



# Town of Hilton Head Island TOWN COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, May 3, 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, *Assistant Town Manager-Community Development*; Brad Tadlock, *Fire Chief*; John Troyer, *Finance Director*; Erica Madhere, *Budget Analyst*; Anne Cyran, *Interim Community Planning Manager*; 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** Public notification of the 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

Attendance of Town Council was confirmed by way of a roll call.

## 4. Pledge to the Flag

## 5. Invocation – Pastor Nathan Futrell – Central Church

Pastor Futrell 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. Regular Meeting – April 19, 2022

Mr. Harkins moved to approve the minutes. 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; including, the reaffirmation of the Town's Aaa status from Moody's, the start of sea turtle nesting season, and the new flag drop boxes installed by Eagle Scout candidate, Peter Rougeux.

## 9. Reports of the Town Council

- a. General Reports from Town Council

Mayor McCann reported that the Intercommunity Faith in Action with the Arts Council would be holding a benefit to support the efforts in Ukraine.

Mr. Stanford reported that he had recently attended the function at Hilton Head Middle School called Arts Meets History in a Gallery that consisted of a series of beautiful murals that were prepared by local volunteer artists and supplemented by the artwork of many of the students.

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

Mr. Stanford said he did not have a report.

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

Mrs. Becker reported that at their last meeting, they received a status report on unemployment. She said it indicated that in Beaufort County there is an unemployment rate of 4% and that there were over 4,000 job openings in the County.

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

Mr. Lennox reported that at their last meeting, the Board received an update from Eric Greenway on the Regional Housing Trust Fund.

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

Mr. Ames Reported that the Airport terminal project will be advertised for bids. At this time no start date for the construction has been set. He also reported that the expansion of the apron which accommodates the planes when they're on the ground is almost complete.

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

Mr. Harkins reported that at their next meeting the Committee will review the boards and commissions talent bank and make recommendations for interviews.

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

Mr. Ames reported that the Committee approved moving forward the e-Bikes regulations on to full Town Council.

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

Mr. Lennox reported that the Committee would be meeting on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**10. Appearance by Citizens**

**Judith Hillis** addressed the Mayor and Town Council on the replacement of the bridges coming onto Hilton Head Island. She pointed out a small white square beneath the new bridge was her home and was concerned about her safety and the intrusion of the new infrastructure.

**11. Consent Agenda**

- a. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2022-13 Authorizing the Sale of 0.141 Acres of Real Estate Owned by the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, Under the Authority of SC Code Ann. Sec. 5-7-40 (Supp. 2021) and Sec. 2-7-20 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina,(1983).**
- b. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2022-11 Authorizing the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina to Execute a Lease of Four (4) Parcels of Land Along Beach City Road, Jointly Owned by The Town of Hilton Head Island and Beaufort County to Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park, Inc. Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. With comments from both Mr. Lennox and Mr. Ames about the work of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee and Chamber of Commerce, the motion carried 7-0.**

Mr. Harkins moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Stanford seconded. With no discussion from Town Council, the motion carried 7-0.

## **12. New Business**

- a.** Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Implementation of a Home Safety and Repair Program Including the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Lowcountry Council of Governments to Handle Income Certification

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. With no discussion from Town Council or the audience, the motion carried, 7-0.

- b.** Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Implementation of a Sewer Connection Program Including the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with Deep Well, the Lowcountry Council of Governments, and the Hilton Head Public Service District

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. Mr. Brown asked if there was information on abandoned septic tanks. Mr. Colin reported that there were no requirements to fill in or modify the septic tanks. With no further discussion, the motion carried, 7-0.

- c.** Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with South Island Dredging Association to Provide Funding Assistance for the Dredging of Harbour Town Yacht Basin

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. Mr. Gruber provided an update on this matter, speaking to the utilization of this funding and the locations of the dredging. He showed two different aerial shots; one over the Harbour Town Yacht Basin and the other over Bradick Cove. With a little further discussion by Town Council and audience, the motion carried, 7-0.

- d.** First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2022-09, Amending Section 4-5-20 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, Extending the Expiration Date of the Real Estate Transfer Fee from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2044

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. Mr. Lennox gave his thanks to the Hilton Head Realtors Association for their assistance and support of this matter. Other members of Town Council echoed Mr. Lennox. With no further discussion, the motion carried, 7-0.

- e.** First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2022-10 Amending Sections 10-9-10 and 9-30 of the Municipal Code for the Town of Hilton Head, South Carolina, Regarding the Billing for Ambulance Services

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried, 7-0.

- f.** First Reading Proposed Ordinance 2022-06 Amending, Title 10 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, by Adding Chapter 2 Entitled "Short-Term Rentals"

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. Ms. Cyran delivered a presentation addressing the requested updates as well as the two phases of the ordinance update. She answered questions posed to her by Town Council and citizens in the audience. With comments from the audience and some further discussion from the members of Town Council, the motion carried, 7-0.

- g.** First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2022-12 Amending the Budget for the Town of Hilton Head Island for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 and Adopting the Budget for the Town of Hilton Head Island for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. Mr. Orlando delivered a presentation to the Mayor and Town Council providing a complete overview of the Fiscal Year 2023 budget. He answered questions posed to him from the members of Town Council, confirming his intentions to dive deeper into the budget at the upcoming workshop. With no discussion any members of the audience, the motion carried, 7-0.

**13. Adjournment**

Town Council voted unanimously adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

**Approved: May 17, 2022**

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Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

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John J. McCann, Mayor