

THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, March 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: Greg DeLoach, *Assistant Town Manager*; Charles Cousins, *Director of Community Development*; Mike Mayers, *Deputy Fire Chief- Operations*; Scott Liggett, *Director of Public Projects and Facilities*; John Troyer, *Director of Finance*; Steven Markiw, *Deputy Director of Finance*; Shawn Colin, *Deputy Director of Community Development*; Jayme Lopko, *Senior Planner*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; Shawn Colin, *Deputy Director of Community Development*; Jennifer Ray, *Planning and Special Projects Manager*; Jeff Buckalew, *Town Engineer*; Darrin Shoemaker, *Traffic & Transportation Engineer*; Teri Lewis, *LMO Official*; Melissa Cope, *Systems Analyst*; Vicki Pfannenschmidt, *Executive Assistant/Town Clerk*

Present from Media: Theresa Moss, *Island Packet*

1) Call to Order

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 4:00 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 to amend the agenda to allow for a Workshop on Item 11.a. to occur after Executive Session and before the 5:00 p.m. Town Council meeting. Mr. McCann seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

3) Executive Session

Mr. DeLoach stated he needed an Executive Session for the discussion of negotiations incident to the proposed sale, lease or purchase of property related to property near Mathews Drive and related to property near Wild Horse Road; and personnel matters related to appointments to boards and commissions.

At 4:03 p.m. Mrs. Likins moved to go into Executive Session for matters mentioned by the Assistant Town Manager. Mr. McCann seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

Council returned to the dais at 4:33 p.m. Mayor Bennett explained that he had revised the priorities received from the facilitator at the December planning workshop and sent them to all of Council for review. He said he wanted to make sure the priorities were clearly defined and measurable. He added that he was not changing the priorities but creating wording so all would understand them. He said he asked Council for comments to his revisions and received none.

Council addressed Priority #2 and after lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of Council to invite a non-profit group for community outreach and to bring in a consultant to work with the Planning Commission to develop modifications to the LMO or other items for consideration for the Council to act upon.

Council addressed Priority #4 and Mayor Bennett stated his definition of assessments included the upcoming stormwater study that Beaufort County is preparing. Mr. McCann added that the Finance & Administrative Committee was informed the study would not be completed until the end of the year. Mr. Harkins stated the he felt with the work the Town staff is doing and the County assessment the Town should be in a position by year end to have an idea of what the need may be in terms of capital upgrades. After discussion, it was the consensus of Council to leave the priority as stated by the facilitator.

Council address Priority #6 and Mayor Bennett stated that LRTA has indicated they are not interested at this point in time to increase transportation routes to Hilton Head Island. Mr. Ames noted that they need to identify how Council is going to approach transportation systems along with workforce housing and he felt that that would be best handled by an ad-hoc committee of volunteers. Charles Cousins said he contacted the LRTA director and there is not report to review and he suggested the director of the LRTA be invited to speak to the Public Planning Committee regarding future transportation plans. Council discussed the various recommendations regarding transportation issues. After further discussion, it was the consensus of Council to focus in on the Coligny area recommendations that have been brought forward from the Circle to Circle Committee. Mr. Cousins suggested that the goal be revised to read that staff will work with LRTA and by the end of the year develop a plan over the coming years on how to implement three shuttle systems: 1) off island employee transportation; 2) beach transportation; and 3) inter-Island shopping/tourist transportation. Council was in agreement with the change.

4) Pledge to the Flag – 5:00 P.M.

5) Invocation

6) Proclamations and Commendations

a. Louise Miller Cohen

Ms. Miller Cohen was present to accept the Commendation.

7) Approval of Minutes

a. Town Council Meeting, March 7, 2017

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

8) Report of the Town Manager

a. Concours d'Elegance Governor's Cup Award

b. Non-Capital Traffic Flow Improvement Recommendations – William Hilton Parkway from Graves Bridge to Cross – Island Parkway

Darrin Shoemaker addressed Council and summarized the recommendations in his memo regarding traffic flow. After discussion, the Mayor asked that Mr. Riley direct Mr. Shoemaker to send a letter to the Beaufort County School District with his findings along with a letter to the SCDOT requesting signage.

c. Town Manager's Items of Interest

Mr. DeLoach reported on some items of interest and upcoming events.

9) Reports from Members of Council

a. General Reports from Council Report

Mr. Lennox congratulated the Hilton Head Island – Bluffton Chamber of Commerce for hosting the Workforce Solution seminar. He complimented the speakers and those present and stated he felt some good solutions and suggestions will result from the seminar.

Mr. Ames stated he attended a meeting and learned that there were 2,245 households on Hilton Head Island that applied for FEMA assistance. He stated the meeting was held with a group of non-profits that are trying to identify those households and they are struggling to be able to do so. He stated that since they are citizens of Hilton Head Island we should be more in tune with helping them.

Mrs. Likins reported she was contacted by some of her constituents that live at Bradley Circle that were extremely concerned with changes that resulted from the LMO re-write. She said the rezoning from residential to resort management has resulted in very large units being built on the lots. She stated the residents are requesting the area be changed back to residential zoning. Mrs. Likins said she has been meeting with staff and they are bringing it back to the Planning Commission for reconsideration and there will be a meeting held on April 5 for resident input.

Mr. McCann asked the Mayor to update all on the meeting held with the Beaufort County EDC. Mayor Bennett reported a budget has been prepared, they identified steps to join the Southern Carolina Alliance and are scheduled to make a presentation to the Beaufort County Intergovernmental Committee on April 3 at 4:00 p.m. regarding the budget and joining the Southern Carolina Alliance and for a recommendation for approval to Beaufort County Council.

Mr. Grant stated he met with Eric Esquivel regarding the process for protests. Mayor Bennett asked Brian Hulbert to come forward and explain the procedure required to hold protests. Mayor Bennett assigned the item to the Public Facilities Committee for review of the process.

Mayor Bennett acknowledged that the Town of Bluffton took advantage of funding from the Rural and Critical Lands Board stating that he hopes that Hilton Head Island will do the same.

Mayor Bennett stated that the Heritage Tourism Task Force and Mayors had met and Dick Stewart of FirstShore Corporation has offered to make his organization available to the group and Dr. Beall will evaluate the possibility. He added that the group will also be requesting funding for a county-wide heritage tourism study.

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

Mr. Harkins reported that meetings will be scheduled with the municipalities throughout the county regarding regional initiatives.

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

Mrs. Likins reported the Committee met to and conducted an overview of the application for boards and commission and the Cultural Arts and Strategic Planning Committee will use the form for committee applicants. She said the application process is now open and many citizens are applying and they will conduct interviews in the next couple months. She said the Venue Committee met in preparation for Webb Consultants' presentation

which will be held on March 23 at 4:00 p.m. at Hilton Head Presbyterian Church.

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

Mr. Ames stated the Vision Project Management Team met and Sandy West was elected Chairman. He stated there are 20 submittals for the Project Lead at this time. He added that the Team will meet the third Friday of every month at 2:00m p.m. in Council Chambers.

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

Mr. Grant stated the next meeting will take place on Monday and they will address the south island emergency beach renourishment.

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

Mr. McCann stated they met earlier in the day with a review and presentation on storm water management.

10) Appearance by Citizens

Tai Scott addressed Council regarding Native Islander issues.

Ibrahim Abdul-Malik addressed Council regarding NAN proposals.

Theresa White of the Pan African Family Empowerment and Land Preservation Network addressed Council regarding the LMO.

Louis Johnson, Eric Turpin, Herbert Ford, and Alex Brown addressed Council regarding the relationship between the Town of Hilton Head Island and the Native Islander Community.

11) Unfinished Business

a. 2017 Town Council Priorities

Mr. Grant proposed the elimination of all LMO requirements for Native Islanders and to assign it to the Planning Commission. Mr. DeLoach explained that it was a legal issue and time would be needed for review before the Mayor could assign it to the Planning Commission.

After discussion, Mrs. Likins moved to approve the 2017 Town Council Priorities as modified in earlier discussion. Tai Scott commented on Priority #2 regarding heirs property. Mr. Harkins seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

b. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2017-04

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2017-04 authorizing the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$20,000,000 Taxable General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note(S), in one or more series, with appropriate series designations, of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina; fixing the form and details of the note(s); authorizing the Town Manager to determine certain matters relating to the note(s); providing for the payment of the note(s) and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto.

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

12) New Business

a. Consideration of a Resolution – Emergency Permitting Process

Consideration of a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina to extend the emergency permitting application submittal period.

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

b. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2017-03

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2017-03 of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, authorizing the execution of a memorandum of understanding and lease with the Mitchelville Preservation Project, Inc., related to the lease of real property owned by the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, pursuant to the authority of S.C. Code Ann. Sec. 5-7-40 (Supp. 2012), and Sec. 2-7-20, Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, (1983); and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve. Mr. Harkins seconded.

Mr. Ames moved to approve and add the following statement to the lease:

The lessee will develop strategies that are consistent with the Town's published and defined goals on sustainability. In so doing consideration shall be given to balancing environmental, economic and social impacts.

Mr. McCann seconded. Mr. Grant suggested the statement be included in all contracts. Mrs. Likins requested quarterly updates from the Mitchelville Preservation Project, Inc. Shirley Peterson, on behalf of the organization, expressed her appreciation and agreed they would provide quarterly updates.

The motion with the lease as modified by Mr. Ames was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

c. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2017-05

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2017-05 to amend Title 16 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, the Land Management Ordinance (LMO) , Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10 to revise various sections. These amendments, commonly referred to as *2016 LMO Amendments – Second Set* as noticed in the Island Packet on November 6, 2016, include changes that provide for general amendments to a variety of sections in the LMO, and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve. Mr. McCann seconded. Mr. Ames moved to postpone the decision on lockout units. Mr. McCann, Mr. Harkins, Mrs. Likins and Mr. Lennox spoke in support of the amendments. Mayor Bennett spoke in support of Mr. Ames motion to postpone.

Cathy Barr spoke in opposition to the amendments.

Jim Gant spoke on behalf of the LMO Committee and the recommendations.

A citizen that did not identify himself requested a traffic study before consideration of the amendments.

Bruce Tuttle spoke in favor of the amendments.

Alex Brown spoke in support of Mr. Ames motion to postpone.

Mr. Ames motion died for lack of a second.

The original motion was approved by a vote of 5-2. (Mayor Bennett and Mr. Ames were opposed.)

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

Mr. Ames moved to have Town Council appoint John Lundin to the Vision Project Management Team to take place of Lisa Drakeman who resigned. Mrs. Likins seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

14) Adjournment

Mrs. Likins moved to adjourn. Mr. Harkins seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Vicki L. Pfannenschmidt
Executive Assistant/Town Clerk

Approved: 04/04/2017

David Bennett, Mayor