

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

Date: Tuesday, November 7, 2018

Time: 4:00 P.M.

Present from Town Council: David Bennett, *Mayor*; Kim Likins, *Mayor Pro Tempore*; John McCann, Bill Harkins, Marc Grant, Tom Lennox, David Ames, *Council Members*

Present from Town Staff: Steve Riley, *Town Manager*; Joshua Gruber, *Assistant Town Manager*; Charles Cousins, *Director of Community Development*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; Brad Tadlock, *Fire Chief*; John Troyer, *Finance Director*; Carolyn Grant, *Communications Director*; Shawn Colin, *Deputy Director of Community Development*; Ed Boring, *Deputy Fire Chief – Support Services*; Melissa Cope, *Systems Analyst*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Executive Assistant/Town Clerk*

Present from Media: Katherine Kokal, *Island Packet*

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

- 2. FOIA Compliance** - Public notification of this meeting was published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of Hilton Head Island.

Mrs. Likins moved to change the order of the agenda and address item number 6(a) Recognition of Students for Student Government Day and presentation of Student Government Day Certificates prior to going into Executive Session, Mr. Harkins seconded. The Motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

3. Executive Session

Mr. Riley stated that he needed an Executive Session for: (a) Legal Advice; receipt of legal advice related to pending, threatened, or potential claim related to; (i) Calvin “Skip” Hoagland v. David Bennett, et. al.

At 4:30 p.m. Mrs. Likins moved to go into Executive Session for matters mentioned by the Town Manager, Mr. Harkins seconded. The motion to go into Executive Session was approved by a vote of 7-0.

Town Council returned to the dais at 5:01 p.m. to begin the Regular portion of the meeting.

4. Pledge to the Flag

5. Invocation

6. Proclamations & Commendations

a. Recognition of the Students for Student Government Day

b. Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Bennett presented the Arbor Day Proclamation to Marcy Benson, Seniors Grants Administrator.

c. Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Bennett presented the Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation to Mr. Boccabella who made some brief remarks to the members of Council.

7. Approval of Minutes

a. Town Council Meeting, October 18, 2018.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2018 Town Council meeting. Mr. Harkins seconded, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

8. Report of Town Manager

a. Gullah-Geechee Land & Cultural Preservation Task Force – Lavon Stevens

Lavon Stevens, Chairman for the Task Force, opened his update to Council by thanking them for their recent approval of the Vision. He went on to give an update to Council regarding the items the Task Force covered over the last quarter and the items coming up in the next. Dr. Stevens stated that the Task Force is focusing on the development of a resource center within Town Hall and raising awareness about heirs property. Both Mayor Bennett and Mr. Grant gave their appreciation to the Task Force for their dedication and work over the recent months.

b. Items of Interest

- i. Town News**
- ii. Noteworthy Events**

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.

9. Reports from Members of Council

a. General Reports from Council

No General Reports from the members of Council.

b. Report of the Intergovernmental & Public Safety Committee – Bill Harkins, Chairman

Mr. Harkins stated that he was deferring his report to item 12(b) of the agenda.

c. Report of the Community Services Committee – Kim Likins, Chairman

Mrs. Likins stated that she did not have a report.

d. Report of the Public Planning Committee – David Ames, Chairman

Mr. Ames reported that during the October 25, 2018 meeting, the Committee approved to move phase 2 of the Vision forward for Council to review and consider. He also reported that during the Committee's special meeting held in early November, recommendations regarding the Planters Row Golf Course and Cordillo Courts could also be coming to Council to consider. Lastly, Mr. Ames reported that there would be a special meeting in late November where the Committee would be meeting with the Workforce Housing consultant to discuss the results of the Housing Needs and Market Assessment.

e. Report of the Public Facilities Committee – Marc Grant, Chairman

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

f. Report of the Finance & Administrative Committee – John McCann, Chairman

Mr. McCann reported that the Committee met earlier in the day where they continued their discussion regarding transparency of the Chamber of Commerce.

10. Appearance by Citizens

Ed. Gyger: Addressed the members of Council about citizens riding horses on the beach near Fish Haul Beach Park, stating that he felt there was an immediate danger to citizens.

Alex Brown: On behalf of the citizens at large, Mr. Brown presented Mayor Bennett with an appreciation award for his years in service as Mayor of the Town of Hilton Head Island. Mayor Bennett made some brief comments in recognition of receipt of the reward.

Beth Green: Addressed the members of Council about citizens riding horses on the beach near Fish Haul Beach Park, stating that she and her friend contacted the Town to confirm that there would not be an issue with riding horses in that area.

10. Appearance by Citizens (cont.)

Mary Deckard: Addressed the members of Council about her concerns regarding Chamber transparency.

Amber Kuehn, Sea Turtle Protection Project: Addressed the members of Council regarding the Town's sea turtle protection ordinance, specifically as it relates to lighting.

11. Unfinished Business

a. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2018-15

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2018-15 to repeal sections 6-1-111 through 318 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island; and providing for severability and effective date.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve, Mr. Harkins seconded. With little comment from the community at large, the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

12. New Business

a. Consideration of a Resolution – Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance 2018-18

Consideration of a Resolution by the Town Council to consider a Public Hearing on December 18, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. on Proposed Ordinance 2018-18, an Ordinance to amend Title 16 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, The Land Management Ordinance by Amending Chapter 4, Section 16-4-102.B.1.C and Chapter 10, Section 16-10-105 to provide for changes related to Recreational Vehicles.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve, Mr. Harkins seconded. Without discussion from both Council and the citizens, the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

b. Consideration of a Recommendation – Unsignalized High-Speed Crosswalks

Consideration of a Recommendation to Town Council authorizing the implementation of safety enhancements to unsignalized crosswalks along US 278, and other high-speed roads.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve, Mr. Harkins seconded. Mayor Bennett opened the discussion up to the members of Council where Mr. Harkins provided his Committee update about the presentation provided by Town staff regarding proposed updates to the crosswalks. With some continued discussion from the members of Council as well as the public at large, the motion was passed with a vote of 7-0.

c. Consideration of a Resolution – U.S. 278 Gateway Corridor Committee

Consideration of a Resolution by Town Council authorizing the appointment of the Hilton Head Island U.S. 278 Gateway Corridor Committee.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve. Prior to a member of Council seconding the motion, Mayor Bennett stated that this was a Resolution that he placed on the agenda, and strongly believed that the Town should take the lead of the U.S. 278 project.

12. c. Consideration of a Resolution – U.S. 278 Gateway Corridor Committee (cont.)

Mr. Grant made a motion to amend the Resolution stating the following: Town Council is hereby authorized to appoint, within forty-five (45) days, the Hilton Head Island US 278 Gateway Corridor Committee consisting of no less than seven (7) and no more than eleven (11) members to work cooperatively with the South Carolina Department of Transportation to obtain and provide citizen input to the U.S 278 Environmental Assessment and Design Alternatives. Mr. McCann seconded. With continued discussion from the members of Council concerning the importance of the Committee as well as comments from the public at large, the motion was passed by a vote of 7-0, as amended.

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

14. Adjournment

Mayor Bennett adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Krista M. Wiedmeyer,
Executive Assistant/Town Clerk

Approved: 12/18/2018

John J. McCann, Mayor