

**THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Date: Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Time: 4:00 P.M.

Present from Town Council: David Bennett, *Mayor*; Kim Likins, *Mayor Pro Tempore*; John McCann, Bill Harkins, Marc Grant, Tom Lennox, David Ames, *Council Members*

Present from Town Staff: Steve Riley, *Town Manager*; Joshua Gruber, *Assistant Town Manager*; Charles Cousins, *Director of Community Development*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; Brad Tadlock, *Fire Chief*; John Troyer, *Finance Director*; Carolyn Grant, *Communications Director*; Shawn Colin, *Deputy Director of Community Development*; Chris Blankenship, *Deputy Fire Chief – Operations*; Ed Boring, *Deputy Fire Chief – Support Services*; Joheida Fister, *Fire Marshal*; Cinda Seamon, *Fire & Safety Educator*; Melissa Cope, *Systems Analyst*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Executive Assistant/Town Clerk*

Present from Media: Katherine Kokal, *Island Packet*

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. FOIA Compliance - Public notification of this meeting was published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of Hilton Head Island.

3. Executive Session

Mr. Riley stated that he needed an Executive Session for: (a) Legal Advice; receipt of legal advice related to pending, threatened, or potential claim related to; (i) ArborNature, LLC vs. the Town of Hilton Head Island, et. al. and (ii) Taiwan R. Scott, et. al. vs. Board of Zoning Appeals Town of Hilton Head Island; and (b) Land Acquisition; discussion of negotiations incident to the proposed sale, lease, or purchase or property; (i) in the Beach City Road area.

At 4:03 p.m. Mrs. Likins moved to go into Executive Session for matters mentioned by the Town Manager, Mr. Harkins seconded. The motion to go into Executive Session was approved by a vote of 7-0.

Town Council returned to the dais at 5:01 p.m. to begin the Regular portion of the meeting.

4. Pledge to the Flag

The presentation of Colors were made by the Parris Island Young Marines.

5. Invocation

6. Proclamations & Commendations

a. Red Ribbon Week Proclamation

Mayor Bennett present the Red Ribbon Week proclamation to the members of the Parris Island Young Marines.

b. Mayor's Honored Islanders

i. Karen Kindermann

ii. Alfred Olivetti

Mayor Bennett presented Ms. Kindermann and Mr. Olivetti with the Mayor's Honored Islanders award, making brief remarks about each.

7. Approval of Minutes

a. Town Council Meeting, October 2, 2018.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2018 Town Council meeting. Mr. Harkins seconded, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

8. Report of Town Manager

a. Island Rec Center Update – Frank Soule

Frank Soule, Executive Director of the Island Rec. Center, gave an update on the progress of the Rec. Center to the members of Town Council. He noted that the Administrative Offices were moved back in June as were the after school programs and summer camps in August. Mr. Soule reported that the Aquatic staff moved into their offices, allowing for more changes to the pool programs. Thanks to a grant from Palmetto Electric, they should have new computers to be placed in the finished computer lab; they also received support from Hargray who helped with the phone and internet installation. Mr. Soule noted that the ultimate goal is to be fully operational by January 1, 2019.

b. Hilton Head Island/Bluffton Chamber of Commerce – Hannah Horne

Hannah Horne, Vice-President of Public Policy and Programs for the Chamber, gave an update to the members of Town Council. She discussed many of the events, meetings, and grand openings taking place throughout the community. Ms. Horne discussed the Leadership program, the number of networking opportunities, and the numerous awards the Island has received, including the recent award from Conde Nest Traveler naming Hilton Head Island the Best Island in the U.S. for the third year in a row.

c. Items of Interest

- i. Town News**
- ii. Noteworthy Events**

Mr. Riley reviewed the Items of Interest, including Town News, upcoming Town meetings, and noteworthy events taking place throughout the Island over the coming weeks.

9. Reports from Members of Council

a. General Reports from Council

Mr. Grant said he wanted to thank the members of the Hilton Head Island Fire Rescue for the professionalism when they responded to his home over the weekend when he was sick. He also noted that it was brought to his attention that there was a form, called the “EEO Form number 4”, which deals with procurement expenditures based on the particular vendors we work with and who are granted certain types of expenditures. He asked that he be provided some information about this. Mr. Grant asked if it is possible to get the information concerning how the Town handles food trucks throughout the Island. He said there is a perception that Town officials are not consistent with the way they handle them. Lastly, Mr. Grant reported that during Executive Session, Council discussed a matter concerning Mr. Scott. He continued by stating that a decision was made that the Town would return to court to obtain a final determination on the ruling that was given on the buffer and setbacks. He said until then, anytime Mr. Scott has an opportunity to come to the variance board, the Town would support him getting a variance on his buffers and setbacks, but he has to put in the appropriate paperwork if he is interested in do that. Mr. Grant said that as a Town, we will see what we can do to assist Mr. Scott with a variance approval.

b. Report of the Intergovernmental & Public Safety Committee – Bill Harkins, Chairman

Mr. Harkins reported that the Committee would be hosting a special meeting on October 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss crosswalk safety. He also noted that the Committee would be meeting on November 13, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. to discuss the Beaufort County Sheriff’s Office audit.

c. Report of the Community Services Committee – Kim Likins, Chairman

Mrs. Likins stated that she did not have a report.

Reports from Members of Council (cont.)

d. Report of the Public Planning Committee – David Ames, Chairman

Mr. Ames reported that the Committee would be holding a special meeting on November 2, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the Cordillo Tennis Courts project and the renewal of the Port Royal Golf Course lease.

e. Report of the Public Facilities Committee – Marc Grant, Chairman

Mr. Grant stated that he did not have a report.

f. Report of the Finance & Administrative Committee – John McCann, Chairman

Mr. McCann reported that the Committee had met earlier in the day along with the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce where they discussed how and when the Chamber should be releasing their invoices and receipts with their business partners. Mr. McCann said the discussion would continue at the next meeting on November 7, 2018.

10. Appearance by Citizens

Larry Landry: Addressed the members of Council about his concerns with the US 278 Gateway corridor expansion project.

Luana Sellers: Addressed the members of Council about his concerns with the US 278 Gateway corridor expansion project.

Ibrahim Abdual Malik: Addressed the members of Council about his concerns with a Town Code Enforcement matter.

11. Unfinished Business

a. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2018-17

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2018-17 Amending Section 10-10-10 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, relating to recovery of collection cost as part of delinquent debts collected pursuant to the Setoff Debt Collection Act; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve, Mr. Harkins seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

12. New Business

a. Consideration of a Recommendation – Venue Committee Modified Recommendations

Consideration of a Recommendation that Town Council approve the modified recommendations from the Venue Committee for Venue Phase II.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve, Mr. Harkins seconded. After brief comments from Mrs. Likins about how hard the Venue Committee worked on the recommendations, the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

13. Possible actions by Town Council concerning matters discussed in Executive Session.

14. Adjournment

Mayor Bennett adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

Krista M. Wiedmeyer,
Executive Assistant/Town Clerk

Approved: 11/07/2018

David Bennett, Mayor