

TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Date: January 7, 2019 **Time:** 8:00am

Members Present: Marc Grant, *Chairman* (Arrived 8:30am); Bill Harkins; Tom Lennox;
Tamara Becker, *Alternate*

Council Present: David Ames

Town Staff Present: Josh Gruber, *Assistant Town Manager*
Charles Cousins, *Assistant to the Town Manager*
Lindsey Rambow, *Records Administrator*

Media Present: None

1. Call to Order

Mr. Lennox called the meeting to order at 8:05am.

2. Freedom of Information Act 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.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 20, 2018, meeting were approved.

4. New Business

The Community Services Committee (CSC) discussed the draft Charter for the U.S. 278 Gateway Corridor Committee (“278 Committee”). Mr. Cousins explained that Mayor McCann requested that the 278 Committee report to the CSC instead of the Public Planning Committee.

The CSC discussed broadly the function and powers of the 278 Committee. The main function of the 278 Committee is to be one of many organizations that will gather information from SCDOT and the community and relay their determinations to Town Council. Mr. Harkins requested that the 278 Committee reach out to other municipalities who have had experience with a transportation project of this size and solicit feedback on their successes and failures. Mr. Cousins stated that two examples of this are the town of Folly Beach and the I-26 corridor in Columbia.

Mr. Ames requested clarification on the 278 Committee’s standing and resources. Mr. Gruber explained that the 278 Committee is meant to be an advisory committee to Town Council, who holds the authority to take official action. The 278 Committee will have access to staff support and some Town resources. Mr. Gruber stated that the 278 Committee will be one voice in the process, and that other influences on SCDOT will include the POAs, the Chamber of Commerce, the HH Home Builders Association, and other regional groups.

The CSC took questions from citizens including Mr. Thomas Barnwell, Jr. and Ms. Risa Prince.

Mr. Harkins moved to send the draft Charter to the full Town Council for a vote, with the addition of two points: that the 278 Committee would reach out to regional players who will also be affected by the project, and that the 278 Committee would get feedback from other municipalities across

the state who have had similar experiences. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lennox and passed by a vote of 3-0, with Mr. Grant absent and Ms. Becker voting as alternate.

5. Executive Session

At 8:25am, Mr. Harkins made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of conducting interviews for the U.S. 278 Gateway Corridor Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lennox and passed by a vote of 3-0, with Mr. Grant absent and Ms. Becker voting as alternate.

6. Adjournment

At 9:55am, the Committee returned to Open Session. Mr. Harkins moved to adjourn and Mr. Lennox seconded. The motion was approved.

Approved
Marc Grant, Chairman

Submitted by
Lindsey Rambow, Records Administrator