

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

Date: Tuesday, February 20, 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*, Greg DeLoach, *Assistant Town Manager*; Charles Cousins, *Director of Community Development*; Scott Liggett, *Director of Public Projects & Facilities/Chief Engineer*; Brad Tadlock, *Fire Chief*; John Troyer, *Finance Director*; Shawn Colin; *Deputy Director of Community Development*; Jeff Buckalew, *Town Engineer*; Darrin Shoemaker, *Traffic & Transportation Engineer*; Tom Dunn, *Emergency Management Coordinator*; Melissa Cope, *System Analyst*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Executive Assistant/Town Clerk*

Present from Media: Alex Kincaid, *Island Packet*

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

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

3. Executive Session

Mr. Riley stated he needed an Executive Session for: (a) Land Acquisition; discussion of negotiations incident to proposed sale, lease or purchase of property land near the (i) Indigo Run area; (ii) Beach City Road area, and (iii) Office Park Road area; (b) Personnel Matters; discussions of appointments of members related to Boards and Commissions; and (c) Legal Matters; the receipt of legal advice related to pending, threatened, or potential claim related to, (i) City of Columbia v. Expedia, et. al.

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 was approved by a vote of 7-0.

Council returned to the dais at 5:00 p.m.

4. Pledge to the Flag

5. Invocation

6. Proclamations & Commendations - None

7. Approval of Minutes

a. Town Council Meeting, January 9, 2018

Mrs. Likins moved to approve the Town Council meeting minutes from January 9, 2018. Mr. Harkins seconded, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

b. Workforce Housing Workshop, January 16, 2018

Mrs. Likins moved to approve the Workforce Housing Workshop meeting minutes from January 16, 2018. Mr. McCann seconded, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

c. Town Council Meeting, January 16, 2018

Mrs. Likins moved to approve the Town Council meeting minutes from January 16, 2018. Mr. Harkins seconded, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

8. Report of Town Manager

a. Hilton Head Island: Our Future – Emily Sparks

Emily Sparks, Project Lead for the Vision Project Management Team, gave a brief update to the members of Town Council. She stated that the Community Engagement Report and Vision Report had been presented in a community forum, and are both available online to review. There is a new survey for the community to take after they have reviewed the reports to provide their feedback regarding the reports. The project remains on time and within the budget guidelines.

Report of Town Manager (cont.)

b. Gullah-Geechee Cultural Land Preservation Quarterly Update – Lavon Stevens

Lavon Stevens, Chairman of the Gullah-Geechee Cultural Land Preservation Task Force gave a brief update to the members of Town Council. He said that the Task Force meets just about every-other week to discuss the matters of land preservation. The meetings have had several guest speakers to assist in the education of the Task Force. Such speakers have talked about the LMO, clearing title, arts and culture, and other important topics. Mr. Stevens said there have been three community meetings, and have toured the historic neighborhoods. Identification of the Gullah-Geechee neighborhoods has been completed.

c. Parks and Recreation Commission Bi-Annual Update – Mike Ray

Mike Ray, Commissioner of the Parks and Recreation Commission gave a brief update to the members of Town Council. He stated that the construction of the Rec. Center continues to move forward on schedule. Mr. Ray provided additional updates on the upgrades coming to the Cordillo Tennis Courts upgrades as well as additional upcoming projects later in the year. He discussed an upcoming workshop to discuss the recreational wants and needs that are continually requested by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

d. Palmetto Electric Cooperative Overhead to Underground – Tony Pierce

Tony Pierce introduced Wil Sileeby, Vice President of Engineering and Operations, who gave a presentation on the current status of Palmetto Electric Cooperative's underground wire project. Mr. Sileeby stated that the project is about to begin year 14, which will be the last year of the project as it is scheduled to be completed at the end of this year. The Project is approximately 90% complete, and about 83% of the estimated cost has been spent to date. Mr. Sileeby showed before and after pictures with the wires on the poles and without the wires after they have been buried.

e. Items of Interest

i. Town News

ii. Noteworthy Events

Mr. Riley reported on upcoming meetings and noteworthy events taking place throughout the end of the month.

9. Reports from Members of Council

a. General Reports from Council

Mr. McCann asked Mayor Bennett if he would provide a report after his meeting with the County and Town staff regarding the replacement of the bridge. Mayor Bennett stated he would, but at a later portion of the agenda. Mr. McCann asked if Council could speak about Workforce Housing at the next Town Council meeting. Mayor Bennett said that it would be agenda item on the next Public Planning Committee meeting, and suggested all the members of Council attend that meeting first before placing the item of business on the next Town Council meeting agenda.

Mr. Lennox discussed Mayor Bennett's weekly newsletter and his column he had recently written and was alarmed by the statements made about the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina. Mayor Bennett said he stood by what he wrote in the weekly newsletter.

Mayor Bennett provided a number of updates to the members of Council as well as assigned specific tasks as noted herein to certain Town Council Committees. Mayor Bennett discussed the South Carolina Inclusionary Zoning Act, asking Mr. Ames to make this an agenda item on the upcoming Public Planning Committee meeting, and asked Mr. Harkins to determine as part of the of the Intergovernmental Committee, if the Town should support this piece of legislation as written or with modifications. Mayor Bennett also discussed a local housing trust fund referenced within the Inclusionary Zoning Act. He asked Mr. Ames to review this piece of legislature as a possible tool for the Town to use for Workforce Housing. Mayor Bennett discussed the parks that are currently being maintained by the County within the Town. He requested that the Public Facilities Committee to vet a potential proposal to the County regarding to the transfer of the County-owned parks to the Town. Mayor Bennett discussed the condition of the property at the Edgewater Villas community. He asked the Public Planning Committee to look into this matter on as it could be a planning matter, and it is also located in Mr. Ames' Ward who is also the Chairman of the Public Planning Committee.

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

Mr. Harkins reported that Senator Davis would be in attendance at the next Committee meeting taking place on Monday, March 5, 2018. One of the items the Committee will be discussing with the Senator is the replacement of the Bridge to and from Hilton Head Island, and asking for his assistance in mapping out a plan. He also reported that the Committee will be discussing the legislative initiatives that directly or indirectly impact Hilton Head Island.

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

Mrs. Likins reported that the Venue Committee has been working in their workgroups reviewing the consultant's report. She said that they will have a formal meeting on March 7, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the outcome of the consultant's report. Mrs. Likins also reported that the Personnel Committee would begin reviewing and filling open Boards and Commissions positions.

Reports from Members of Council (cont.)

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

Mr. Ames reported that the Committee would be meeting on Thursday, February 22, 2018 and would receive a Gullah-Geechee update, on-Island trolley update, and a discussion regarding the affordable housing tax credit program. Mr. Ames also wanted to pass along a reminder about the Unite Summit taking place on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at the Sonesta.

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

Mr. Grant reported that the Committee would be meeting on Monday, February 26, 2018. He stated that Town staff and he met with community members in reference to select dirt roads that did not meet the Town's policy that is currently in place. This would be the discussion topic of the upcoming Committee meeting.

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

Mr. McCann reported that the Committee met earlier in the day, where the discussion was about streamlining the process for the Affiliated Agencies. Instead of the Affiliated Agencies making their presentations before the Finance Committee, it has been recommended that they make their presentations directly to Town Council. Mr. Ames said if this process is put into place, it is his recommendation that a special meeting take place versus having the Affiliated Agencies present during a regularly scheduled meeting. Mayor Bennett asked Mr. Riley to review the upcoming budget meeting schedule and propose when a meeting for the Affiliated Agencies could take place.

10. Appearance by Citizens

Richard Matthews, addressed the members of Town Council regarding the property located at 40 Sandfiddler in Sea Pines. Mayor Bennett asked Mr. Harkins if the Public Safety Committee could please take a look at the information provided by Mr. Matthews.

Peter Ovens, addressed the members of Town Council regarding the RBC Heritage parking at Honey Horn.

David Arnel, addressed the members of Town Council regarding the administrative rezoning at 163 Island Drive.

11. Unfinished Business - None

12. New Business

a. Report for Participation by the Town of Hilton Head Island in the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office Re-Entry Pass System

Staff seeks that Town Council authorize the Town Manager to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office approving the participation of the Town of Hilton Head Island in the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office Incident Emergency Response and Re-Entry Pass System.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve. Mr. Harkins seconded. After a brief discussion by the members of Council, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

b. Consideration of a Recommendation – Amendment of the Drainage Agreement with Hilton Head Plantation Property Owners' Association

Consideration of a Recommendation that Town Council authorize the Town Manager to amend the Storm Water Maintenance and Access Agreement with Hilton Head Plantation Property Owners' Association, Inc. to include the addition of storm drainage easements that qualify for public service, are privately owned, and lie within the limits of the Planned Unit Developments or Property Owners' Association which shares a Storm Drainage Maintenance and Access Agreement with the Town of Hilton Head Island.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve. Mr. Harkins seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

c. Consideration of a Resolution – Municipal Consent to Beaufort County's Widening and Traffic Safety Improvement Project along US 278 on Jenkins Island

Consideration of a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, consenting to the construction and/or improvements in connection with transportation project known as "Beaufort County Project ID PO323499 – Widening and Safety Improvements along US Route 278 (William Hilton Parkway) on Jenkins Island within the Town limits of Hilton Head Island Beaufort County", in accordance with the plans of said project.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve. Mr. Harkins seconded. Members of the community addressed the members of Town Council requesting that they consider approving the Resolution and allowing the County to move forward with the project. Officials from Beaufort County addressed the questions and concerns from the members of Council, and after a lengthy discussion, the motion passed by a vote of 6-1. Mr. Grant opposed the motion.

New Business (cont.)

d. Consideration of a Recommendation – Dedication of Town-owned land to SCDOT for Road Right of Way Required of the Beaufort County Widening and Traffic Safety Improvements along US 278 on Jenkins Island

Consideration of a Recommendation to approve the dedication of 4.715 acres of Town-owned land (parcels R510 006 000 0099 0000 and R510 006 000 0305 0000 and commonly known as the Jenkins Island Tract) to the South Carolina Department of Transportation in order to facilitate the construction of Beaufort County’s Widening and Traffic Safety Improvement Project along US 278 on Jenkins Island and in return request future compensation from the County for the cost of implementing eastbound and westbound multi-use pathways and landscaping along the project limits.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve. Mr. Harkins seconded. After some discussion from Town Council, the motion passed by a vote of 6-1. Mr. Grant opposed the motion.

e. Consideration of a Recommendation - Negotiations with Beaufort County for reimbursement of future pathway and landscaping work associated with Beaufort County’s Widening and Traffic Safety Improvement Project along US 278 on Jenkins Island

Consideration of a Recommendation authorize staff to negotiate an agreement with Beaufort County for compensation towards future pathways and landscaping along the limits of their Widening and Traffic Safety Improvement Project along US 278 on Jenkins Island and bring the negotiated agreement back to Town Council for final approval.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve. Mr. Harkins seconded. After some discussion from Town Council, the motion passed by a vote of 6-1. Mr. Grant opposed the motion.

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

a. Consideration of a Resolution – Pope Avenue/Office Park Road/New Orleans Road Intersection Improvement Project

Consideration of a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, authorizing condemnation, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 28-2-10, *et seq.*, of easement rights and right of way ownership over portions of a parcel at the intersection of Office Park Road and Greenwood Drive to the construction and/or improvements in connection with the transportation project known as “Pope Avenue – Office Park – New Orleans Road Intersection Improvements Project”, in accordance with the plans of said project.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve. Mr. Harkins seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

Mrs. Likins move that Town Council re-nominate Ronald Ianole as the Town’s representative to the Beaufort Housing Authority for a five year term beginning March 12, 2018. Mr. Harkins seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

14. Adjournment

Mayor Bennett adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Krista M. Wiedmeyer,
Executive Assistant/Town Clerk

Approved: 03/06/2018

David Bennett, Mayor