

THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Time: 4:00 P.M.

Present from Town Council: Drew A. Laughlin, *Mayor*; Bill Harkins, *Mayor Pro Tem*; George Williams, Kim Likins, Lee Edwards, Marc Grant, John McCann, *Council Members*

Present from Town Staff: Steve Riley, *Town Manager*; Greg DeLoach, *Assistant Town Manager*, Scott Liggett, *Director of Public Projects and Facilities/Chief Engineer*; Charles Cousins, *Director of Community Development*; Lavarn Lucas, *Fire Chief*; Tom Fultz, *Director of Administrative Services*; Susan Simmons, *Director of Finance*; Bret Martin, *Deputy Director of Finance*; Julian Walls, *Facilities Manager*; Natalie Majorkiewicz, *Systems & Reporting Administrator*; Nancy Gasen, *Director of Human Resources*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; Erica Madhere, *Finance Assistant*; Barbara Wooster, *Revenue Collector*; Vicki Pfannenschmidt, *Executive Assistant*

Present from Media: Brian Heffernan, *Island Packet*

1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Laughlin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2) PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3) INVOCATION

4) FOIA Compliance – Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and mailed in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Hilton Head Island requirements.

5) Proclamations and Commendations

- a. Hilton Head Island High School Girls Soccer Team – AAA Champion
Coaches and Team members were present to accept the commendation.
- b. Hilton Head Island High School Boys Soccer Team – AAA Champion
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6) Approval of Minutes

- a. Town Council Budget Workshop – May 14, 2013
Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Williams seconded. The minutes of the May 14, 2013 Town Council Budget Workshop were unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.
- b. Town Council Special Meeting – May 15, 2013
Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Williams seconded. The minutes of the May 15, 2013 Town Council Special meeting were unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.
- c. Town Council Meeting – May 21, 2013
Mr. Williams moved to approve. Mrs. Likins seconded. The minutes of the May 21, 2013 Town Council meeting were approved unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

d. Town Council Budget Workshop – May 22, 2013

Mr. McCann moved to approve. Mr. Williams seconded. The minutes of the May 22, 2013 town Council Budget Workshop were approved by a vote of 6-1. Mr. Edwards abstained as he was not present at the workshop.

7) Report of the Town Manager

a. Town Manager's Items of Interest

Mr. Riley invited Julian Walls to the dais to show Council members the new and improved beach access sign. Mr. Edwards stated he felt the sign was a big improvement over the previous ones and commended staff for their efforts. Mr. Riley reported on some items of interest. He stated there would be a Public Hearing held on June 11, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. concerning the FY2014 Budget.

8) Reports from Members of Council

a. General Reports from Council

Mr. Grant stated he was contacted by a business owner of Auto Pro asking that the location of their business be permitted to conduct auto sales. He said he felt Town Council should review the request and consider adjusting the ordinance. Mr. Grant said he had received a number of emails from dog owners requesting an update to the ordinance to allow their dogs to run freely on the beach. Mr. Grant asked that the ordinance concerning dogs on the beach be reviewed by Town Council. Mayor Laughlin said both issues have past history of review and discussion and they could certainly revisit them again.

b. Report of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee – George Williams, Chairman

No report.

c. Report of the Personnel Committee – Lee Edwards, Chairman

No report.

d. Report of the Planning & Development Standards Committee – John McCann, Chairman

No report.

e. Report of the Public Facilities Committee – Kim Likins, Chairman

No report.

f. Report of the Public Safety Committee – Marc Grant, Chairman

Mr. Grant reported the Committee met earlier in the day to review proposed ordinances banning texting while driving and banning open burning. He stated the Committee voted favorably to recommend approval of both and they would be coming forward to Council for consideration. Mr. Grant acknowledged there was also discussion of providing educational tools such as composting and approaching Beaufort County for extended hours for disposal of yard debris for residents that have large properties and do not have the means or resources for disposal.

Mr. Grant informed Council that Sheriff Tanner was present at the meeting and spoke in reference to adding five additional officers on Hilton Head Island to reduce the crime rate. Mr. Grant noted this was not on the Public Safety Committee agenda so no action was taken but he would like to propose a special meeting of Town Council be scheduled to review and discuss the matter. He added he would like the meeting to take place before final approval of the budget. Mayor Laughlin stated his concern in reviewing the request at this late date in the process before the final adoption of the budget.

g. Report of the LMO Rewrite Committee – Kim Likins, Ex-Officio Member

Mrs. Likins stated the Committee continues to meet weekly and they continue to review the newly proposed zoning map.

9) Appearance by Citizens

None.

10) Unfinished Business

None

11) New Business

a. Local Option Sales Tax Proposal

Mr. Riley reviewed the proposal and stated Council has been asked to take a position. He explained it is a County decision whether or not to place the referendum on the ballot. Mr. Williams voiced concern and wanted to be assured that if Council opposed the referendum and it still passed that Hilton Head Island would not lose any portion of the tax. After discussion, it was decided the issue would come forward to Council for discussion and consideration of a resolution either in support or opposition to the proposal.

Jocelyn Staigar spoke on behalf of the Hilton Head Island Realtors Association in opposition to the proposal.

b. Budget Wrap-Up

Deferred to the June 11, 2013 Special Town Council meeting at 4:00 p.m. Bret Martin distributed summary pages of Council's suggested changes for the FY2014 Budget. Mr. Riley asked that Council review the sheets and to contact him in advance of the meeting with anything they would like to discuss.

12) 5:00 P.M. Business License Appeal Hearing

a. Kigre Inc./Appeal of Final Assessment of Business License Fees

Mayor Laughlin explained the hearing procedures.

Tom Taylor represented the appellant gave introductory remarks. Susan Simmons represented the Town of Hilton Head Island and gave introductory remarks.

Mr. Taylor distributed notebooks with exhibits to Ms. Simmons and Council and called Susan Simmons to testify. Mayor Laughlin conducted the oath. Mr. Taylor proceeded to question Ms. Simmons and concluded at 6:40 p.m. After discussion and agreement by both parties, Mayor Laughlin continued the hearing until Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

13) Executive Session

Mr. Riley stated he needed an Executive Session for contractual matters pertaining to land acquisition; legal matters pertaining to the Kigre appeal; and legal matters pertaining to contractual matters relating to the Republic Waste hauling contract.

At 7:07 p.m. Mr. Harkins moved to go into Executive Session for the reasons given by the Town Manager. Mrs. Likins seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

Mayor Laughlin called the meeting back to order at 7:50 p.m. and stated there was no action to be taken as a result of Executive Session.

11) Adjournment

Mr. Williams moved to adjourn. Mr. Edwards seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Vicki L. Pfannenschmidt
Executive Assistant

Approved:

Drew A. Laughlin, Mayor