Pearson wrote the report with the assumption that the Town had an idea of the types of recyclables they can work with and are more interested in how to expand the recycling program to reach all island properties. Mayor Wert said that the recommended committee will provide the Town with those necessary details.

Mr. Lipuma stated that he wished more information had been provided in regards to hazardous waste, toxic waste, and e-waste (electronic waste). Mrs. Rucker stated that via conference call, Mr. Pearson stated that the Town is providing adequate attention to those hazardous materials and only suggested the addition of three yearly pickups to coincide with the quarterly "brown trash" pickups. Mrs. Rucker stated that Mr. Pearson did not recommend any further hazardous waste efforts for a Town the size of Kiawah. Mrs. Rucker stated that the Town did not ask Mr. Pearson for an implantation plan, but a feasibility study on what will work in collaboration with the Town and other entities.

G. Resolution 2008-3; Fiscal Year 2008/09 Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mayor Wert stated that updates to the Town's Action Plan are critical in maintaining the current Community Rating System level and incorporating new achievements and goals. This resolution verifies that the Town continually makes those necessary updates.

Mr. Lipuma asked if their were documents available which specify minimum building standards for single family residences which would allow the builder to more clearly exceed those minimal building code requirements. Mrs. Rucker stated that documents are available through Charleston County Building Services and are included in the Town's annual mailing to all residents in the flood brochure.

IX. Committee Reports:

Environmental Committee

Mr. Lipuma reported that Mr. Bill Connellee is resigning from the Environmental Committee effective July 1, 2008 and that his services will be greatly missed on the Committee. Mr. Lipuma also stated that the Committee will be presenting Mr. Connellee with a plaque as a token of the Town's appreciation during the meeting on Thursday, July 3, 2008 at 1:00PM.

Mr. Lipuma read the monthly wildlife report (attached) and stated that there were four deer and three gator calls since last month's report. Mr. Lipuma stated that approximately 200 Least Turn nests were surveyed along the eastern end of the Island. Also, 134 turtle nests have been marked to date and that is compared to 85 total nests for last year. The Town is composting all compostable material and the Resort's e-waste event collected over 100 electronic waste items that were recycled, reused, or disposed of in an environmentally conscience manner. Oyster Shell recycling was initiated at Mingo

Point and during the month of June over 73 tons of cardboard were recycled by the Resort.

Arts Council

The Gullah History and Gullah Festival events were well attended. The Arts Council is well underway with the 2008/2009 season planning. Mr. Lipuma stated that the Arts Council "Summary of Findings" will be included in the July Town Notes and was prepared by Lynn Morganstern from the Arts Council Survey results. Mr. Lipuma thanked Mrs. Morganstern for her efforts and stated that she did a wonderful job preparing the results.

20th Anniversary

Mr. Lipuma stated that catering proposals were received from CRU Catering, Regal Catering, and Hamby Catering and that a catering service will be selected on Wednesday, July 2, 2008 at the 20th Anniversary Committee Meeting.

Mr. Orban stated the Anniversary Celebration will be held from 4:00PM to 7:00PM at the Sandcastle on September 13, 2008. Mr. Orban stated that for planning purposes, the committee is planning on 400 attendees. Invitations will be mailed August 1, 2008.

Public Safety

Mr. Orban has had several meetings with KRA in order to review the proposed Parkway Mitigation plans and that the project continues to move forward.

Johns Island Roads

Mr. Burnaford stated that the Johns Island Council met to discuss the planning of the Johns Island roads but no major decisions were made. Mr. Burnaford stated that the County Council does not meet until after July 19, 2008. There was a County Finance Committee meeting where the Rural Johns Island advocates presented a proposal against the proposed expressway. Mr. Burnaford stated that he is of the opinion that the group for Rural Johns Island intends to restrict all development on the Island and rather than building an expressway, they wish to add a turn lane, reduce the speed limit, and increase traffic enforcement on current Johns Island Roads. Mr. Burnaford stated that the group comprised a very large and vocal crowd in order to express their opinions. Mr. Burnaford stated that rather than conduct another traffic study he believes it is time to make a decision based on the numerous studies already in hand.

X. Town Administrator's Report

Mrs. Rucker stated that the Town began the new fiscal year today, July 1, 2008 and she is looking forward to a great fiscal year.

XI. Mayor's Report

Mayor Wert stated that Mr. and Mrs. Bill Connellee's numerous contributions to the Town are greatly appreciated and will be missed. Mayor Wert also stated that the Connellee's 60th Anniversary is July 3, 2008.

Mayor Wert stated that the Road's meeting was full of emotion and some emotion was based on fact, while the others on fiction. He also stated that more is yet to be heard as the proposals move forward. Opinions on the road can be submitted to RoadWise, a division of Charleston County government, until July 7, 2008 to be included in the Sea Islands Parkway Public Comment Summary Report.

XII. Citizens' Comments/Questions

A. Julie Hussey, 20 Wentworth Street, Charleston, SC

Mrs. Hussey explained that she was vacationing on the Island with 40 members of her family and would love the ability to recycle more material. She suggested a "call guide" with numbers to call if visitors would like to recycle.

Mrs. Hussey stated that she is working as a consultant with the BCDCOG for the "Our Region, Our Plan" project and would like to extend an invitation to Town Council to attend the July 26, 2008 Public Meeting at the Convention Center and fill out the survey accessible from the BCDCOG website at www.bcdcog.com. Mrs. Hussey stated that this meeting presents a great opportunity for people to talk as a region.

XIII. Council Members Comments

Mr. Alan Burnaford

No Comment

Mr. Steven Orban

Mr. Orban stated that he attended the Public Hearing on the roads and that Mayor Wert, Roger Warren and Buddy Darby did a great job of presenting the issue. He stated that he was also surprised at the amount of negativity by some of the attendees.

Mr. Lipuma

Mr. Lipuma stated that the Town is actively pursuing two alternatives for the 30 beach parking spaces at the Ocean Course. One site is oceanward to the east of the old Ocean Course Clubhouse and the platted easement is currently 2/3's underwater. The Resort has offered use of the new Ocean Course Clubhouse parking lot and a variance would be needed to share 23 of those parking spaces. Mr. Lipuma stated that the conversations continue and the exact location of the parking lot is to be determined.

XIV. Executive Session:

Mayor Wert motioned for a for a one minute recess before convening the executive session. Mr. Orban seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

No votes or actions were taken during the executive session.

XV. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15PM.

Submitted by _____
Catherine Wilson, Town Clerk

APPROVED: _____
William G. Wert, Mayor

DATE: _____

CC: Mayor Wert
Dennis Rhoad, Esq.
Tumiko Rucker, Town Admin
Town Council Members
Town Treasurer
Planning Commission