

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

Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Time: 2:00 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*; Shawn Colin, *Director of Community Development*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Exec. Assist/Town Clerk*

1. Call to Order

Mayor McCann called the meeting order at 2:00 p.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. Invocation – Associate Pastor Brian Parker, First Baptist Church HHI

Pastor Parker delivered the invocation.

5. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. By way of roll call, the agenda was approved as written by a vote of 7-0.

6. Approval of Minutes

- a. Special Town Council Meeting, May 12, 2020, 1:30 p.m.**
- b. Special Town Council Meeting, May 12, 2020, 2:00 p.m.**

Mr. Harkins moved to approve both sets of minutes from May 12, 2020. Mr. Stanford seconded. With no discussion on this items, by way of roll call, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

7. Update from Jeremy Clark, CEO of Hilton Head Regional Healthcare

Jeremy Clark, CEO of Hilton Head Regional Healthcare, gave an update to the members of Council regarding the hospitals actions related to the COVID-19 pandemic. He also discussed the new doctors and staff who have recently joined Hilton Head Regional Healthcare.

8. New Business

a. Consideration of a Recommendation – Shelter Cove Towne Center

Consideration of a Recommendation from Town staff to Town Council to forego the pier element included in the Shelter Cove Community Park preliminary master plan and to authorize the Town Manager to reallocate these funds and any other unspent Shelter Cove Park funds toward the execution of the concept plan for Shelter Cove Connectivity. Staff further recommends that Town Council authorize the Town Manager to negotiate and execute an extension with Shelter Cove Towne Center, LLC to the 5-year performance period to install additional parking improvements in the Shelter cove Area, currently set to expire June 5, 2020.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. Mr. Riley discussed and answered questions from Council related to this item. With no further discussion, by way of roll call, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

9. Unfinished Business

a. Discussion of Beach Access

Mr. Riley opened the discussion by describing what events had taken place since Council's last discussion about the same. Scott Liggett, Director of Public Projects and Facilities/Chief Engineer, reviewed a recommendation concerning the next steps for a continued phased opening of the beach and park access. The recommendation included opening up the remaining of the beach access and parking areas for the same. The metered parking would return to normal operations as well.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve the staff recommendation. Mr. Stanford seconded. Council continued to discuss the staff recommendation at length. Mr. Ames moved to amend the initial motion, adding in the opening of Chaplin Park. Mr. Grant seconded. Council discussed whether or not opening Chaplin Park was the right thing to do at this time. With the conclusion of the discussion, by way of roll call, the motion as amended failed 3-4, Mayor McCann, Ms. Becker, Mr. Lennox, and Mr. Stanford opposed. With more discussion about the initial motion regarding the approval of staff's recommendation, Mr. Lennox moved to amend the initial motion, removing the roadside parking on Burkes Beach Road. Ms. Becker seconded. Council discussed the pros and cons of this amendment, agreeing that this should not be a limited or one time change, but a permanent change due to a potential public safety issue. With the conclusion of this discussion, by way of roll call, the motion as amended failed 2-5, Mayor McCann, Mr. Ames, Mr. Grant, and Mr. Harkins opposing. Mayor McCann then called the question on the original motion to approve the staff recommendation. With no further discussion, by way of roll call, the motion was approved 6-1, Ms. Becker opposing.

10. State of Emergency Business

a. Consideration of Proposed Emergency Ordinance 2020-14 - Extension of Electronic Town Council Meetings

Reading of Proposed Emergency Ordinance 2020-14 of the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, extending the standards for electronic meetings in the Town of Hilton Head Island, and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. With no discussion, by way of roll call, the motion was approved 7-0.

b. Consideration of a Resolution – Urging Citizens to Wear Face Masks

Consideration of a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, urging all citizens, residents, tourists, and visitors to wear protective face masks anytime they are outside of their home or place of lodging.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. Council discussed the importance of wearing a face covering or mask. With no further discussion, by way of roll call, the motion was approved 7-0.

11. Town Council Discussion

Mayor McCann called on each member of Council who discussed items of importance to the community.

12. Executive Session

Mr. Riley stated that he had a need to enter Executive Session for a discussion of negotiations incidents to the proposed sale, lease, or purchase of property in the Stoney area and Union Cemetery area.

At 3:13 p.m. Mr. Harkins moved to enter Executive Session for the matter described by Mr. Riley. Mr. Stanford seconded. By way of roll call, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

13. Possible action by Town Council concerning matters discussed in Executive Session

14. Adjournment

Council returned from Executive Session, and by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Approved: June 2, 2020

Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

John J. McCann, Mayor