

**THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING**

Date: Tuesday, June 12, 2018

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Present from Town Council: David Bennett, *Mayor*; Kim Likins, *Mayor Pro Tempore*; John McCann, Marc Grant, David Ames, *Council Members*

Absent from Town Council: Bill Harkins, Tom Lennox, *Council Members*

Present from Town Staff: Steve Riley, *Town Manager*; Charles Cousins, *Director of Community Development*; Scott Liggett, *Director of Public Projects & Facilities/Chief Engineer*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; John Troyer, *Finance Director*; Brad Tadlock, *Fire Chief*; Nancy Gasen, *Human Resource Director*; Steven Markiw, *Deputy Finance Director*; Chris Blankenship, *Deputy Fire Chief, Operations*; Heidi Boring, *Finance Administrator*; Cindaia Ervin, *Finance Assistant*; Melissa Cope, *System Analyst*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Executive Assistant/Town Clerk*

Present from Media: Alex Kincaid, *Island Packet*

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.

3. Public Hearing on the Municipal Budget for FY2019

Mayor Bennett called the Public Hearing on the Municipal Budget for FY2019 to order at 6:01 p.m. Larry Landry addressed the members of Council regarding the budgeted expenses for the Town Attorney. Chris Christon, Amanda O’Nan, Andy Twisdale, Steve Birdwell, Cindy Rivera, and Alan Wolf addressed the members of Town Council requesting the Town add a new line item to the budget for workforce housing. Upon no further comments from the public, Mayor Bennett closed the Public Hearing at 6:19 p.m.

4. Unfinished Business

a. Revised First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2018-05

Revised First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2018-05 to raise revenue and adopt a budget for the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2019; to establish a property tax levy; to establish funds; to establish a policy for acquisition of rights of way and easements; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve. Mr. Grant seconded. The members of Council discussed the revised Fiscal Year 2019 Budget, with much emphasis on the topic of affordable workforce housing. Mr. Ames and Mrs. Likins both supported amending the budget to provide for additional funding for workforce housing. Mrs. Likins stating that the Town has to find a way to fund the workforce housing initiative, asking Mr. Riley and staff to take one last look at the budget to find some funding. Mr. Ames echoing Mrs. Likins, stating that this is the time that leadership has to be shown. Going on to say that as a community, we owe it to the people who work in the community and provide vital services to every citizen, business, and guest who comes here. Mr. Grant said that he would continue to support the workforce housing initiative, but could not support amending the budget to include funding for the initiative until after Council had a plan in place for using the funds. Mr. McCann stated that putting funding is a good thing, but that Council doesn’t know how or where the money will be spent.

Revised First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2018-05 (cont.)

He said that does strongly feel comfortable hiring a first class consultant. Mr. McCann also asked about the carryover of the funding of the Town Council Initiatives. Mr. Riley confirmed that the funds would be rolled forward from the current fiscal year to the next, and initiative amounts had not been identified as of yet. Once those amounts or projects were identified, it would require action by Council before the funds could be spent. Mayor Bennett opened the discussion up to the public at large and upon no further comments from either the public or Council, the motion was approved by a vote of 5-0. As noted above, Mr. Harkins and Lennox were absent from the meeting.

5. Executive Session

a. Legal Matter:

Receipt of legal advice related to matters pending, threatened, or potential claim, related to:

- i.** ArborNature LLC vs. The Town of Hilton Head Island, et. al.

Mr. Riley stated that he needed an Executive Session for Legal Matters, (a) receipt of legal advice related to matters pending, threatened, or potential claim, related to ArborNature LLC vs. the Town of Hilton Head Island, et. al.

At 6:53 p.m. Mrs. Likins moved to go into Executive Session for the matter mentioned by the Town Manager. Mr. Grant seconded, the motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

At 7:12 p.m. Town Council returned to the dais, no actions were taken as a result of the Executive Session.

6. Adjournment

Mayor Bennett adjourned the meeting at 7:13.

Krista M. Wiedmeyer,
Executive Assistant/Town Clerk

Approved: 07/17/2018

David Bennett, Mayor