

THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2013

Time: 4:30 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*; Charles Cousins, *Director of Community Development*; Lavarn Lucas, *Fire Chief*; Scott Liggett, *Director of Public Projects and Facilities/Chief Engineer*; Susan Simmons, *Director of Finance*; Jill Foster, *Deputy Director of Community Development*; Brad Tadlock, *Deputy Fire Chief – Operations*; Tom Fultz, *Director of Administrative Services*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; Bret Martin, *Deputy Director of Finance*; Jeff Buckalew, *Town Engineer*; Julian Walls, *Facilities Manager*; Darrin Shoemaker, *Traffic & Transportation Engineer*; Bryan McIlwee, *Assistant Town Engineer/Storm Water* Victoria Shanahan, *Accounting Manager*; Vicki Pfannenschmidt, *Executive Assistant*

Present from Media: Tom Barton, *Island Packet*

1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Laughlin called the meeting to order at 4:30 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

None.

6) Approval of Minutes

a. Town Council Meeting– September 3, 2013

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mrs. Likins seconded. The minutes of the September 3, 2013 Town Council meeting were approved by a vote of 7-0.

7) Report of the Town Manager

a. Island Entry Beautification Project Proposal

Bruce Fairchild, Mark Baker and Leslie Richardson conducted a presentation concerning the proposed Hilton Head Island Entrance Beautification Project. They asked Council to consider some level of funding when preparing the budget for the coming year.

b. Presentation of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2012

Mayor Laughlin presented the Award to Susan Simmons, Director of Finance and Victoria Shanahan, Accounting Manager.

c. Lemoyne Avenue – Public Meeting Results – Scott Liggett

Mr. Liggett reviewed the results from the Public Hearing held on August 29. He noted the majority of the public present was against extending the road from South Forest Beach Drive to Cordillo Parkway for vehicular traffic connection. Mr. Williams suggested that due to public input against the extension of the road Council consider just improving what is there. Mr. Liggett stated the funding for the project as proposed is Traffic Impact Fees and if the project would be changed to road improvements they could not use that funding source. Discussion ensued concerning not completing the project and Mr. Riley said that the right of way was purchased with Traffic Impact Fees and if they choose not to do the project, they will have to look at the original source of payment and repay the funds. Mr. Edwards suggested giving the right of way back to the adjacent properties and have them maintain the property as a driveway. Mr. Williams stated he was against that option. After discussion, Mayor Laughlin stated further study needs to be completed before proceeding.

Mr. Liggett updated Council on the status of the shrimp boats that capsized in the waters close to the Island. After discussion, it was decided the item would be referred to the Public Safety Committee for review and a recommendation.

d. Town Manager’s Items of Interest

Mr. Riley reported on some items of interest.

e. August, 2013 Policy Agenda, Management Targets and CIP Updates

Mr. Riley noted he was available for any questions concerning the updates that were included in the packet.

8) Reports from Members of Council

a. General Reports from Council

Mr. McCann asked if second reading of the proposed ordinance concerning the burning ban could be placed on the Town Council agenda for the October 1 Town Council meeting. After lengthy discussion, Mayor Laughlin said the Public Safety Committee will review issues concerning alternatives for elimination of yard debris.

Mr. Grant stated he recently attended an event at Hilton Head Island High School Visual and Performing Arts Center which was an exhibit for the Mitchelville Museum. He said it included the rich history of Hilton Head Island after the Civil War and was very informative and educational. He stated the materials used for the exhibit were on loan from the University of South Carolina. Mr. Grant emphasized the need for the materials to be kept on Hilton Head Island for all to benefit from the information and history. He encouraged Council to find some way for the materials have a permanent home on the Island. He proposed this as an item for discussion at the workshop scheduled later this year.

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

No report.

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

Mrs. Likins stated the Committee is moving forward and an upcoming item for discussion is Tree Protection Regulation.

9) Appearance by Citizens

Mary Amonitti addressed Council concerning recycling at events held at Town parks.

10) Unfinished Business

a. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2013-15

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2013-15 to amend the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island by adding an exception for Public Safety personnel to be able to use electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle in the course and scope of their official duties, by amending Section 12-1-611 (c) of Chapter 1 of Title 12, Text Messaging; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. McCann seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

b. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2013-16

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2013-16 of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina establishing the rollforward millage required by Section 12-37-251, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Williams seconded. Mr. Williams expressed concern that the figures provided by the County were incorrect and would create future problems. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-1. (Mr. McCann opposed)

11) New Business

a. Consideration of a Recommendation – Naming of Park

Consideration of a Recommendation that the Town Council of Hilton Head Island adopt an official name for the new park facility to be constructed at 133 Squire Pope Road with the name of the park to be as follows: “**Rowing and Sailing Center at Skull Creek Park.**”

Mr. Edwards moved to approve. Mrs. Likins seconded. Mr. Grant stated that the residents of the area have a concern that the proposed name does not reflect the community. He said they have requested this name be denied and proposed the name Squire Pope/Stoney Rowing and Sailing Community Park. He explained the request is due to the rich history and culture of the area and it is an opportunity for everyone to understand that it is not just a rowing and sailing center. Mr. Williams agreed with Mr. Grant. Veronica Miller, representative of Baygall, Grasslawn, Chaplin and Marshland, Spanish Wells, Jonesville and Squire Pope/Stoney POA’s of Hilton Head Island explained the community support for rowing and sailing at the park along with the anticipation for crabbing, fishing, arts and crafts festivals, etc. that will take place at the location. She stated that with the proposed name the focus is on rowing and sailing and the community does not support the name. She suggested the park be

named Squire Pope/Stoney Rowing and Sailing Community Park. Dot Law, President of Marshland/Chaplin/Gardner POA spoke in support of Ms. Miller's request. The Mayor suggested the name of the park be Rowing and Sailing Center at Squire Pope Community Park. Various members of Council expressed appreciation concerning the time the Parks and Recreation Commission took to review and gather input concerning the proposed name and also stated they understood the community's request. After discussion, Mr. Harkins moved to amend the motion for the name of the park to be **Rowing and Sailing Center at Squire Pope Community Park**. Mrs. Likins seconded. Perry White and Lou Strayer spoke in support of the amended motion. The amended motion was approved unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

b. Consideration of a Recommendation – Island Wide Beach Renourishment

Consideration of a Recommendation that the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island direct placement of sand as part of our next Island-wide Beach Renourishment Project to occur along a limited reach of shoreline just north of South Beach, between Alder Lane (in South Forest Beach) and the Folly along our Atlantic Oceanfront shoreline and between the Port Royal Beach House and Tattnell Place along the Port Royal Sound-front shoreline.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. McCann seconded. Mrs. Likins stated that some of her constituents in the Folly Beach area asked that she convey concerns that the beach was getting too wide in certain areas. It was noted by Mr. Liggett and he assured Council there are no plans to place sand in the area of concern. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

c. Consideration of a Resolution – ZMA-130004 – Salty Fare

Consideration of a Resolution by the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island denying the application for Zoning Map Amendment ZMA130004 which requests an amendment to Chapter 4 of Title 16, "The Land Management Ordinance" (LMO), of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, by amending Section 16-4-102, the Official Zoning Map specifically amending the allowed uses on 4.6 acres identified as Parcels 127, 128 and 089a on Beaufort County Tax Map 3 to include water-oriented embarkation facilities and other water-oriented uses.

Agenda item withdrawn by the applicant. Email attached.

d. Consideration of a Resolution – ZMA130003 – Beach City Place

Consideration of a resolution by the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island denying the application for Zoning Map Amendment ZMA130003 which requests an amendment to Chapter 4 of Title 16, "The Land Management Ordinance" (LMO), of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, by amending Section 16-4-102, the Official Zoning Map specifically rezoning 8.56 acres identified as Parcels 8, 336 through 342, and 344 through 375 on Beaufort County Tax Map 5 from RM-4, Low Density Residential to RM-12 Moderate to High Density Residential.

Agenda item withdrawn by the applicant. Letter attached.

12) Executive Session

Mr. Riley stated he needed an Executive Session for contractual matters pertaining to land acquisition including the possible sale of town-owned land' contractual matters pertaining to a request for a franchise agreement; and legal matters pertaining to amendments to the Hilton Head Plantation Master Drainage Agreement.

At 6:22 p.m. Mr. Harkins moved to go into Executive Session for the reasons given by the Town Manager. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

Mayor Laughlin called the meeting back to order at 6:45 p.m. and stated there was no business as a result of the Executive Session.

13) Adjournment

Mr. Williams moved to adjourn. Mr. McCann seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Vicki L. Pfannenschmidt
Executive Assistant

Approved:

Drew A. Laughlin, Mayor