



Town of Hilton Head Island
TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, September 13, 2021, 3:00 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*; Shawn Colin, *Advisor to the Town Manager*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Town Clerk*

1. Call to Order

Mayor McCann called the meeting to order at 3:00 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

Roll was taken by the Town Clerk, and attendance of all members of Town Council was confirmed.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

5. Pledge to the Flag

6. Review and Discussion of Preliminary Local Concepts and Key Project Enhancements for the William Hilton Parkway Gateway Corridor

Mr. Orlando opened up the discussion by recapping the project progress, including the different meetings and workshops held leading up to this meeting. He noted that the meeting was a collection of input from the public and from the elected officials. Mr. Orlando said that collective goal was to establish a project roadway position that is best for Hilton Head Island. Upon the conclusion of his comments, Mr. Orlando introduced Mr. Colin who reviewed similar information, including the guiding principals adopted by Town Council. Mr. Colin said the project team evaluated the information released in the Environmental Assessment and participated in the SDCOT Public Hearing. He said that the project team also met on multiple occasions with landowners and stakeholders, including three open houses to gain input and feedback on the project.

He said the project team did a deep dive with the engineering evaluation, providing information and support for alternative concepts and treatments to validate feasibility and provide technical support in reaching implantable solutions. Upon conclusion of his opening statement, Mr. Colin introduced Mr. Kinzelman who reviewed the concepts and key project enhancements for the project.

Mr. Kinzelman started by stating that the objective behind the local study is to use local knowledge and to create a community based solution and enhance the preferred alternative. He said the goal has been to improve what they received with the preferred alternative and to make that as Island specific as they could. Mr. Kinzelman reviewed the draft set of recommendations. The recommendations reviewed included; creating a memorable gateway experience, creating a long-term vision for improving cyclist and pedestrian safety, eliminate raised curbs in medians where possible, consolidate drives and curb cuts to improve access management, reduce property impacts from expanding new pavement, design intuitive intersections with traditional turning movements, incorporate design features for traffic calming and lower design speeds, and implement the latest ITS smart intersections technology island-wide. With the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Kinzelman took questions from the Town Council.

Some members of Town Council noting that they feel things are moving too quickly with the project and that things need to slow down before moving forward with the project. Other members of Town Council stating that they are prepare to take a position and move the project forward, and including the recommendations MKSK had shared. Some of the members told the Mayor that it was time to meet with the delegation and SCDOT in Columbia and make the Town's position known. Most all of the Town Council said they were pleased with the recommendations from MKSK, but others wondered if they went far enough. Council asked MKSK if they thought the SCDOT would be willing to implement the recommendations. It was noted that it would be more of a negotiation of what would they be willing to change and what the Town would be willing to accept. As a whole, Town Council did agree that the project had to continue to keep the citizens of the Island in mind and represent those who lived on the Island. Mayor McCann closed the discussion by stating that he would work to schedule a follow-up meeting so the Town Council could comeback with a final position.

7. Appearance by Citizens

Peter Kristian, Risa Prince, Patsy Brison, Cyndi Polsen, Jon Heron, Steve Baer and Christopher Cliffe: address the Mayor and Town Council on the William Hilton Parkway project.

8. Adjournment

By unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Approved: October 5, 2021

Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

John J. McCann, Mayor