

**TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Time: 4:00 p.m.

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

Present from Town Staff: Steve Riley, *Town Manager*; Joshua Gruber, *Assistant Town Manager*, Shawn Colin, *Director of Community Development*; Scott Liggett, *Director of Public Projects and Facilities*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; Brad Tadlock, *Fire Chief*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Executive Assistant/Town Clerk*

Present from Media: Katherine Kokal, *Island Packet*

1. Call to Order

Mayor McCann called the meeting to order at 4:00 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. Pledge of the Flag

4. Invocation – Reverend Brett Myers, First Baptist Church Hilton Head Island

Reverend Brett Myers of First Baptist Church Hilton Head Island delivered the invocation.

5. Proclamations/Commendations

a. Bike Month

Mayor McCann presented the 2019 Bike Month proclamation to Frank Babel and the Hilton Head Island Bike Advisory Committee. Mr. Babel made some brief statements to the members of Council.

6. Approval of the Minutes

a. Town Council Meeting, April 2, 2019

Mr. Harkins moved to approve the minutes from April 2, 2019. Mr. Grant seconded, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

7. Report of the Town Manager

a. Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation – John O’Toole

John O’Toole, Executive Director of the Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation, made a presentation to the members of Council giving an update of the recent happenings taking place within the Beaufort County EDC. He discussed new leads and the target market within the County. Mr. O’Toole also discussed the return of organizations to the County and many new organizations to the County. He closed his update with what the EDC is working on for the future.

b. Items of Interest

Mr. Riley reviewed the Items of Interest, including Town news, upcoming Town meetings, and noteworthy events taking place throughout the Island over the coming weeks.

8. Reports From the Members of Council

a. General Reports from Council

Mayor McCann, Mr. Harkins, and Mr. Lennox all gave their gratitude to all those involved with the Heritage golf tournament. They all felt this was one of the best and most attended tournaments they have seen to date.

Mr. Stanford reported that he met with Mr. Rembold at the Hilton Head Island Airport, where he was taken on a tour. He said they discussed takeoff and landing patterns of the planes which has been put in place to abate more of the noise.

b. Intergovernmental & Public Safety Committee – Bill Harkins

Mr. Harkins stated he did not have a report.

c. Community Services Committee – Marc Grant

Mr. Grant stated that the Committee met on April 22nd where they reviewed applications and interviewed applicants for boards and commissions. He said that the Committee planned to continue this process on April 29th, and hoped to bring forward recommendations to the next Town Council meeting on May 7, 2019.

d. Public Planning Committee – David Ames

Mr. Ames stated that the Committee was to discuss the Town's code concerning the protection of the sea turtles at the April 25th meeting, however that meeting had been cancelled to allow for additional feedback from stakeholders. He indicated that the intent would be to review the ordinance at the next Committee meeting. Mr. Ames also reported that staff is working on scheduling a workshop to begin reviewing the results from the workforce housing consultant's report.

e. Public Facilities Committee – Marc Grant

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

f. Finance & Administrative Committee – Tom Lennox

Mr. Lennox stated that the Committee met earlier in the day, where they discussed two items related to the Chamber and DMO, where they recommended that action be taken at the May 7, 2019 Town Council meeting.

9. Appearance by Citizens

Skip Hoagland: Mr. Hoagland appeared before Council to discuss matters related to Town business and the Chamber.

Joanne Voulelis: Ms. Voulelis appeared before Council to discuss matters related to the Town's current code related to debris on the beach and protection of the sea turtles.

Linda Vambelli: Ms. Vambelli appeared before Council to discuss matters related to the Town's current code related to the lighting and holes on the beaches.

Risa Prince: Ms. Prince appeared before Council to discuss matters related to the Town and decisions made by the members of Town Council.

Chris Rush: Mr. Rush appeared before Council to discuss matters related to the Town's current code related to holes on the beach and the types of tools used for digging said holes.

9. Appearance by Citizens (cont.)

Deborah Yuratto: Ms. Yuratto appeared before Council to discuss matters related to the Town's branding and current code related to the protection of the sea turtles.

Barry Ginn: Mr. Ginn appeared before Council to discuss matters related to Town business.

10. Consent Agenda – NONE

11. Unfinished Business

a. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2019-12 – Execution of Lease & Sale of Real Property with ArborNature, LLC

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2019-12 of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina authorizing the execution of a lease with ArborNature, LLC of real property owned by the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, and for the sale of real property owned by the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, under the authority of S.C. Code Ann. § 5-7-40 (Supp. 2018), and § 2-7-20, Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, (1983); and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mrs. Becker seconded. Mr. Stanford noted that he had not been part of Council or part of any discussions concerning this matter, as such he would be abstaining from the vote. Mrs. Becker stated that she wanted to note that she had not participated in all discussions, but would be participate in the vote. With no further discussion from the members of Council or the public at large, the motion passed by a vote of 5-1-1. Mayor McCann opposed, Mr. Stanford abstained.

b. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2019-11 – Standing Committee of Town Council

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2019-11 of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, to amend Title 2 General Government and Administration of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina by amending Chapter 5 (Meetings of Council and Rules of Procedure) Section 2-5-60, Committees of Council; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mrs. Becker seconded. With no discussion from Town Council or the public at large, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

12. New Business

a. Consideration of a Recommendation – Approval of Marketing Plan

Consideration of a Recommendation from the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee for the Chamber of Commerce Visitor and Convention Bureau's proposed 2019-20 Marketing Plan.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Grant seconded. With some discussion from both the members of Council and the public at large, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

b. Consideration of a Recommendation – Trash & Recycle Enclosures on the Beach

Consideration of a Recommendation from the Public Facilities Committee to the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, authorizing the placement of two can corral structures at Town Beach Park access points in order to enclose existing trash and recycling containers.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mrs. Becker seconded. With some discussion from both the members of Council and the public at large, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

13. Executive Session

Mr. Riley stated that an Executive Session was needed to review the following matters; (a) Land Acquisition, discussion of negotiations incident to the proposed contractual arrangements, sale or purchase of property in the (i) Beach City Road area, and (ii) Main Street area.

At 5:05 p.m. Mr. Harkins moved to go into Executive Session for the items mentioned by the Town Manager. Mrs. Becker seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

Town Council returned from Executive Session at 5:30 p.m.

14. Possible actions by Town Council concerning matters discussed in Executive Session

- a. Possible actions by Town Council related to Land Acquisition, discussion of negotiations incident of the proposed sale, lease, or purchase of property in the Main Street area.

Due to a possible conflict, Mr. Harkins recused himself from participating in discussions and actions related to this item.

Mr. Grant moved that the Town Council authorize the Mayor and Town Manager to execute and deliver the agreement by and between the Town of Hilton Head Island and Marilyn Faulkner, Personal Representative of the Estate of Gordon K. Faulkner, and to take such other and further actions as may be necessary to complete the transaction described in the agreement. Mr. Stanford seconded. With limited discussion from the public at large, the motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

15. Adjournment

At 5:34 Mrs. Becker moved to adjourn. Mr. Grant seconded. The motion to adjourn was approved by a vote of 6-0.

Krista Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

Approved: May 7, 2019

John J. McCann, Mayor