



Town of Hilton Head Island TOWN COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 3:00 p.m. 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, *Interim-Director of Community Development*; Jennifer Ray, *Capital Program Manager*; Jenn McEwen, *Director of Cultural Affairs*; John Troyer, *Director of Finance*; John Tuttle, *Technology & Innovation Director*; Jeff Buckalew, *Town Engineer*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Town Clerk*

1. Call to Order

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

2. FOIA Compliance: Public notification of this meeting has been 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. Roll Call

Roll was taken by the Town Clerk, and attendance of all members of Town Council was confirmed.

4. Invocation – Reverend Denise A. Trogdon – All Saints Episcopal Church

Reverend Trogdon delivered the invocation.

5. Pledge to the Flag

6. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Stanford moved to approve. Mr. Harkins seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

7. Approval of the Minutes

a. Workshop – February 8, 2022

Mr. Harkins moved to approve the minutes from February 8, 2022. Mr. Stanford seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

b. Regular Meeting – February 15, 2022

Mr. Harkins moved to approve the minutes from February 15, 2022. Mr. Stanford seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

8. Report of the Town Manager

a. Items of Interest

Mr. Orlando reviewed various items of interest within the Town.

b. Board of Zoning Appeals Semi-Annual Update – Patsy Brison, Chair

Chairperson Brison gave an update to the members of Town Council concerning the last six months of business handled by the Board.

c. Status Update on the Business Plan and Master Plan for Mitchelville Freedom Park- Ahmad Ward, Executive Director

Mr. Ward gave an update to the members of Town Council concerning the Business Plan and Master Plan for Mitchelville Freedom Park.

9. Reports of the Members of Town Council

a. General Reports of Town Council

Mr. Stanford reported on St. James Church and their desire to move due to the Airport runway being extended and the regional jets flying overhead. The Town and the County have been cooperating with each other to promote another site. We have identified another site which is part of the Mid-Island project. The Church came forward with a design plan that included a sanctuary plus a fellowship hall with a full commercial kitchen. The project that they envision is much larger than their current project is. The project was submitted to the FAA, and they have sent it back stating they replace with a like structure in terms of size and facilities. That puts us back to ground zero. We are trying to work cooperatively with them to promote this project which we see as very worthy for the benefit of this vital aspect of the community.

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 Southern Lowcountry Regional Board – Councilman Lennox

Mr. Lennox reported that the Board met on February 22nd and Scott Slatton from MASC made a presentation on short-term rentals which included an update on House Bill 4547 which the Town Staff is aware is a ban on local government regulating short term rentals. As we go forward with our exercise on the analysis of the impact of short-term rentals on Hilton Head Island and the likelihood of some sort of regulation at the local government level, we must be aware and cognizant of what this Bill which is being debated in Committee could do to our ability to regulate short-term rentals.

e. Report of the Beaufort County Airports Board – Councilman Ames

Mr. Ames stated the Airport Board met February 24th. The Airport Managers update included existing terminal bathroom upgrades, the commercial apron for planes and the expectation for the same flight schedule we had last year has changed and it should be less hectic.

f. Report of the Community Services & Public Safety Committee – Councilman Harkins

Mr. Harkins reported that the Committee met on February 28th and they are recommending three items to Town Council for consideration 1) the Ordinance amending Section 2-5-70 which would allow for public comment from any interested party during the appearance by citizens portion of the agenda; 2) support for a joint ownership and operating agreement between the Town and Beaufort County related to the development plus the operation of the Fords Shell Ring property; 3) the termination of easements in creation of an access and utility easement on the Fords Shell Ring property.

g. Report of the Public Planning Committee – Councilman Ames

Mr. Ames reported that the meeting which was to be held last Thursday was postponed and is now scheduled for March 9th at 2:00 p.m. Its focus will be on the proposed short-term rentals Ordinance.

h. Report of the Finance & Administrative Committee – Councilman Lennox

Mr. Lennox reported the Finance & Administrative Committee with the support of staff held a series of four Workshops during February to deal with the potential redrawing of the Town Wards as a result of the recent 2020 Census. Data from that Census made our current drawings of the Wards non-compliant. The product of those Workshops was six maps to be considered. The Committee has selected a preferred alternative that will be forwarded to Town Council for inclusion on its March 15th Agenda.

10. Appearance by Citizens

Skip Hoagland: Addressed the Mayor and Town Council on various matters related to the Chamber and Town of Hilton Head Island.

11. Unfinished Business

a. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2022-05 – Amendments to the Town of Hilton Head Island Municipal Code Concerning Electronic Public Meetings

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried by a vote of 6-1. Mrs. Becker opposed.

12. New Business

a. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Beach Operations Updates to Include the Beach Parking Passes, Restriction of Certain Vehicles and Access to Islanders' Beach Park

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. Mr. Gruber stated that there is a scrivener's error contained within the document. Under Item 2(a)(i), the word "less" than 183 days should actually read "greater" than 183 days. With the understanding that the scrivener's error will be corrected if adopted we would put it back to you in terms of action on this item. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

13. Executive Session

Mr. Orlando stated that there was a need for Executive Session for: 1) negotiations pertaining to property on William Hilton Parkway near Fresh Market Shops, 2) pertaining to contractual arrangements on proposed sale of property in the Newport Villa Area, 3) legal advice pertaining to a potential claim with Hilton Head Landscapes vs. Town of Hilton Head Island and 4) personnel matters related to the appointment of a Beaufort County Citizens Advisory Committee Member as it relates to the 1% Sales Tax Referendum.

At 3:45 p.m., Mr. Harkins moved to enter Executive Session for the reasons described by the Town Manager. Mr. Stanford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

At 4:45 p.m. Town Council returned from Executive Session with no action taken.

15. Adjournment

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

Approved: March 15, 2022

Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

John J. McCann, Mayor