

TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
Planning Commission
Minutes of the April 3, 2019 – 9:00 a.m. Meeting
Benjamin M. Racusin Council Chambers

Commissioners Present: Chairman Alex Brown, Vice Chairman Peter Kristian, Michael Scanlon, Leslie McGowan, Todd Theodore, Judd Carstens, Lavon Stevens, Caroline McVitty

Commissioners Absent: None

Town Council Present: Glenn Stanford, David Ames, Bill Harkins

Town Staff Present: Chris Blankenship, Deputy Fire Chief of Operations; Jeff Buckalew, Town Engineer; Joheida Fister, Deputy Fire Chief of Administration/Fire Marshal; Scott Liggett, Director of Public Projects & Facilities/Chief Engineer; Jennifer Ray, Deputy Director of Community Development; Brad Tadlock, Fire Chief; Anne Cyran, Senior Planner; Teresa Haley, Senior Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Roll Call

4. Freedom of Information Act 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.

5. Approval of Agenda

The Planning Commission approved the agenda by general consent.

6. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of March 6, 2019

Vice Chairman Kristian moved to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2019 meeting as submitted. Commissioner Stevens seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Appearance by Citizens on Items Unrelated to Today's Agenda

Patsy Brison addressed the Commission regarding amending the text of the LMO regarding large buildings in the Resort Development Zoning District and Island-wide.

8. Unfinished Business – None

9. New Business

a. Recommendation of Proposed CIP Fiscal Year 2020 Priority Projects to Town Council

Commissioner Theodore, Chairman of the CIP Committee, presented statements regarding the Committee's review and recommendation of the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Priority Projects. Mr. Liggett then presented the recommendations as described in the Staff Memo and the Fiscal Year 2020 Proposed Priority Projects list.

The Commission and Mr. Liggett discussed the proposed priority projects at length beginning with Pathways and Roadway Improvements.

Chairman Brown opened the meeting for public comment on Pathways and Roadway Improvements.

Frank Babel presented statements in support of the CIP Pathways and Roadway Improvements, and requested a traffic signal be installed at the Sheriff's office intersection first. Mr. Babel presented statements concerning the immediate allocation of funds for crosswalk lighting and requested the annual \$100,000 pathway safety and access funds be restored for 2021, 2022 and 2023. Mr. Babel also presented statements concerning the CIP process and support for a complete streets policy.

Patsy Brison presented statements regarding her draft of a complete streets policy, and advocated that the LMO be changed to require complete streets policy to increase pedestrian and bicycle safety on the Island.

The Commission and Mr. Liggett continued the discussion of the proposed priority projects pertaining to Park Development, Existing Facilities & Infrastructure, New Facilities, and Beach Maintenance.

Chairman Brown opened the meeting for public comments on Park Development, Existing Facilities & Infrastructure, New Facilities, and Beach Maintenance, and none were received.

Vice Chairman Kristian moved to recommend to Town Council the CIP Fiscal Year 2020 Priority Projects to Town Council with the following amendments:

Pathways

Insert as number 3. Pathways accessibility and safety enhancements.

Existing Facilities & Infrastructure

Add number 3. Fire Rescue Training Center enhancements fuel truck shed.

Commissioner Scanlon seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0-0.

10. Commission Business – None

11. Chairman's Report – None

12. Committee Report

Vice Chairman Kristian indicated that he and Commissioner Theodore recently visited an electric go-kart facility in Statesboro, GA. The Town's decibel meter was used to do a number of noise level readings there. The LMO Committee will be discussing this at their next meeting, date to be determined.

Commissioner Stevens reported the Gullah-Geechee Land & Cultural Preservation Task Force recently held a meeting to hear the consultant's draft report. The Task Force is working to schedule a special meeting tentatively on April 22 to review and possibly take action on recommending the report to the full Commission. Finalists for the Historic Neighborhoods Preservation Administrator position are being reviewed.

Vice Chairman Kristian recognized and thanked the Fire Rescue Department for the additional programs they organize throughout the community.

13. Staff Report

- a. Quarterly Report – There was no discussion on this item.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Submitted by: Teresa Haley, Secretary

Approved: May 1, 2019

Alex Brown, Chairman