



# Town of Hilton Head Island TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP Monday, August 16, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. MEETING MINUTES

**Present from Town Council:** John J. McCann, *Mayor*; Bill Harkins, *Mayor Pro-Tempore*; David Ames, Tamara Becker, Alex Brown, Tom Lennox, Glenn Stanford, *Town Council Members*

**Present from Town Staff:** Marc Orlando, *Town Manager*; Josh Gruber, *Deputy Town Manager*; Angie Stone, *Assistant Town Manager*; Jennifer Ray, *Capital Projects Manager*; Taylor Ladd, *Project Planner*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Town Clerk*

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## 1. Call to Order

Mayor McCann called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**2. FOIA Compliance:** Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of Hilton Head Island.

## 3. Roll Call

By way of roll call, the attendance of the Town Council was affirmed.

## 4. Pledge to the Flag

## 5. Mid-Island Initiative Area Project Overview Presentation

Mayor McCann invited Jennifer Ray, Capital Projects Manager, to the podium to open the discussion concerning the Mid-Island Initiative project. Ms. Ray opened the discussion with a reminder that this project was one of Town Council's priorities. She noted that the project includes both preparation of a redevelopment strategy for the middle of the Island, as well as plans for a new community park. Ms. Ray said that she and her team are taking a different approach with this project, in that they are coming before Town Council to seek their input on the project since ultimately Town Council will need to approve the final plan. Ms. Ray reported that the Town had hired MKSK for this project, and invited Brian Kinzelman, Principal with MKSK, Inc. to make his presentation.

Mr. Kinzelman opened his presentation by reviewing the MKSK Team, and reiterating that this workshop is to seek input from Town Council. He said essentially this is two separate projects, but both running simultaneously. Mr. Kinzelman walked through the proposed scope of work and the schedule for the project. He reviewed the planning and design process, starting with the redevelopment strategy and the park design.

Mr. Kinzelman expressed the importance of community engagement and reviewed the schedule for such events. He discussed the surrounding neighborhoods and area near the project. Mr. Kinzelman then reviewed the different park programs whether active or passive or both. He discussed the need for storm debris staging and what impacts they could have. Prior to opening it up for questions, he reviewed what the next steps would be.

Each member of Town Council expressed their gratitude for the presentation and proposed plan for the project. Most of the members of Town Council stated that the park needed to remain a passive park. Mr. Stanford stated that one of the motivating factors for developing this park is to stimulate development of the surrounding commercial properties and to protect the surrounding residential properties. He requested some information about some success stories from other communities in similar situation. Mr. Brown stated he would like to see a little bit more information on the areas that have been identifies as part of the opportunity zone. Mr. Ames said that he has a sense of excitement similar to when he was working to develop Hilton Head. He went on to say when developing this project it is important to listen to the stakeholders and weigh the pros and cons.

With no further comments from the members of Council, Mayor McCann opened the discussion to the public in attendance. Irene Levine, Heather Rath, Terry Heron, Jack Daly, Pauline Leland, and Joan Hazel address the Mayor and Town Council about the Mid-Island Initiative and the project plans.

## **6. Adjournment**

By unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

**Approved: September 21, 2021**

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John J. McCann, Mayor

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Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk