

**THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND**  
**REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017

**Time:** 4:00 P.M

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

**Present from Town Staff:** Steve Riley, *Town Manager*; Greg DeLoach, *Assistant Town Manager*; Charles Cousins, *Director of Community Development*; Brad Tadlock, *Fire Chief*; Tom Fultz, *Director of Administrative Services*; John Troyer, *Director of Finance*; Shawn Colin, *Deputy Director of Community Development*; Jayme Lopko, *Senior Planner*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; Melissa Cope, *Systems Analyst*; Vicki Pfannenschmidt, *Executive Assistant/ Town Clerk*

**Present from Media:** Theresa Moss, *Island Packet*

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**1) Call to Order**

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

**2) FOIA Compliance** – Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted and distributed in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Hilton Head Island requirements.

Mrs. Likins moved that Town Council change the order of the agenda and address Item #7.a. – Recognition of Participants and Presentation of Student Government Day Certificates prior to going into Executive Session. Mr. McCann seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

**3) Executive Session**

Mr. Riley stated he needed an Executive Session for the following: Land Acquisition: Discussion of negotiations incident to the proposed sale, lease or purchase of property related to a parcel in the Mitchelville area and the receipt of legal advice related to pending, threatened or potential claims related to the ArborNature BZA Appeal.

At 4:10 p.m., Mrs. Likins moved to enter into Executive Session for the reasons stated by the Town Manager. Mr. Harkins seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

Council returned to the dais at 5:02 p.m. There was no action taken during Executive Session and nothing to address as a result Executive Session.

**4) Workshop – 2017 Town Council Priorities**

Mayor Bennett distributed a draft he created of Town Council Priorities. He explained they were not changed in any way but he tried to provide them with definition and clarity. He asked Council to review the draft and send him any comments by the end of the week.

**5) Pledge to the Flag**

**6) Invocation**

## **7) Proclamations and Commendations**

### **a. Recognition of Participants and Presentation of Student Government Day Certificates**

Mayor Bennett recognized the participants and distributed the certificates at the beginning of the meeting as noted above.

### **b. Beaufort County School District Character Education Student of the Month**

#### **• Hilton Head Island International Baccalaureate Elementary School**

Tyler Bennett– 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### **• Hilton Head Island High School**

Olivia Jackson – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Mayor Bennett delivered remarks and congratulated the students on their many accomplishments. Tyler Bennett was present to accept the certificate. Amanda O’Nan accepted the certificate on behalf of Olivia Jackson who could not be present.

## **8) Approval of Minutes**

### **a. Town Council Meeting, February 7, 2017**

Mrs. Likins moved to approve. Mr. Harkins seconded. The minutes of the February 7, 2017 regular Town Council meeting were approved by a vote of 6-0-1. Mr. Lennox abstained as he was not present at the meeting.

## **9) Report of the Town Manager**

### **a. Town Manager’s Items of Interest**

Mr. Riley reported on some items of interest.

## **10) Reports from Members of Council**

### **a. General Reports from Council Report**

Mr. McCann suggested Town Council dedicate Islanders Beach for use by Island residents only and suggested the item be sent to the Public Facilities Committee for review. After discussion, Mayor Bennett assigned it to the Public Facilities Committee.

Mr. Ames noted that with the upcoming RBC Heritage Classic Golf Tournament he has been approached regarding festival banners being utilized. He said he feels there are certain events on the Island that deserve the special treatment of festival banners. Mr. Riley said options for Council to consider would be provided.

Mr. McCann asked the Mayor to update them on the affordable housing forum he attended. The Mayor explained he was the keynote speaker at the forum and he provided an overview.

Mr. Grant stated some of his constituents have approached him requesting additional open-burn days. He requested that staff look into doing so. He also stated that people will be working in Ward 1 on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. cleaning up debris at residences. He said they will meet at Hilton Head Presbyterian Church next to the public schools and invited all to attend. Mr. Grant also extended thanks from the Native Island Business Community Association for the assistance the Town provided in relocating the Gullah Festival to Shelter Cove Park.

**b. Report of the Intergovernmental and Public Safety Committee – Bill Harkins, Chairman**

Mr. Harkins stated he reviewed the regional items that Town Council would like to address and asked if Council members had anything to add to please let him know.

**c. Report of the Community Services Committee – Kim Likins, Chairman**

Mrs. Likins stated the Committee met on February 13 and the ordinance being addressed today was a result of the meeting. She said the Committee also reviewed upcoming meetings to take place in association with the Venue Committee consultant. She encouraged all to reach out to citizens to attend the upcoming Town Venue Community Forums. Mrs. Likins announced the position description for the Cultural and Arts Network Director is finalized and said they are hoping to have the position filled in June.

**d. Report of the Public Planning Committee – David Ames, Chairman**

Mr. Ames stated the Committee met on February 16 and included the recently appointed Project Management Team. He said they held a telephone conference call with FutureIQ. He noted it was a very productive meeting and they have hopes of advertising for the Project Lead in the near future. Mr. Ames reviewed the difference in this Vision Planning effort and past efforts.

**e. Report of the Public Facilities Committee – Marc Grant, Chairman**

No report.

**f. Report of the Finance and Administrative Committee - John McCann, Chairman**

Mr. McCann stated the Committee met earlier in the day with Bond Counsel to discuss the Town bond rating, as well as replenishment and reserves used to date for hurricane recovery. He stated they will have a follow-up meeting the second meeting in March.

**11) Appearance by Citizens**

Mr. Albert Clay addressed Council regarding his opinion of police obstruction of justice.

**12) Unfinished Business**

None.

**13) New Business**

**a. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2017-01**

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2017-01 of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, to Create Chapter 8 of Title 8 (Town Culture and Arts Advisory Committee) of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina; and providing for severability and an effective date.

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

**14) Possible actions by Town Council concerning matters discussed in Executive Session**

None.

**15) Adjournment**

Mrs. Likins moved to adjourn. Mr. Harkins seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

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Vicki L. Pfannenschmidt  
Executive Assistant/Town Clerk

Approved: 03/07/2017

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Kim W. Likins, Mayor Pro Tempore