

TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: October 25, 2016 **Time:** 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: John McCann, *Chairman*; Bill Harkins and Tom Lennox, *Council Members*

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Steve Riley, *Town Manager* and Cindaia Ervin, *Finance Assistant*

Others Present: Kim Likins, Mark Grant and David Ames, *Council Members*; Curtis Kasefang, *Theater Consultants Collaborative, Inc.*; Kathy Bateson and Jeffery Reeves, *Arts Center of Coastal Carolina*; Eleanor O'Key, *Lowcountry Inside Track*; Mary Briggs, *Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra*; Jane Joseph, George Williams, and other members of the community.

Media: None

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 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. Approval of Minutes:

None

4. Unfinished Business:

a. General Discussion Regarding the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina.

John McCann, Chairman, explained to everyone that given the time he would like to keep the discussion short to allow the public the opportunity to comment on the topic. Tom Lennox, Committee Member, stated that this an open discussion regarding what, in the Committees viewpoint, is a real threat to a significant community asset. Pervious discussions have covered financial and non-financial issues, and the Committee recognizes, understands and values the Arts Centers economic impact to our community over the past 20 years. Mr. Lennox stated that the topic is on the November 1st Town Council meeting agenda, and the question Town Council will face is, under what conditions is it appropriate for the Town to reimburse the Arts Center for such a significant cost to replace the performance lighting system. Mr. McCann introduced everyone to Curtis Kasefang with Theater Consultants Collaborative Inc, via conference call and Mr. Kasefang gave a brief over view of his findings from the previous meeting. Kim Likins, Council Member, asked how typical a catastrophic failure event would be in this case, and Mr. Kasefang stated that it would be one component at a time, however, it could also lead to other components failing, which could ultimately lead to a single point of catastrophic failure.

Mr. McCann allowed questions from the community and Jane Joseph, Member of Public, asked if a new system was installed and five years from now it was moved would it become obsolete in any way. Mr. Kasefang stated that technology depends on how the system is managed and the majority of the system could be moved with relatively low cost of new products that would be needed for the move. George Williams, Member of Public, stated to the Committee that he

had concerns regarding funding the project as the Venue Committee study has not yet been completed, and also, given the recent damage from Hurricane Matthew additional funds may not be available.

Bill Harkins, Committee Member, stated that he thought a recommendation should be given from the Finance and Administrative Committee to Town Council at its next meeting. David Ames, Council Member, indicated to the Committee that the community would not be in favor to spend such a large amount of money at this time given the recent hurricane, and that also the Venue Committee study is not yet complete. He stated that he would be in favor of replacing the dimmer racks without committing to such a large amount of money at a critical time, and he would prefer to wait for the completion of the Venue Committee study. Mrs. Likins also agreed with Mr. Ames and thought that given the hurricane damage current needs of the community were more important at this time. Tom Lennox, Committee Member, thought that it should move forward, however, this is not the right time as the demands on staff and financial resources are not yet fully known given the most recent hurricane. Mr. McCann agreed and recommended that it be postponed to the first Town Council meeting in December. Mr. McCann thanked Mr. Kasefang for his time and efforts in answering everyone's questions regarding the ACC performance lighting system.

5. New Business:

None

6. Adjournment:

Mr. Harkins made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Lennox seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Approved: January 17, 2017

Respectfully submitted:

John McCann, Chairman

Cindaia Ervin, Secretary