

A public hearing of the James Island Public Service District (JIPSD) Commission was held at 6:30 p.m. on May 20, 2019, in the conference room of the JIPSD offices located at 1739 Signal Point Road, James Island, South Carolina.

Present at the meeting were the following members: Alan Laughlin, Chair, who presided; Inez BrownCrouch, Sandi Engelman, Marilyn Clifford, Eugene Platt, Meredith Poston and Kathy Woolsey.

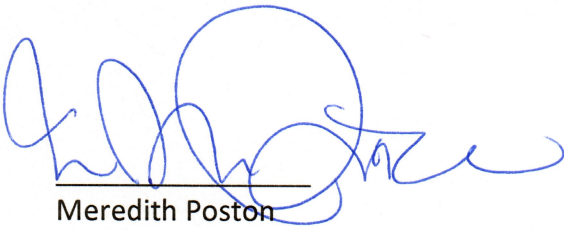
Also present were: Helen McFadden, Parliamentarian; Bill Hancock, Auditor; James Game, CFO; Tamara White, Administrative Coordinator; Chris Seabolt, Fire Chief; Tom Glick Deputy Fire Chief; Lisa Kluczinsky, Human Resources Director; Steve Aden; Director of Fleet Services, Walter Desmond, Director of Solid Waste Services; Jeff Cohen, Assistant Director of Wastewater Services; David Major, Facilities Maintenance Specialist and Officer Alan Ali, Charleston County Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Laughlin called the meeting to order.

Mr. Laughlin led the invocation, followed by the pledge to the flag of the United States of America.

1. The Freedom of Information Act Report – In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting and its agenda were provided to all news media and persons requesting notification.
2. The roll was called.
3. Ordinance No. 2019-002 to Adopt a Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020
 - A. Mr. Laughlin opened the floor for public comments.
 - B. Robert Schurmeier, 706 Creekside Drive, stated that he is doing well and asked if the Commission was going to deviate from the original budget after seeing the amendments passed around tonight. He went on to say that he would like to see some of the millage dropped.
 - C. Joanne Dixon, 414 Carol Street, stated that she would appreciate not getting a follow up letter after speaking like she did last year. She also said that she would like to see the Commission do a much better job of putting out information and she would like to see the millage dropped.
 - D. Bill Woolsey, 961 Mooring Drive, asked that the Commission look at the tax increase last year and hopes they would reduce it. He also appreciates the support of the Commission and District Administrator in working with the Town to try to get a tax credit on the tax bill and they are making progress. He also said its important for them to roll back taxes as much as they can.
 - E. Lyndy Palmer, 1227 Peregrine Drive, said she hopes the tax millage can be reduced and expenditures on the new fire station.
 - F. Elizabeth Singleton, 1833 N. Grimball Road, expressed disapproval of increases but no benefits, the Administration not taking care of their people, operating 4 days a week, increasing operating costs, \$10 late fee and the Commission operating once a month and still getting the same amount of money.
 - G. Ruth Yack, 414 Carol Street, expressed that the millage rate has to drop and to look at the budget and get it in line. She also said they could still do a good job and cut the budget somehow.
 - H. Vernon Simmons, 1623 Secessionville Road, suggested that they be notified more in advance of public meetings because he happened to have noticed it on Facebook. He also suggested the agendas be placed in the church flyers.

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4. Mr. Laughlin adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Meredith Poston', is written over a horizontal line.

Meredith Poston
Secretary
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