

**THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
TOWN COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Friday, April 10, 2020

Time: 4:00 p.m.

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

Present from Town Staff: Steve Riley, *Town Manager*; Josh Gruber, *Assist. Town Manager*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Exec. Assist/Town Clerk*

1. Call to Order

Due to some technical difficulties the start of the meeting was delayed. Mayor McCann called the meeting to order at 4:15p.m. By way of roll call, Mayor McCann confirmed the attendance of all members of Council.

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 Allegiance

4. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Harkins moved to approve the agenda. Mrs. Becker seconded. With no discussion from the members of Town Council, the agenda was approved as written by a vote of 7-0.

Mayor McCann addressed Town Council, addressing the powers of local government during a declared state of emergency. He stated that while the decisions made by Council are often made from concern for public safety, this is different, and Council feels the decisions being made are in the best interest of the community. Mayor McCann also reiterated earlier statements he had made, urging visitors to not travel to the Island until it is safe to do so.

5. New Emergency Actions by Town Council

a. Consideration of Emergency Ordinance 2020-10

An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, repealing Emergency Ordinance 2020-08 and adopting Governor Henry D. McMaster's Emergency Order 2020-19

Mr. Harkins moved to approve the proposed ordinance with the addition of the following paragraph to be inserted at the bottom of page two: *WHEREAS, the Town Council would also like to recognize and commend those businesses on the Island to include its restaurateurs, retail shops, amusement vendors, outdoor adventurers, health care workers and law enforcement officers and other such organizations that are a critical part of our local community and recognize the significant sacrifices that many of them are making in support of COVID-19 response efforts.* Mr. Grant seconded. The members of Council had a brief discussion on this item. By way of roll call, the motion to approve ordinance with the additional language was approved by a vote of 6-1, Mrs. Becker opposed.

6. Town Council Comments

Mayor McCann called on each member of Council who discussed items that were of importance to them and their constituents.

7. Adjournment

By unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

Approved: April 28, 2020

John J. McCann, Mayor