

THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, May 16 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*; Scott Liggett, *Director of Public Projects & Facilities/Chief Engineer*; Brad Tadlock, *Fire Chief*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; John Troyer, *Director of Finance*; Nancy Gasen, *Director of Human Resources*; Tom Fultz, *Director of Administrative Services*; Ed Boring, *Deputy Fire Chief – Support Services*; Steven Markiw, *Deputy Finance Director*; Shawn Colin, *Deputy Director of Community Development*; Julian Walls, *Facilities Manager*; Jeff Buckalew, *Town Engineer*; Teri Lewis, *LMO Official*; Melissa Cope, *Systems Analyst*; Cuiwei Zhang, *Systems Analyst*, Erica Madhere; *Finance Administrator*; Cindaia Ervin; *Finance Assistant*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Executive Assistant/Town Clerk*;

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

1) Call to Order

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 4:01 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.

3) Executive Session

Mr. Riley stated he needed an Executive Session for: (a) Land Acquisition Matters; the discussion of negotiations incident to the proposed sale, lease, or purchase of property related to; (i) property near the U.S. 278 and Gumtree Road area, and (ii) property in the Cordillo Parkway area; and (b) Legal Matters; the receipt of legal advice related to pending, threatened, or potential claims related to; (i) Karen Watson vs. Town of Hilton Head Island, (ii) Arbournature vs. Town of Hilton Island, (iii) Likins vs. Hoagland, and (iv) Hoagland vs. Town of Hilton Head Island, et al.

At 4:05 Mrs. Likins moved to go into Executive Session for matters mentioned by the Town Manager. Mr. Harkins seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

Council returned to the dais at 5:00 p.m.

4) Pledge to the Flag – 5:00 p.m.

5) Invocation

6) Proclamations and Commendations

a. Mayors Honored Islanders

- i.** Berry & Ruth Edwards
- ii.** Herbert Ford
- iii.** Heather Quinn

Mayor Bennett made remarks concerning each of the Honored Islanders and contributions to Hilton Head Island and the surrounding communities. Both Mr. Ford and Ms. Quinn were present to accept their awards; Mr. and Mrs. Edwards were not available, but will receive their award at a later meeting.

b. EMS Services Week Proclamation

Mayor Bennett presented the EMS Services Week Proclamation to members of the Hilton Head Island Fire Rescue.

7) Approval of Minutes

a. Town Council Meeting, May 2, 2017

Mrs. Likins moved to approve. Mr. Harkins seconded. Town Council Meeting Minutes for May 2, 2017 were approved by a vote of 7-0.

8) Report of the Town Manager

a. Town Managers Items of Interest

i. Town News

Mr. Riley reported on upcoming committee meetings and other such Town news.

ii. Noteworthy Events

Mr. Riley reported on some items of interest.

9) Reports from Members of Council

a. General Reports from Council

Mr. Harkins reported about the recent information released from the Bureau of Labor and Statistics related to a well running port. USCB has analyzed the Bureau's data from this report, and as a result, Mr. Harkins requested an invitation be sent to USCB to make a presentation to Council.

Mayor Bennett reported on the Mayor's Youth Volunteer Service Award Ceremony held May 15, 2017, where 216 students received awards for their 21,800 hours of community service. Mayor Bennett gave his compliments to Town Staff, specifically Faidra Smith and her team who made all the preparations for this event.

Mayor Bennett also reported on the County EDC meeting taking place May 17, 2017 to discuss their status with the Southern Carolina Alliance.

b. Report of the Intergovernmental and Public Safety Committee – Mr. Harkins

No Report

c. Community Serves Committee – Mrs. Harkins

Mrs. Likins reported that the Committee met on May 8, 2017 and the Venue Committee presented their recommendations on Phase One. The Committee has a meeting scheduled to meet again on May 22, 2017 to finish discussions and plans to bring forth a recommendation on Phase Two to Council by the June 6, 2017 Town Council Meeting.

d. Report of the Public Planning Committee – Mr. Grant

No Report

e. Report of the Public Facilities Committee – Mr. Ames

No Report

f. Report of the Finance and Administrative Committee – Mr. McCann

No Report

Mayor Bennett asked Mr. Riley to start including a routine, monthly update from the Vision Project Management Team at the Town Council meetings.

10) Appearance by Citizens

None

11) Unfinished Business

None

12) New Business

a. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2017-09

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2017-09 to amend Title 16 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, the Land Management Ordinance (LMO), Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, and Appendix D to revise various sections. These Amendments, commonly referred to as 2017 LMO Amendments – First set as noticed in the Island Packet on March 19, 2017, including 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. Harkins seconded. Mr. Ames stated that he was in favor of moving forward as proposed, but would like to amend the currently stated amendments removing the multilevel storage units. Mr. Ames moved to amend the LMO Amendments removing the language as it relates to the multilevel storage units. Mr. McCann seconded.

Mr. Chet Williams addressed Council in favor of removing the language concerning the multilevel storage units.

The motion to amend to accept the LMO Amendments removing the language as it relates to the multilevel storage units was approved unanimously by a vote of 7-0. The motion to approve the LMO Amendments, as amended was approved unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

13) Budget Workshop Carry Over Items

a. Review of the proposed budget of Beaufort County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff P.J. Tanner, Beaufort County and Gary Kubic, Beaufort County Administrator, addressed Council concerning the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office budget request. After much discussion, Council was in agreement that it would be best to schedule a time to meet and discuss the requested budget.

b. Island Recreation Association

i. Staff history of Island Recreation Center Expansion:

Scott Liggett addressed Council and answered questions concerning the history of the Island Recreation Center Expansion, providing a timeline of the master plan over the past eight years.

ii. Continuation of Council budget review of Island Recreation Association proposed budget with the Association:

After lengthy discussions concerning the Island Recreation Association's proposed Capital Improvement Plan budget request, Mr. Ames moved to approve \$641,750 of the Capital Improvement Plan request, with the Island Recreation Association utilizing fundraising efforts to raise the remaining \$644,250. Mr. Harkins seconded. Mr. McCann moved to modify the original motion to add an additional \$125,000 to the Town's contribution which would include the playground pad, and deduct \$125,000 from the Island Recreation Association's fundraising efforts. Mr. Grant seconded. After further discussion, both Mr. Ames and Mr. McCann withdrew their motions.

Mr. Lennox moved to approve \$734,000 towards the Capital Improvement Plan request, with the Island Recreation Association utilizing fundraising efforts to raise the remaining \$552,000. Mr. McCann seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

c. Review of General Operating Budget

Scott Liggett addressed Council and answered questions concerning the General Operating Budget.

d. Review of Debt Services

John Troyer addressed Council and answered questions concerning Debt Services.

e. Review of Capital Improvement Program

Scott Liggett addressed Council and answered questions concerning the Capital Improvement Program.

f. Beaufort County Solicitor's Office

After receiving the requested information from the Solicitor's Office indicating that the requested budget would diminish the current case backlog, Mr. McCann moved to approve the entire amount requested. Mr. Lennox seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

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

Mrs. Likins moved that Town Council adopt a resolution authorizing a limited waiver of attorney client privilege to allow the release of the Town Attorney's opinion letter regarding the title issues surrounding the tennis courts and adjacent Town property located adjacent to Cordillo Courts. Mr. Harkins seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

15) Adjournment

Mayor Bennett adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Krista M. Wiedmeyer,
Executive Assistant/Town Clerk

Approved: 06/06/2017

David Bennett, Mayor