

## THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP

**Date:** Tuesday, May 15, 2018

**Time:** Immediately after the TC Mtg.

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

**Absent from Town Council:** David Bennett, *Mayor*

**Present from Town Staff:** Scott Liggett, *Director of Public Projects & Facilities/Chief Engineer*; Brad Tadlock, *Fire Chief*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; John Troyer, *Finance Director*; Jenn McEwen, *Director of Cultural Affairs*; Carolyn Grant, *Communications Director*; Steven Markiw, *Deputy Finance Director*; Ed Boring, *Deputy Fire Chief, Support Services*; Heidi Boring, *Finance Administrator*; Cindaia Ervin, *Finance Assistant*; Melissa Cope, *System Analyst*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Executive Assistant/Town Clerk*

**Present from Media:** Alex Kincaid, *Island Packet*

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### 1. Call to Order

Mrs. Likins called the meeting to order at 4:55 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. Review of Budgets of Affiliated Agencies

#### a. USCB Event Management and Hospitality Training Program

Keri Olivetti, Director of USCB for Event Management and Hospitality Training, introduced Dr. Lauren Duffy of Clemson University, who addressed Council on the recent program evaluation that was performed. This evaluation was performed at the request of Council after providing additional funding to USCB during last year's budget process. Upon the conclusion of Dr. Duffy's review of the evaluation results, Ms. Olivetti reviewed the budget request and answered related questions. Council addressed the increase in the request, asking if all of the funds would be needed and utilized. Ms. Olivetti stated that the University is introducing new programs this year where these additional funds will be needed. Council also asked about the average class size, specifically Mr. Ames, who said he found it troubling that the average class is 8 students. Ms. Olivetti indicated that USCB does their best to not have classes with less than 10 enrolled. Dr. Calvert pointed out that with the opening of the Hilton Head Island campus this fall, it will provide opportunity to the smaller businesses that there wasn't before. Ms. Olivetti said she would be happy to provide Council with updated numbers related to class size as the numbers included in the request may not entirely reflect the full picture.

#### b. Island Recreation Association

Alan Perry gave a brief update on the funding efforts for People for Parks. Frank Soule, Executive Director of the Island Recreation Association, reviewed the budget request and answered questions related to the same. Mr. Soule discussed the need for the increase in the General Fund was to make up for the increase in hours once the center opens in September or October. He said that they are expecting the hours to increase by about 250 to 300 hours. Mr. Soule also discussed the membership and the revenue the memberships will generate and where those funds will go to. Council discussed the Rec. Center's "dream plans" with Mr. Soule, who said there are plans to have South Island activities in place as well as a strategic plan.

#### c. Community Foundation of the Lowcountry Public Art Exhibition

Jean Heyduck, Vice President for Marketing and Communications, reviewed the budget request and answered questions related to the same.

**d. Coastal Discovery Museum**

Rex Garniewicz, President and CEO, reviewed the budget request and answered questions related to the same. Dr. Garniewicz pointed out that the submission this year was less than in previous years.

**e. Shore Beach Services, Inc.**

Mike Wagner, Operations Manager, reviewed the budget request and answered questions related to the same.

**f. Palmetto Breeze (LRTA)**

Mary Lou Franzonie, Executive Director, reviewed the budget request and answered questions related to the same. Council asked Mr. Franzonie if there are bus routes or stops through the Town of Bluffton and if they had been sent a contribution match as well. She said that there are stops, and that a request had been sent, but she had not received a response regarding the request for contribution funds. Ms. Franzonie also discussed the rollout of the trolleys this summer throughout the Island and what can be expected with the design.

**g. Solicitor’s Office – Drug Court and Career Criminal Program**

Solicitor Duffie Stone reviewed the budget request submitted, stating that his office is not asking for an increase from last year’s request, nor a decrease. He went on to say that there are three programs that have been running on the Island, and the funds are being used to support those programs. Solicitor Stone said that when the State did a caseload equalization, that allowed for his office to receive additional prosecutors. He said that the agreement as proposed during last year’s budget request, was that if the Solicitor’s Office supplied the Town with an additional dedicated prosecutor, the Town would pay for that person. Solicitor Stone said that Hilton Head Island now has two dedicated prosecutors in place now, but is only responsible to pay for one of them. He said that while having the two dedicated prosecutors in place has made a lot of progress in the number of backlogged cases, there is still work to be done. Solicitor Stone asked Council to leave the funding in place as requested. The members of Council asked Solicitor Stone questions regarding the number of cases as they catch up with the backlog. Asking if there will always be a need for two prosecutors or can it eventually be reduced back to one. Solicitor Stone said that their goal is to see the cases brought to court within six months’ time. He felt this can only be accomplished with two prosecutors in place, and that Hilton Head Island may always need two.

**4. Adjournment**

Mrs. Likins adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

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Krista M. Wiedmeyer,  
Executive Assistant/Town Clerk

Approved: 06/05/2018

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David Bennett, Mayor