

TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND  
**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Regular Meeting

*Members Present:* George Williams *Chairman*; Ken Heitzke, Bill Harkins

*Members Absent:* None

*Others Present:* Thomas D. Peebles, *Mayor*; John Safay, *Councilman*; Joe Croley, *Hilton Head Area Association of Realtors*

*Staff Present:* Greg DeLoach, *Assistant Town Manager*; Faidra Smith, *Administrative Manager/Public Information*; Anne Cyran, *Planner*; Vicki Pfannenschmidt, *Administrative Assistant*

*Media Present:* None

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**I CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

**II 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 requirement.

**III APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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Mr. Heitzke moved to approve. Mr. Harkins seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

**IV CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mr. Williams informed Committee Members that Senator Tom Davis was present at a community gathering in Sea Pines. Senator Davis spoke on what is going on in Columbia and also discussed the Sembler Bill. Senator Davis explained at this point the development agreement has no concrete protection of headwaters and no guarantee that the financing is coming from Sembler. Senator Davis posed a question to the audience asking if he should work on making the bill stronger or stand his ground in opposition. Those present felt he should not compromise on his position. Mr. Safay brought up that the high end stores that are supposed to be earmarked for the shopping center are in Phase 4 of the project which will take years to reach.

**V UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**• Update of 2010 General Assembly Session Issues**

Greg DeLoach updated the Committee on activities since the last meeting. He reviewed the list of letters sent which included a letter to the Building Code Council requesting the mandatory requirement of automatic fire sprinklers in residential construction be removed from the 2009 International Residential Code; a letter to members of the House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee recommending modifications to EMS Bills; a letter to all members of the House opposing any cut to the Local Government Fund; and a thank you letter to Representative Brian White for introducing the budget proviso to extend a line of credit to support the Heritage

Golf Tournament. Mr. DeLoach stated most items are still sitting in Committees and at this point staff is not requesting any action from the Committee at this time and staff will continue to monitor the bills.

## **VI NEW BUSINESS**

- **Discussion of the Low Country Economic Network's Proposal to County Council (John Safay)**

Mr. Safay reviewed the background of the Low Country Economic Network and the purchase of the Beaufort Commerce Park. He explained the Network is working through a loan renegotiation with the banks that carry the loan and the new loan agreement has changed dramatically from the original agreement and they can only carry the loan until June, 2010. The Network has asked that Beaufort County consider the option of purchasing the Beaufort Commerce Park. Mr. Safay encouraged the Committee to recommend to Town Council to support the effort. After lengthy discussion, Mr. Harkins moved to recommend Town Council send an enthusiastic letter of support to Beaufort County to purchase Beaufort Commerce Park. Mr. Heitzke seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

## **VI ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Heitzke moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Harkins seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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George Williams, Chairman

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Vicki Pfannenschmidt,  
Administrative Assistant