



Town of Hilton Head Island

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

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*; Shawn Colin, *Assistant Town Manager-Community Development*; Ben Brown, *Senior Advisor to the Town Manager*; Brad Tadlock, *Fire Chief*; John Troyer, *Finance Director*; Jeff Buckalew, *Town Engineer*; Missy Luick, *Community Program 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 the 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

Attendance of Town Council was confirmed by way of a roll call.

4. Pledge to the Flag

5. Invocation – Pastor Greg Kronz – St. Lukes Church

Pastor Kronz delivered the invocation.

6. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting - June 21, 2022

Mr. Harkins moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Stanford seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

7. Report of the Town Manager

- a. Items of Interest

Mr. Orlando asked Ms. Luick to provide an update on the Home Safety Repair and Sewer Connect Programs. Ms. Luick reported that both programs had gone live on July 5th. She noted that a strong communications campaign had been initiated and included translated information for our Hispanic community. Ms. Luick said there had been significant interest in both programs, reporting that at least one application had been received. She said that regular program updates would be provided to Town Council as the programs move forward.

- b. Design Review Board Biannual Report – Cathy Foss, Chair

Ms. Foss delivered the biannual report of the Design Review Board to Town Council. She said that the Board had an unusual six months, receiving only a few applications to consider. Ms. Foss said there were four new developments and seven alterations. She highlighted three of the files, noting the use of existing commercial buildings. Before completing her report, she thanked Town staff for their support and knowledge.

c. Update on Solid Waste and Recycling Efforts – Jeff Buckalew, Town Engineer

Mr. Buckalew began his presentation by reminding Town Council that this matter was an initiative within the Strategic Plan adopted by Town Council. He said that Town staff had advanced the Town Council adopted the Greater Island Council Resolution to Beaufort County and set monthly meetings with both the Greater Island Council and the County. Mr. Buckalew reported on the various goals of the program, referring to Beaufort County's Solid Waste Management Plan. He noted that a "SWOT" analysis was being completed and a future workshop would be scheduled on this matter. Upon the completion of his report, Mr. Buckalew answered questions posed to him from Town Council.

d. Discussion of the Hilton Head Island Beach Regulations – Joshua Gruber, Deputy Town Manager

Mr. Gruber announced that the Beach Parking Master Plan was scheduled to be discussed at the August 4th Public Planning Committee meeting, noting the vendor the Town is considering would be present to deliver a presentation. He reported that the Beach Operations Team was out in full force from July 1st through July 4th for the holiday weekend. Mr. Gruber pointed out that a Town presence was at each of the Beach Parks from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. each day. He noted that there were no major incidents reported, but that it was a very busy time. Mr. Gruber reported that the Palmetto Breeze was busy all four days providing shuttle service. He said at any given time it was estimated that three quarters of the overflow parking at USCB was full. Mr. Gruber said that along with Shore Beach Services and Turtle Trackers, the Town arranged for a beach cleaning on July 5th. Lastly, Mr. Gruber provided an overview of the Town's Code with regards to fishing on the beach. He noted that fishing is not allowed in the designated swimming areas. Mr. Gruber spoke to a recent incident that took place when a shark was caught, noting that according to the DNR, the shark was not mistreated and was handled in a manner as to not injure or hurt the shark. Mr. Gruber took questions posed to him from Town Council.

e. Update on the William Hilton Parkway Gateway Corridor Project – Shawn Colin, Assistant Town Manager of Community Development

Mr. Colin delivered a presentation to Town Council outlining the steps needed to move the William Hilton Parkway Gateway Corridor Project forward. He began the presentation by reviewing the steps that led to the present day. Mr. Colin then discussed the critical path noting the steps that would need to be taken to move on to the next steps. He then reviewed the proposed next steps and schedule. Mr. Colin explained that Town Council would need to decide on a path forward to complete the end-to-end analysis with either Kimley Horn or proceed with the engagement of an independent consultant. Upon the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Colin asked Senator Davis to address Town Council on the same matter.

Senator Davis stated the process outlined in the presentation was excellent in terms of establishing a critical path of things that need to be done for Town Council to decide on behalf of the people of Hilton Head Island. He said he agreed with Mr. Colin that it is important that this moves forward in tandem with the overall due diligence items. Senator Davis commended the Town for the creation of the Historic Neighborhood Community Development Corporation, noting that this will make a real impact on the Stoney Community. He talked about not having to worry about the timing or responding to the County within 90-days, noting that he had talked to Secretary Hall about potential delays. Both Senator Davis and Mr. Colin answered questions from Town Council. Mayor McCann asked that the resolution for taking the next steps be on the next agenda for Town Council Consideration.

Diederik Advocaat, Steve Baer, and Gray Smith addressed Town Council on the information presented on the next steps for the William Hilton Parkway Gateway Corridor. All praised Town Council for slowing down to evaluate the project and consider a new study from an independent consultant.

8. Reports of the Town Council

a. General Reports from Town Council

Mrs. Becker reported that they hear about a lot of bad news in the world today and a lot of controversial things too. She said now and again, she gets the opportunity to out and see the Island with her grandkids and wanted to say that Hilton Head is an amazing place! She said when you get a chance to slow down and look around everyone will realize what an amazing place the Island is.

b. Report of the Lowcountry Area Transportation Study – Councilman Stanford

Mr. Stanford state he did not have a report.

c. Report of the Lowcountry Council of Governments – Councilwoman Becker

Mrs. Becker state she did not have a report.

d. Report of the Southern Lowcountry Regional Board – Councilman Lennox

Mr. Lennox reported that the Board met on June 28th and the sole agenda item was the discussion of the Reginal Housing Trust Fund. He said they are waiting to receive a proposal from Beaufort County as well as a memorandum of understanding. Mr. Lennox said they are not ready to move forward until a clear definition of the benefits to the Island have been identified.

e. Report of the Community Services & Public Safety Committee – Councilman Harkins

Mr. Harkins stated that he did not have a report.

f. Report of the Public Planning Committee – Councilman Ames

Mr. Ames stated that there is not a scheduled meeting in July, but that the Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, August 4th. He reported that there would be several items on the agenda for the Committee to consider.

g. Report of the Finance & Administrative Committee – Councilman Lennox

Mr. Lennox reported that the Committee met earlier in the day where they advanced two matters forward to the next Town Council meeting. The first was on the Beaufort County Impact Fees and the second was on a substantial amendment to the CDBG five-year consolidated plan.

9. Proclamations/Commendations

a. Presentation of the Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation

Mayor McCann presented the 2022 Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation to members of the Island Recreation Association Board and members of Town staff.

10. Appearance by Citizens

Cosimo Urato: addressed Town Council on the speed limit and bike pathway on Lagoon Road.

William Oday: addressed Town Council on his concern with the new pickleball courts near Indigo Run. He said he was concerned there would be too much noise.

Linda Harrington: addressed Town Council with her concerns with the response times from the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office. She recalled a recent encounter with the Sheriff's Office and was not pleased with the way it played out.

Suzanne Smith: addressed Town Council with her concerns with the Town not having their own police department. She encouraged Town Council to consider implementing one.

Skip Hoagland: addressed Town Council on matters concerning the Town's finances.

Peter Kristian: addressed Town Council on the report delivered earlier on the Solid Waste and Recycling program.

11. New Business

- a. First Reading 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

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded.

Patsy Brison: addressed Town Council on this matter, thanking them for moving it forward. She said she looks forward to the next discussions on the pathway improvements and safety, noting that is the next step to be taken.

With no further discussion, the motion carried 6-1, Mrs. Becker opposing.

- b. Consideration of a Resolution of the Town of Hilton Head Island Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Drainage System Maintenance Agreements

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried 7-0.

12. Executive Session

At 4:55 p.m., Mr. Harkins moved for Town Council to enter Executive Session for those matters referenced on the agenda. Mr. Stanford seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

13. Possible Actions by Town Council Concerning Matters Discussed in Executive Session

Mr. Harkins moved to approve a Resolution of the Town of Hilton Head Island, authorizing the execution and delivery of an agreement resolving a pending eminent domain proceeding between the Town of Hilton Head Island and BRE Retail Residual Circle Center Owner, LLC. Mr. Stanford seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

14. Adjournment

Town Council voted unanimously adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Approved: August 16, 2022

Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

John J. McCann, Mayor