



Town of Hilton Head Island  
TOWN COUNCIL  
Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.  
MEETING 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*; Angie Stone, *Assistant Town Manager*; Jennifer Ray, *Capital Projects Manager*; Jeff Buckalew, *Interim Director of Public Projects & Facilities/Chief Engineer* Teri Lewis, *Deputy Director of Community Development*; Dian Busch, *Staff Attorney*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Town Clerk*

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**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. Roll Call**

By way of roll call, attendance of all members of Town Council was confirmed.

**4. Pledge to the Flag**

**5. Invocation – Father Kronz, St. Luke’s Church**

Father Kronz delivered the invocation.

**6. Approval of Minutes**

- a. **Town Council Workshop – June 15, 2021, 3:00 p.m.**
- b. **Town Council Regular Meeting – June 15, 2021, 4:00 p.m.**
- c. **Town Council Workshop – June 29, 2021**

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

Mr. Ames made a motion to remove agenda item 11(d) until further discussion is had at the Committee level. Mayor McCann seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

**7. Report of the Town Manager**

**a. Items of Interest**

Mr. Orlando reviewed and reported on various items of interest, the first being about the Beach Management program. He announced that a new Beach Manager had been hired and had already begun work. Mr. Orlando also reported that along with the Beach Manager, there would be a Facilities Manager and Tech roles assigned to the Beach Management program. He said that these individuals would have enforcement capabilities and begin working with several different beach parks, the first being Islander’s Beach. Lastly, Mr. Orlando stated that the SCDOT would be holding their Public Hearing on July 22, 2021 and expressed the importance of this meeting and everyone’s participation. He also noted that the Town would be hosting some open houses on August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> which will give the community the opportunity to provide additional feedback on the William Hilton Parkway Project.

## **7. Report of the Town Manager (cont.)**

### **b. Mid-Island Tract Project Introduction – Jennifer Ray, Interim Director of Community Development**

Ms. Ray gave a quick update to the members of Town Council concerning the Mid-Island Initiative project and the Chaplin and Crossings Park project. She reported that two contracts had been executed with the consultants for each project and future meetings and discussions would be scheduled in the coming months for both projects.

### **c. Semi-Annual Update from the Design Review Board – Michael Gentemann, Chairman**

Mr. Gentemann gave a brief update to Town Council concerning a number of matters the Board have reviewed and discussed over the previous six months.

### **d. Presentation of the Antioch Express Project, Darryl Owens, Project Manager for the Antioch Educational Center**

Mr. Owens made a brief presentation to Town Council reviewing and providing an overview of their program.

## **8. Reports from Members of Town Council**

### **a. General Reports from Town Council**

Mrs. Becker reported that some of the residents in the Folly Field Road area were not pleased about the noise and smells from the Trolley which is on a new route running through residential neighborhoods. She said through discussions with Mary Lou at Palmetto Breeze, there is a different bus that can be used called a cut-away bus that uses gasoline and not diesel fuel. Along with that the cut-away bus is smaller and less noisy. Mrs. Becker said she asks support for requesting the Town Manager to speak with Mary Lou about making a permanent change to the cut-away bus. Mayor McCann confirmed the members of Council were ok with this and confirmed with Mr. Orlando that he would make the call to Mary Lou.

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

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

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

Mrs. Becker reported that the last meeting was a reorganizing meeting and there is discussion of returning to in-person meetings in the coming month.

### **d. Report of the South Carolina Floodwater Commission – Mayor McCann**

Mayor McCann reported that he would be stepping away from the Commission, asking Mr. Brown to step in to replace him. With Mr. Brown confirming, Mayor McCann asked the Town Clerk to provide all the background information on the Commission to Mr. Brown.

### **e. Report of the Southern Lowcountry Regional Board – Councilman Lennox**

Mr. Lennox reported that the Board recently discussed the Housing Trust Fund, he said a presentation was made by the Beaufort County Administrator. Mr. Lennox reported that this matter will heat up in the coming months. Lastly, he reported that the next meeting was on July 27<sup>th</sup> in Bluffton, where they would discuss and receive and update on the County-wide bike program.

**f. Report of the Beaufort County Airports Board – Councilman Ames**

Mr. Ames reported that as the liaison to the County Airport Board, he attends the Board meetings. He said that he was aware of the operational challenges and the adjustments being made by the Airport Director, John Rembold on a daily basis. Mr. Ames invited Mr. Rembold to give a brief update to the Town Council about the current status of the Airport.

**i. Jon Rembold, Beaufort County Airports Director**

Mr. Rembold gave an update to Town Council regarding the airport. He gave an overview of the increase of flights in and out over the last two years. Mr. Rembold talked about the expansion of the terminal and the status of the current terminal. He said the Board has added an Airport Ambassador Program to assist people get around the terminal. Mr. Rembold answered questions posed to him from Town Council.

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

Mr. Harkins stated that he did not have a report, but said given the building collapse in Florida, he wanted to know what safety protocols were in place on the Island. Mr. Orlando said he would have an update at the next Town Council meeting.

**h. Report of the Public Planning Committee – Councilman Ames**

Mr. Ames reported that the Committee would be hosting a workshop where they would further discuss motorized scooters and bikes. He also reported that at a recent Committee meeting the Committee received an update from Palmetto Breeze. He said the discussion was about the ridership and improved experience. Mr. Ames stated that at the upcoming meeting on July 21, 2021, the Committee would be discussing temporary signs within the historic neighborhoods, LMO waivers, and dwelling unit definition

**i. Report of the Finance & Administrative Committee – Councilman Lennox**

Mr. Lennox reported that the Committee met earlier in the day where they had a general discussion regarding the Moody's Annual Issuer Comment Report. He said the Finance Director gave presented the recent financial update.

**9. Appearance by Citizens**

**Skip Hoagland** addressed Town Council concerning matters related to the Town and Chamber.

**10. Unfinished Business**

**a. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2020-26 - Family Compound and Family Subdivision LMO Amendments**

Second Reading of the Proposed Ordinance 2020-26 to amend Title 16 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, the Land Management Ordinance (LMO), Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 10 and Appendix B and D. These amendments, commonly referred to as Family Compound and Family Subdivision Applications as noticed in the Island Packet on May 2, 2021, include changes that add Family Compound and Family Subdivision as a new application and a Use with Permitted Conditions described in Exhibit A to the ordinance; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Ames seconded. With no discussion the motion carried by a vote of 6-1, Mrs. Becker opposed.

## **11. New Business**

### **a. Consideration of a Recommendation –Out of Cycle Supplemental ATAX Grants**

Consideration of a Recommendation from the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee to the Town Council awarding the supplemental year 2021 grants.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Ames Seconded. Much discussion was had concerning additional funding for the Saturday daycare. Mr. Stanford moved to provide and add funding in the amount of \$30,000.00. No seconded was rendered. Continued discussion was had about this matter, some members of Council concerned issuing these funds was in violation of the state's ATAX laws and was an overreach of government responsibilities. While Council as a whole was in support that funding should be available, most were not in favor of providing the funds from the ATAX grants. Mr. Stanford withdrew his motion. The original motion to approve carried by a vote of 7-0.

### **b. Consideration of a Recommendation - Burkes Beach Road Parking**

Consideration of a Recommendation from the Community Services and Public Safety Committee that Town Council approve the Burkes Beach Road on-street and metered parking remain prohibited, with direction to the Town Manager to establish an appealing and safe, be it temporary solution to address the current situation with appropriate upgrades and signage.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. Mr. Orlando opened the discussion, explaining that Mr. Buckalew had been in touch with Beaufort County to discuss was is acceptable. He said there have been several great suggestions with the County to work through those solutions. Mr. Orlando said the immediate fix is to remove the parking meters and restriping. Some discussion was had by Council, overall, they felt this was the right thing to do. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

### **c. Consideration of a Resolution – Reclassifying Public Safety 911 Telecommunicators**

Consideration of a Resolution of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, reclassifying Public Safety 911 Telecommunicators as Protective Service Providers.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Ames seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

### **d. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2021-19 – Prohibit the Use and Rental of Motorized Scooters**

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2021-19 amending the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina; to add a new Article 611, to Title 12, Chapter 1, to prohibit the use and rental of Motorized Scooters on any Public Right-of-Way and to provide authority to the Town of Hilton Head Island and their designees to remove and dispose of any Motorized Scooters physically left unattended on Public Property and providing for severability and an effective date.

As noted above, this item had been removed from the agenda.

**12. Executive Session**

- a. Discussion of negotiations incident to the proposed sale, lease or purchase of property in the Northridge area and in the Beach City Road area [pursuant to S.C. Freedom of Information Act § 30-4-70(a)(2)]
- b. Receipt of legal advice related to threatened or potential litigation matters as covered by the attorney-client privilege [pursuant to S.C. Freedom of Information Act § 30-4-70(a)(2)]

At 5:20 p.m., Mr. Harkins moved to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Stanford seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

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

**14. Adjournment**

By unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

**Approved: August 17, 2021**

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Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

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John J. McCann, Mayor