

## **Daufuskie Island Council Meeting**

January 21, 2020 - 6:00 PM

Mary Field School

**Call to Order:** Council Co-Chair Leanne Coulter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum of members present

Sallie Anne Robinson opened the meeting with an invocation.

### **Roll Call:**

Present: John Schartner, Leanne Coulter, Steve Hill, Robert Levis, Roger Pinckney, Sallie Ann Robinson

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **General Announcements:**

- 2020 Election Committee was introduced: Sarah Deitch, Paul Vogel, and Vail Shipley. Committee will organize the election and act as deciding authority on any procedural questions. Election Committee has reviewed five candidate applications received and decided that all met By-Law qualifications to be a Daufuskie Island Council member:
  - Kathy Aurichio
  - Robert Levis
  - Tonie Meyers
  - John Schartner
  - Arnold Willis
- Candidate Forum: Each candidate was asked to provide an introduction and short statement of why they are running for the council.
- Question & Answer: Candidates addressed questions from attendees and Council Members:
  - If you had one thing that you could add to Daufuskie, what would it be?
  - Can you work with officials from Beaufort County?
  - What do you think you can do to bring the people of the island together?
  - What issue has the council worked on in the past year that you feel was the most important?
  - The Council serves as the voice of the island. Do you think you can present a position which you did not originally agree with?
  - Can you attend meetings in Beaufort?
  - Is everybody a full-time resident of the island?

- Election Instructions: Voting by email and by post Mail is open now. In person voting will be conducted Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM at Mary Field school. There are three, three-year council seats open. The three highest vote getters will fill these openings; the 4th highest vote getter will serve the unfulfilled portion of Brandy Breeze's two-year seat. Ballots are available at Freeport, the Coffee Shop, the Fire Station, Haig Point, Bloody Point, and Melrose. Complete instructions can be found online at the council website.

**Public Forum #1:** None

### **Community Happenings**

- Last day for registration for the Democratic primary is January 29<sup>th</sup>
- Low Country vet will be on the island Saturday, 15 February
- Lori Rush will be here to cut hair this weekend

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Planning Committee:**

Transportation Task Force: Pat Allison, Dean Roberson and Steve Hill are working as a sub-committee; Steve Hill explained that a recent newspaper article described three potential ferry landings locations under consideration by the County: Buckingham Landing, on Pinckney Island, and off of Squire Pope Rd. Pat Allison provided an update - he described the news as favorable. Originally the County was looking at 10 sites; they've narrowed it to three, with Pinckney Island being the favorite. It's in the County code of ordinance that this location should serve as the landing for Daufuskie Island. A Public Facilities Committee meeting is being held today in Beaufort in which the Pickney Island solution is being presented. It will provide between 150 and 200 parking spots. Clearance has been obtained from the Fish and Wildlife service. Moving forward, the bid and permitting process must begin which should take several months.

#### **Roads and Easements**

Roger Pinckney explained the County is considering eminent domain as well as a prescriptive easement for Prospect Rd. He indicated he did not have a preference, but he wanted to make sure the road stayed opened. The County will be considering the Daufuskie Island Council's resolution on Prospect Road during one of their meetings in February

**Public Form #2**

- An attendee commented there was a bad washout on Beach Rd. She is very frustrated that nothing has been done about it.
- An attendee asked if a crushed gravel treatment to one of the island's dirt roads would be an acceptable approach. Several Council members have visited a similar County road and think this treatment would be good for Daufuskie.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM