

## THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND

### REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, January 21, 2014

**Time:** 4:00 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*; Julian Walls, *Facilities Manager*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; Jennifer Ray, *Urban Designer*; Jayme Lopko, *Senior Planner*; Anne Cyran, *Senior Planner*; Melissa Cope, *Systems Analyst*; Vicki Pfannenschmidt, *Executive Assistant*

**Present from Media:** Tom Barton, *Island Packet*

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#### 1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Laughlin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and explained that Item 10.b. under Unfinished Business had been postponed at the request of the applicant and it would be placed on the February 4 Town Council meeting agenda.

#### 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 – January 7, 2014

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. McCann seconded. The minutes of the January 7, 2014 Town Council meeting were approved by a vote of 6-0. Mr. Edwards abstained as he was not present at the meeting.

#### 7) Report of the Town Manager

a. Semi Annual Update of the Design Review Board – Scott Sodemann, Chairman

Chairman Sodemann presented an activity report for the final six months of 2013.

b. Semi-Annual Update of the Board of Zoning Appeals – Peter Kristian, Chairman

Chairman Kristian presented an activity report for the final six months of 2013.

c. Town Manager's Items of Interest

Mr. Riley reported on some items of interest.

**d. 2013 Town Council Targets and Goals – year end update**

Mr. Riley noted the year end update was included in the packet and he would gladly address any questions from Council.

**8) Reports from Members of Council**

**a. General Reports from Council**

Mr. Harkins reported he attended the Economic Development Corporation Strategic Planning Sessions and stated he was encouraged by the quality of the work, the energy of the parties and the direction in which they are heading.

**b. Report of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee – George Williams, Chairman**

Mr. Williams said due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday the Committee would be meeting on Monday, January 27 at 10:00 a.m. He stated a representative from MASC would be present to discuss the upcoming legislative sessions.

**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 would be meeting Thursday, January 23 at 8:30 a.m. to review Comparison Charts for the Zoning Districts and discuss Community Commercial versus Light Commercial Density.

**9) Appearance by Citizens**

Mr. Peter Ovens addressed Town Council concerning suggestions for the proposed USCB building site.

**10) Unfinished Business**

**a. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2013-26**

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2013-26 to amend Title 16, the Land Management Ordinance, of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, by amending Section 16-4-102, the Official Zoning Map, the Hilton Head Plantation Master Plan, specifically rezoning 1.33 acres identified as Parcel 19 on Beaufort County Tax Map 7b to add Medical And Behavioral Health Services as a permitted use on the property and providing for severability and an effective date.

Postponed at the request of the applicant as noted above.

**b. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2014-02**

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2014-02 to amend the budget for the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014; to provide for the expenditures of certain funds; and to allocate the sources of revenue for the said funds.

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

**11) New Business**

**a. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2014-03**

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2014-03 to amend Title 16, the Land Management Ordinance, 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 6.9 acres identified as Parcels 147B, 438, 147 and 440 on Beaufort County Tax Map 7 from IL, Light Industrial, to RM-4, Low Density Residential, and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mr. Williams moved to approve. Mrs. Likins seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

**12) Executive Session**

Mr. Riley stated he needed an Executive Session for contractual matters pertaining to land acquisition; legal matters pertaining to a potential settlement of an ongoing dispute; legal matters pertaining to revisions of the Palmetto Dunes Stormwater Utility agreement; legal matters pertaining to a permitting dispute.

At 4:17 p.m. Mr. Harkins moved to go into Executive Session for the reasons given by the Town Manager. Mrs. Likins seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

Mayor Laughlin called the meeting back to order at 5:30 p.m. and stated there was no business as a result of the Executive Session.

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**b. Consideration of a Recommendation – Yard Debris Options- 5:30 p.m.**

Consideration of a Recommendation that the Town Council approve the Public Safety Committee's January 6, 2014 recommendation regarding Yard Debris Options.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mrs. Likins seconded. Mr. Grant explained the Committee recommended Option 4 and he hoped it would pass so residents would have somewhere to take their yard debris due to the limitations at the Beaufort County Solid Waste site. Mr. Harkins expressed support and noted the plan would need to be evaluated during the year to ensure the needs of the community are being met.

Mr. Edwards asked about the costs for Option 4. Julian Walls approached the dais and answered questions concerning costs and proposed locations for pick up. Mr. Edwards stated that Option 4 did not have any provisions for residents who did not have the means to haul their debris to the drop off locations. Mr. Riley noted that conversations with community groups for assistance would need to take place.

Mr. Grant explained the two load per day limit at the Beaufort County site causes a hardship for many residents as they only have one day to clear and haul and can't go back numerous days in a row. He noted that of all the options, Option 4 was the most feasible way to handle the needs of the community. Mr. McCann stated he felt the two loads per day limit is a problem for many residents.

Maurice Orage, Dot Law, Nadine Chaplin, Viola Jones, Elinora Aiken, Louise Miller Coahen, Betty Davis, James Campbell, Mel Campbell, David Murray, Kernan Drazich, Michael Cohen and Thomas Curtis Barnwell spoke in opposition to the recommendation and the burning ban.

Mr. Edwards stated he was always against the burning ban and there is no simple solution to the problem. He said he feels it was a small problem and proper enforcement was what was needed. He suggested the burning ban be repealed until a solution that would work out for everyone can be brought forward.

Mr. McCann stated he would endorse Option 4 with two additional stipulations: 1) The Town would pursue the County to increase the limit of two loads per day to four loads per day during particular seasons and; 2) the Town permit open burning four days per year. Mrs. Likins said she supported Mr. McCann's suggestion. She added that the residents that spoke enlightened her as to what issues have come forward since the ban. She added that if the four days are approved for open burning, people with health problems could know in advance and make arrangements accordingly.

After lengthy discussion and input by all members of Council, Mr. McCann moved to send the item back to the Public Safety Committee to work with the staff on a revised proposal. Mr. Harkins seconded. Mr. Edwards emphasized the issue is Island-wide and not just in Ward 1. He stated there are many more issues in the burning ban concerning fire pits and recreational fires which cause problems for residents. Thomas Curtis Barnwell and Dot Law spoke encouraging Council to consider repealing the burning ban altogether. The motion to send the item back to the Public Safety Committee was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

There was no action on the original motion for Item 11.b.

### 13) Adjournment

Mr. Williams moved to adjourn. Mr. Harkins seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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Vicki Pfannenschmidt,  
Executive Assistant/Town Clerk

Approved:

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Drew A. Laughlin, Mayor