

TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Date: August 4, 2009

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Safay, George Williams, Drew Laughlin

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Greg DeLoach, Curtis Coltrane, Scott Liggett, Charles Cousins,
Heather Colin

Others Present: Tom Peeples, *Mayor*, Bill Ferguson, Ken Heitzke, *Councilmen*

Media Present: Daniel Brownstein, *The Island Packet*

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M.

2. 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.

3. Committee Business:

Councilman Laughlin moved to approve the Minutes of July 7, 2009. Councilman Williams seconded the Motion. The Minutes of July 7, 2009 were unanimously approved.

4. Unfinished Business:

None

5. New Business

Proposed Municipal Improvement District, Mitchelville Lane

Heather Colin advised the Committee it was staff's recommendation that Town Council direct the applicant to explore alternatives other than a Municipal Improvement District to gain access to the proposed subdivision, because the potential fiscal cost to the Town and the residents that would be affected by the creation of a Municipal Improvement District, outweighs the overall benefit to the community.

A subdivision application was submitted by Barker Field LLC on July 20, 2007, for 53 single family lots located on Mitchelville Lane. After review, it was determined that Mitchelville Lane was incorrectly identified on the plans as existing right-of-way. In fact, Mitchelville Lane is actually an access easement. Access Easements are not a permitted means of access for subdivisions with more than five lots. Accordingly, staff cannot approve the subdivision until the pending right-of-way and associated access issues are resolved by the applicant. Staff was directed by Town Council to review the option of the creation of a Municipal Improvement District to facilitate the construction of the access with the required right-of-way.

After a brief discussion, Councilman Williams asked why the Developer or a Representative did not attend this meeting. Curtis Coltrane advised that the Developer was invited. Councilman Williams and Chairman Safay were astonished that the Developer had no interest in attending the meeting and that he may be exploring other options.

Councilman Laughlin moved that the Public Facilities Committee recommend that Council follow the Staff recommendation and not pursue the MID at this time. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment:

Councilman Laughlin moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen D. Knox
Senior Administrative Assistant