

# Town of Hilton Head Island TOWN COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, August 16, 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;* Ben Brown, *Senior Advisor to the Town Manager;* Brad Tadlock, *Fire Chief;* John Troyer, *Finance Director;* Jeff Buckalew, *Town Engineer;* Missy Luick, *Community Program Manager;* 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 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 Jeff Dorth – Island Lutheran Church

Pastor Dorth delivered the invocation.

#### 6. Approval of the Minutes

a. Regular Meeting – July 19, 2022

Mrs. Becker moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Stanford seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

#### 7. Report of the Town Manager

a. Items of Interest

Mr. Orlando reported on many items of interest, one noted one was the reminder of the Strategic Action Plan Workshop on September 8, 2022 at the Westin.

b. Board of Zoning Appeals Biannual Report - Patsy Brison, Chair

Ms. Brison delivered the biannual report of the Board of Zoning Appeals to Town Council. Before completing her report, she thanked Town staff for their support and knowledge.

**c.** Town of Hilton Head Island Communications Quarterly Report – Angie Stone, Assistant Town Manager

Ms. Stone reviewed and discussed Town's Communications Quarterly Report. Upon the conclusion of her report, she answered questions posed to her from Town Council.

## 8. Reports of the Town Council

a. General Reports from Town Council

Mrs. Becker reported that they hear about a lot of bad news in the world today and a lot of controversial things too. She said now and again, she gets the opportunity to out and see the Island with her grandkids and wanted to say that Hilton Head is an amazing place! She said when you get a chance to slow down and look around everyone will realize what an amazing place the Island is.

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

Mr. Stanford state he did not have a report.

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

Mrs. Becker state she did not have a report.

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

Mr. Lennox reported that the Board met on June 28<sup>th</sup> and the sole agenda item was the discussion of the Reginal Housing Trust Fund. He said they are waiting to receive a proposal from Beaufort County as well as a memorandum of understanding. Mr. Lennox said they are not ready to move forward until a clear definition of the benefits to the Island have been identified.

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

Mr. Harkins stated that he did not have a report.

f. Report of the Public Planning Committee – Councilman Ames

Mr. Ames stated that there is not a scheduled meeting in July, but that the Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. He reported that there would be several items on the agenda for the Committee to consider.

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

Mr. Lennox reported that the Committee met earlier in the day where they advanced two matters forward to the next Town Council meeting. The first was on the Beaufort-Jasper Counties Regional Housing Trust Fund and Mr. Troyer delivered a report on the Town's financials.

#### 9. Proclamations/Commendations

a. Presentation of the Shark Week Proclamation to USCB Hilton Head

Mayor McCann presented the Shark Week Proclamation to Dr. Ponder, University Advancement with USCB.

#### **10. Appearance by Citizens**

Lavon Stevens and Martin Lesch: addressed Town Council on matters concerning the hiring of the new Director of the Office of Cultural Affairs.

**Diedrik Advocaat and Steve Baer:** addressed Town Council on matters concerning the William Hilton Parkway Gateway Corridor Project.

**Lynn Greeley and Skip Hoagland:** addressed Town Council on matters concerning the Town and Chamber finances.

#### 11. Unfinished Business

**a.** Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2022-08 Amending Sections 12-1-110 and 12-1-511 of the Municipal Code for the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina regarding e-Bike Regulations

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. Town Council discussed this matter and what the next steps will be for implementation of the ordinance. Many members of the community addressed Town Council, most all supporting Town Council's action. With no further discussion, the motion carried 6-1, Mrs. Becker opposing.

#### 12. New Business

a. Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Five-Year Consolidated (2020-2024) Substantial Amendment as Required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Participation in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program

Ms. Benson addressed Town Council reviewing this item. Before concluding, she answered questions posed to her from Town Council. Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

b. Consideration of a Resolution of the Town of Hilton Head Island, Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with Beaufort County Outlining the Critical Path of the William Hilton Parkway Gateway Corridor Project Including an Independent End-to-End Analysis and Simulation of the Corridor

Mr. Colin delivered a presentation to Town Council on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") being considered. He said that the recommendation is for Town Council to approve and forward the MOU to Beaufort County for consideration. Several members of the community address Town Council showing their support for taking this step. Mr. Orlando also addressed Town Council answering questions about the timeline for moving this and other projects forward. Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried 7-0.

### 13. Executive Session

At 5:45 p.m., Mr. Harkins moved for Town Council to enter Executive Session for those matters referenced on the agenda. Mr. Stanford seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

# 14. Possible Actions by Town Council Concerning Matters Discussed in Executive Session

Mr. Harkins moved to appoint W. Thomas Parker, Jr. to the Design Review Board to fill a vacancy to complete the term ending June 30, 2024. Mr. Stanford seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve a Resolution of the Town of Hilton Head Island supporting the request from Hilton Head Number 1 Public Service District's for a proposed Aquifer Storage and Recovery Well on a portion of Town-Owned property. Mr. Stanford seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve a Resolution of the Town of Hilton Head Island supporting the request from the Broad Creek Public Service District for a proposed Aquifer Storage and Recovery Well on a portion of Town-Owned property. Mr. Stanford seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve a Resolution of the Town of Hilton Head Island supporting the Hilton Head Number 1 Public Service District's request for Town-Owned property on Jenkins Island for a well to complete a reverse osmosis plant. Mr. Stanford seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve a Resolution of the Town of Hilton Head Island authorizing the Town to enter into a nonbinding purchase agreement for the acquisition of 2 parcels for a total of 1.85 acres of property located at 82 Baygall Road for the purchase price of \$550,000. Mr. Stanford seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

# 15. Adjournment

Town Council voted unanimously adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

# Approved: October 4, 2022

Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

John J. McCann, Mayor