



Town of Hilton Head Island PUBLIC PLANNING COMMITTEE Wednesday, June 15, 2022, 10:00 a.m. MINUTES

Present from Committee: David Ames, *Chairman*; Alex Brown, Glenn Stanford, *Committee Members*; Tom Lennox, *Alternate Member*

Absent from Committee: Tamara Becker, *Committee Member*

Present from Town Staff: Josh Gruber, *Deputy Town Manager*; Angie Stone, *Assistant Town Manager*; Shawn Colin, *Assistant Town Manager, Community Development*; Carolyn Grant, *Communications Director*; Missy Luick, *Community Planning Manager*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Town Clerk*

1. Call to Order

Mr. Ames called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. FOIA Compliance

Ms. Wiedmeyer confirmed compliance with the SC Freedom of Information Act.

3. Roll Call

Ms. Wiedmeyer called the roll, confirming the attendance.

4. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting – April 28, 2022

Mr. Stanford moved to approve. Mr. Lennox seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Appearance by Citizens

Ms. Wiedmeyer confirmed that no one had signed up to address the Committee

6. Unfinished Business

- a. Consideration of Proposed Ordinance 2022-08 Amending Sections 12-1-110 and 12-1-511 of the Municipal Code for the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina regarding e-Bike Regulations

Ms. Luick addressed the Committee on proposed Ordinance 2022-08, amending sections of the Town's Code, regarding the regulation of Electronic Bikes or eBikes. She reviewed the updates to the ordinance, noting that most of the information remained the same, but the Town did remove the language about the use of governors to limit the speed of the bikes. Ms. Luick pointed out that improvements to the pathways with the use of center lines, pavement markings, and general overall maintenance was documented. Before concluding her presentation, Ms. Luick answered questions posed to her by the Committee.

Frank Babel addressed the Committee, expressing his gratitude to the Town for the flexibility shown regarding this matter. He reiterated points made by Ms. Luick, noting that this ordinance is a good starting point to moving forward.

With no further discussion, Mr. Stanford moved that the Public Planning Committee recommend adoption of the ordinance to the full Town Council. Mr. Brown seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

Prior to adjourning the meeting, Mr. Ames stated that he was encouraged from what he saw in the presentation from Ms. Luick, pointing out the mention of a study about ways the Town can improve the experience in the Pope Avenue corridor. He continued noting that this corridor should be broken down to three segments of an experience, with each one has an increasing demand by pedestrians. Mr. Ames said that he would request that at the July meeting, the Committee receive an update on how staff is going to approach the study referenced in the eBikes presentation. He said he would like to expand to the extent that the study recognizes the experience from the bridge to the beach, with emphasis on the Pope Avenue corridor, and perhaps a real starting point of Cordillo to the beach.

Mr. Ames also reported that at a previous Committee meeting, they had received a presentation from Palmetto Breeze on innovative vehicle solutions. He noted that as part of moving people throughout the Pope Avenue corridor, perhaps a different vehicle solution should be considered. Mr. Ames asked if it makes sense for the Town to begin looking at, either through Palmetto Breeze or its own advancing, a more brand sympathetic solution to move people within this corridor. Mr. Brown adding to this conversation, noting that island transportation should be more than just moving visitors, but also those who live and work on the island. He requested that the Town look to facilitating conversations for implementation of such services, noting that this would remove more vehicles from the roadways. Mr. Ames requested that at the next meeting, the Committee receive a report on what Palmetto Breeze is doing to come up with solutions for improving the rider experience.

Mr. Stanford pointed out that the Committee had not been presented with any proposed amendments to the Town's code regarding zoning. He said that the growth on the island is necessitating changes and amendments. Mr. Ames asked that a list of proposed Land Management Ordinance amendments be brought forward to the next meeting along with the other items.

Mr. Colin addressed the Committee speaking to the items requested from Mr. Ames, providing an update on where Town staff is on many of the same. He answered questions posed to him from the Committee, noting that staff would begin to prepare updates on the matters noted.

7. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Approved:

Drafted and Submitted by:
Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

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