

**THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
PUBLIC HEARING/SPECIAL MEETING**

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Present from Town Council: David Bennett, *Mayor*; Bill Harkins, *Mayor Pro Tem*, Lee Edwards, Marc Grant, Tom Lennox, Kim Likins, John McCann, *Council Members*

Present from Town Staff: Steve Riley, *Town Manager*; Charles Cousins, *Director of Community Development*; Brad Tadlock, *Fire Chief*; Nancy Gasen, *Director of Human Resources*; Susan Simmons, *Director of Finance*; Scott Liggett, *Director of Public Projects and Facilities/Chief Engineer*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; Julian Walls, *Facilities Manager*; Jeff Buckalew, Jill Foster, *Deputy Director of Community Development*; *Town Engineer*; Brian McIlwee, *Assistant Town Engineer/Storm Water Manager*; Victoria Shanahan, *Accounting Manager*; John Valvo, *Systems Analyst*; Vicki Pfannenschmidt, *Executive Assistant/Town Clerk*

Present from Media: Zach Murdock, Island Packet

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bennett called the Public Hearing/Special meeting to order at 6:00 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. 6:00 p.m.- PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR FY2015-2016

Mayor Bennett opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Riley explained the Public Hearing was a requirement by State Law and the Town was in compliance with advertising the Hearing and asking for public comment.

Mayor Bennett invited members of the public to speak.

Mr. George Williams addressed Council regarding the \$850,000 placeholder for Town Council initiatives stating he was glad to see they had the initiatives defined so it would not turn in to a funding source for other projects.

With no further requests to address Council, Mayor Bennett closed the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m.

4. Revised First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2015-13

Revised First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2015-13 to raise revenue and adopt a budget for the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016; to establish a property tax levy; to establish funds; to establish a policy for acquisition of rights of way and easements; 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.

5. Request to File a Rezoning Application Involving Town-Owned Property

Mayor Bennett explained that he had approached Mark Senn of Blanchard and Calhoun with his idea of swapping town-owned land with land owned by Shelter Cove Towne Centre. He added that Blanchard and Calhoun has completed plans and received approval to build an apartment community on the property. He said after their discussion, Mr. Senn came forward with a plan which achieves the idea the Mayor suggested and would like to proceed forward with the revised plan. Mayor Bennett explained that in order to let Council vet the plan publicly and for public input into the proposed revisions, Blanchard and Calhoun would need Town Council approval to file a rezoning application for the Town-owned parcel.

After discussion, Mr. Harkins moved that Town Council approve the initiation of the application process for rezoning for the applicant. Mr. McCann seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

6. Executive Session

Mr. Riley stated he needed an Executive Session for contractual matters related to land acquisition and personnel matters related to appointments to boards and commissions. At 6:09 p.m., Mr. Harkins moved to go into Executive Session for the reasons stated by the Town Manager. Mr. McCann seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

Mayor Bennett called the meeting back to order at 6:30 p.m. stating no action was taken during Executive Session and asked if there was any business to address.

Mrs. Likins moved to reappoint Jake Gartner to a three year term, ending June 30, 2018, as an At-Large member of the Design Review Board. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

7. Adjournment

Mayor Bennett adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Vicki L. Pfannenschmidt,
Executive Assistant/Town Clerk

Approved: 06/16/2015

David Bennett, Mayor