



**Town of Hilton Head Island**  
**TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, January 4, 2022, 3:00 p.m.**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Present from Town Council:** John J. McCann, *Mayor*; Bill Harkins, *Mayor Pro-Tempore*; David Ames, Tamara Becker, Alex Brown, Tom Lennox, Glenn Stanford, *Town Council Members*

**Present from Town Staff:** Marc Orlando, *Town Manager*; Josh Gruber, *Deputy Town Manager*; Angie Stone, *Assistant Town Manager*; Shawn Colin, *Advisor to the Town Manager*; Chris Yates, *Interim-Director of Community Development*; Jeff Buckalew, *Interim-Director of Infrastructure Services*; Missy Luick, *Senior Planner*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Town Clerk*

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor McCann called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**2. FOIA Compliance**

Ms. Wiedmeyer confirmed compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

**3. Roll Call**

Attendance was confirmed by way of roll call.

**4. Pledge to the Flag**

**5. Invocation - Chaplin Glenn Neff, Hospital Chaplain, Hilton Head Regional Hospital**

Chaplin Glenn Neff delivered the invocation.

**6. Approval of the Agenda**

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

**7. Approval of the Minutes**

**a. Town Council Regular Meeting - December 7, 2021**

Mr. Harkins moved to approve the minutes listed on the agenda. Mr. Stanford Seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

**8. Report of the Town Manager**

**a. Items of Interest**

**b. University of South Carolina Beaufort Hilton Head Island Hospitality Management Facility has been Honored with a Design Award by the South Carolina Chapter of the American Institute of Architects**

Mr. Orlando gave an overview of the award received the USCB Hilton Head Island Hospitality campus. Dr. Charlie Calvert, Dean of the Hilton Head Island Campus made some brief remarks and thanked Town Council for their continued support of the campus.

- c. Town of Hilton Head Island Financial Audit Presentation for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 from Greene Finney, LLP - Emily Sobczak

Ms. Sobczak reviewed the Financial Audit Greene Finney, LLP conducted for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021. Mayor McCann asked that Ms. Sobczak come back later to deliver the information and answer questions at the Finance and Administrative Committee.

## **9. Reports of the Members of the Council**

### **a. General Reports from Town Council**

Mrs. Becker spoke to remind everyone that it is a good time to check the batteries in fire alarms to make sure they are in good working condition. She also talked about the Fire in the Streets program conducted by the Hilton Head Island Fire Rescue. Mrs. Becker complimented the program and thanked Fire Rescue.

Mayor McCann reported that he had talked to Joel Taylor, the CEO of Hilton Head Regional Hospital, about the current activity at the hospital for the new variant of the virus. He said currently there are patients in the hospital for the virus and at least 3 patients in the ICU. Mayor McCann reported that some patients were diverted to Coastal Carolina for treatment as Hilton Head was overwhelmed.

Mayor McCann also reported that he would like to begin meeting with each member of Town Council individually to look over priorities throughout 2022. He said he looks forward to working closely with everyone and hearing their perspective.

Mr. Brown asked Mayor McCann for clarification on his report from the Hospital and the diversion of patients. Mr. Brown asked that the CEO be included in Council discussions concerning affordable housing to find out what the needs are to ensure they have appropriate staffing to take care of Island residents. Mayor McCann said he would invite Mr. Taylor to come speak to Town Council about the same.

Mr. Lennox made some additional statements about the award received by USCB, noting the project was successfully completed using TIF funding. He noted that utilizing the TIF stimulated private investment to stimulate the economy. Mr. Lennox again congratulated Dr. Calvert.

### **b. Report of the Lowcountry Area Transportation Study – Councilman Stanford**

Mr. Stanford did not have a report.

### **c. Report of the Lowcountry Council of Governments – Councilwoman Becker**

Mrs. Becker did not have a report.

### **d. Report of the South Carolina Floodwater Commission – Councilman Brown**

Mr. Brown did not have a report.

### **e. Report of the Southern Lowcountry Regional Board – Councilman Lennox**

Mr. Lennox reported that the Board met earlier in the day where they discussed the Regional Housing Trust Fund.

### **f. Report of the Beaufort County Airports Board – Councilman Ames**

Mr. Ames did not have a report.

### **g. Report of the Community Services & Public Safety Committee – Councilman Harkins**

Mr. Harkins did not have a report.

**h. Report of the Public Planning Committee – Councilman Ames**

Mr. Ames reported that the Committee would be meeting on November 18, 2021.

**i. Report of the Finance & Administrative Committee – Councilman Lennox**

Mr. Lennox stated he did not have a report and that the next meeting was scheduled for February 22, 2022.

**10. Appearance by Citizens**

Mr. Hoagland was called upon several times to address Town Council but did not respond.

**11. Workshop Agenda**

**a. Status Update on the William Hilton Parkway Corridor Project**

Mr. Orlando opened the discussion up by reminding the Mayor and Town Council of the last time this item was discussed. He noted that MKSK presented a series of recommendations and that Council asked that he go speak with the SCDOT Secretary Christy Hall and her team as well as Eric Greenway and his team about the recommendations. Mr. Orlando said staff has been working and communicating on various matters related to the project and Mr. Colin would be reviewing and updating Council on those items.

Mr. Colin reviewed the items and work accomplished between April 2021 and October 2021 when Town Council last met on the project. He reviewed the key enhancements and recommendations they took action on and the meeting that took place with the SCDOT following that. He discussed and provided information from the meeting that took place with Beaufort County as well. Upon the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Colin took questions from the Mayor and members of Town Council. Noting

**12. New Business**

**a. Consideration of a Resolution - Authorizing the Submission of Town Pathway Projects in the *Beaufort County Connects: Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan 2021***

Mr. Ames moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. Ms. Luick provided a brief overview of the item and took some questions. With no further discussion, by way of roll call the motion carried 7-0.

**b. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2022-01 Authorizing the Execution of a Termination for an Easement Located at 9 Bayberry Lane, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina**

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. With little discussion, by way of roll call, the motion carried 7-0.

**13. Adjournment**

With no action taken by Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

**Approved: January 18, 2022**

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Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

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John J. McCann, Mayor