

A regular meeting of the James Island Public Service District (JIPSD) Commission was held at 7:14 p.m. on June 24, 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: Darryl Parker, Rate Study Consultant; Bill Hancock, Auditor; Caroline Cleveland, Attorney (arrived at 7:29 p.m.) 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. Oral and Written Petitions
 - A. Nathan Johnson, 962 Seafarer Way, stated that he is in favor of the budget and that Town should be ashamed for interfering in other governmental businesses. He went on to ask why the Town spent his local savings tax money without asking him and that everyone is paying attention to what took place at the meeting.
 - B. Bill Woolsey, 961 Mooring Drive, stated that the modest rate increases are significant and expressed concern that the notion that the District is spending is about allowing for new development on James Island was news to him and thinks it is inappropriate for rate payers should pay higher rates to allow for increased development on James Island that they don't support and would be in the City of Charleston.
4. Motion to Approve Minutes
 - A. **Mr. Platt moved to approve the Public Hearing meeting minutes of May 20, 2019, seconded by Mr. Laughlin. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.**
 - B. **Mr. Platt moved to approve the Regular Commission meeting minutes of May 20, 2019, seconded by Ms. Woolsey. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.**
 - C. **Mr. Platt moved to approve the Continuation of Recessed Regular Commission meeting minutes of May 21, 2019, as amended, seconded by Ms. Woolsey. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 6 to 1 as follows:**

Ms. BrownCrouch	Aye	
Ms. Clifford	Aye	
Ms. Engelman		Nay
Mr. Laughlin	Aye	
Mr. Platt	Aye	

Ms. Poston Aye

Ms. Woolsey Aye

5. Committee and JIPSD Representative Reports

- A. Mr. Platt gave a report on the Administrative Committee meeting held today. Ms. Woolsey moved to overrule the Administrative Committee and recommend that the Commission vote on Rosen and Hagood as its general counsel. Ms. BrownCrouch seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 5 to 2 as follows:**

Ms. BrownCrouch Aye

Ms. Clifford Aye

Ms. Engelman Nay

Mr. Laughlin Nay

Mr. Platt Aye

Ms. Poston Aye

Ms. Woolsey Aye

6. Ordinance No. 2019-001 Wastewater Collection System Use and Rate Ordinance – 2nd and Final Reading

- A. Ms. Woolsey moved to amend the Wastewater Collection System Use and Rate Ordinance to reduce the increase in the base rate and volumetric rate by 50% from an increase of .53 cents to an increase of .27 cents for base rate charges and from an increase of .22 cents to an increase of .08 cents for volumetric charges. Ms. BrownCrouch seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and motion failed 3 to 4 as follows:**

Ms. BrownCrouch Aye

Ms. Clifford Nay

Ms. Engelman Nay

Mr. Laughlin Nay

Mr. Platt Aye

Ms. Poston Nay

Ms. Woolsey Aye

- B. Ms. Woolsey moved to approve the second reading of the Wastewater Collection System Use and Rate Ordinance, seconded by Ms. BrownCrouch. A roll call vote was taken, and motion carried 4 to 3 as follows:**

Ms. BrownCrouch Nay

Ms. Clifford Aye

Ms. Engelman Aye

Mr. Laughlin Aye

Mr. Platt Nay

Ms. Poston Aye

Ms. Woolsey Nay

7. Executive Session

- A. Mr. Laughlin moved to enter into executive session to address matters covered by attorney-client privilege, seconded by Ms. Clifford. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 6 to 1, with a nay vote from Mr. Platt.**
- B. The Commission entered into executive session at 8:25 p.m.**
- C. The Commission returned to regular session at 9:00 p.m.**
- D. Mr. Laughlin stated that no action was taken in executive session.**

8. Ordinance No. 2019-002 to Adopt a Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020 - 2nd and Final Reading

A. Ms. Woolsey appealed to override Commissioner Laughlin's decision that it is inappropriate to bring up the discussion [A nay vote would be to agree with the appeal and override the Chair's decision]. Mr. Platt seconded the motion. The motion carried as follows:

Ms. BrownCrouch	Nay
Ms. Clifford	Aye
Ms. Engelman	Aye
Mr. Laughlin	Aye
Mr. Platt	Nay
Ms. Poston	Nay
Ms. Woolsey	Nay

- B. Ms. Woolsey moved to amend the 2020 budget to: include as projected revenue, proceeds from the sale of property with an estimated value of \$1 million, Authorize the use of revenue from the property sales to fund 50% of the general government capital expense of \$923,637, or \$461,618 such that no more than 50% of those capital expenditures shall be authorized to be funded by debt, including capital leases, Reduce the debt finance expense shown for capital leases for the 2020 fiscal year by 50% from \$134,222 to \$67,111, Reduce the debt finance expense shown for capital leases for the 2020 fiscal year by 50% from \$134,222 to \$67,111, to Retain a \$664,037 surplus of revenue over expenditure to increase the balance in the debt service fund by that amount and Reduce the debt fund millage by 1 mil.

Ms. BrownCrouch seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion failed 2 to 5 as follows:

Ms. BrownCrouch	Aye
Ms. Clifford	Nay
Ms. Engelman	Nay
Mr. Laughlin	Nay
Mr. Platt	Nay
Ms. Poston	Nay
Ms. Woolsey	Aye

- C. Ms. Woolsey moved to amend the 2020 budget to: reduce the projected salary to: Reduce the projected salary for the new District Administrator from \$145,000 to \$120,000 for October to June for the 2020 fiscal year, to Reduce expenditure on Administrators and Officials by \$18,000 for the 2020 fiscal year so that it increases from last year's budgeted amount 12% rather than 15%, to Charge Administration Administrators and Officials 501.01 by \$12,600 and Wastewater Administrators and Officials 501.01 by \$5400, to Reduce the operating millage by .1 mil. Ms. BrownCrouch seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion failed 2 to 5 as follows:

Ms. BrownCrouch	Aye
Ms. Clifford	Nay
Ms. Engelman	Nay
Mr. Laughlin	Nay
Mr. Platt	Nay
Ms. Poston	Nay
Ms. Woolsey	Aye

- D. Ms. Woolsey moved to amend the 2020 budget to: Decrease Commissioners Expense by \$4900 from \$11,200 to \$6300 (leaving \$900 per Commissioner) which is a 15% reduction from the 2019 budget, Charge to Administration Commissioner Expense 514.01 by \$2600 and Wastewater Administration Commissioner Expense 514.01 by \$2300, Decrease expenditure on Employee Relations by \$7585 from \$18,482 to \$10,987 returning it to the amount budgeted in 2019, Charge Administration Employee Relations 524.05 by \$5066, and Wastewater Administration Employee Relations by 524.05 by \$2519 and Reduce the property tax operating millage by .1 mil. Mr. Platt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion failed 1 to 6 as follows:

Ms. BrownCrouch	Nay
Ms. Clifford	Nay
Ms. Engelman	Nay
Mr. Laughlin	Nay
Mr. Platt	Nay
Ms. Poston	Nay
Ms. Woolsey	Aye

- E. Ms. Engelman moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-002 to adopt a budget for fiscal year July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, second and final reading, seconded by Ms. BrownCrouch. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion failed 3 to 4 as follows:

Ms. BrownCrouch	Nay
Ms. Clifford	Aye
Ms. Engelman	Aye
Mr. Laughlin	Aye
Mr. Platt	Nay
Ms. Poston	Nay
Ms. Woolsey	Nay

- F. Mr. Platt moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Poston. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion failed 3 to 4 as follows:

Ms. BrownCrouch	Aye
Ms. Clifford	Nay
Ms. Engelman	Nay
Mr. Laughlin	Nay
Mr. Platt	Aye
Ms. Poston	Aye
Ms. Woolsey	Nay

- G. Ms. Clifford moved to reconsider Ordinance No. 2019-002 to adopt a budget for fiscal year July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, second and final reading, seconded by Ms. Poston. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 6 to 1 as follows:

Ms. BrownCrouch	Aye
Ms. Clifford	Aye
Ms. Engelman	Aye
Mr. Laughlin	Aye
Mr. Platt	Nay
Ms. Poston	Aye
Ms. Woolsey	Aye

- H. **Ms. Engelman moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-002 to adopt a budget for fiscal year July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, second and final reading, seconded by Ms. Poston. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 5 to 2 follows:**

Ms. BrownCrouch	Aye	
Ms. Clifford	Aye	
Ms. Engelman	Aye	
Mr. Laughlin	Aye	
Mr. Platt		Nay
Ms. Poston	Aye	
Ms. Woolsey		Nay

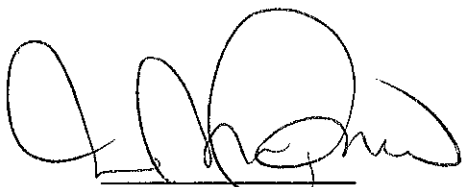
10. Correspondence and/or Newspaper Articles – none

11. Oral and Written Petitions

- A. Bill Woolsey, 961 Mooring Drive, expressed disappointment for the budget and hopes the Commission will consider amendments to change budget.
- B. Chris Seabolt, 391 Culver Street, asked what happened in executive session.
- C. Nathan Johnson, 962 Seafarer Way, expressed dissatisfaction for what went on at the meeting and stated that the employees have learned a lot.

12. **Ms. Woolsey moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Clifford. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 6 to 1, with a nay vote from Mr. Platt.**

13. Mr. Laughlin adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.



Meredith Poston
Secretary
MP/TW