

THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Date: Tuesday, June 12, 2012

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Present from Town Council: Drew A. Laughlin, *Mayor*; Ken Heitzke, *Mayor Pro-Tem*; George Williams, Lee Edwards, Bill Ferguson, Bill Harkins, Kim Likins, *Council Members*.

Present from Town Staff: Steve Riley, *Town Manager*; Greg DeLoach, *Assistant Town Manager*; Scott Liggett, *Director of Public Projects and Facilities/Chief Engineer*; Charles Cousins, *Director of Community Development*; Lavarn Lucas, *Fire Chief*; Susan Simmons, *Director of Finance*; Nancy Gasen, *Director of Human Resources*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; Jill Foster; *Deputy Director of Community Development*; Julian Walls, *Facilities Manager*; Victoria Shanahan, *Accounting Supervisor*; Natalie Majorkiewicz, *Systems and Reporting Administrator*; Vicki Pfannenschmidt, *Executive Assistant*

Present from Media: None.

1) Call to Order

Mayor Laughlin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2) FOIA Compliance – Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and mailed in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Hilton Head Island requirements.

3) 6:00 p.m.: PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR FY2012-2013

Mayor Laughlin Mayor Laughlin opened the Public Hearing for comment on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

Mr. Riley explained the millage rate remained the same and there is 2% merit increase for staff within the budget. He stated staff has made the requested adjustments to the CIP and the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office budgets. Mayor Laughlin invited members of the audience to speak.

Michael Marks of the Coastal Discovery Museum spoke concerning the need for road improvements at Honey Horn. He stated he received a quote in the amount of \$27,000 to repair the road by taking it down to the subsurface and rebuild it for proper drainage. He thanked Town Council for their consideration.

Mr. Jim Collett stated he noticed a proposed economic development staff position within the budget. He encouraged Town Council to continue their support in that area noting it is of vital importance to the Town.

Mayor Laughlin asked if anyone else wanted to speak concerning the proposed budget. Mayor Laughlin closed the Public Hearing at 6:08 p.m.

Mr. Riley announced Town Council will hold a Public Hearing at 5:00 p.m. on June 19, 2012, concerning the adoption of updates to the population, housing, and community facilities elements of “The Town of Hilton Head Island Comprehensive Plan.”

4) Revised First Reading of Proposed Ordinance No. 2012-13

Revised First Reading of Proposed Ordinance No. 2012-13 to raise revenue and adopt a budget for the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013; to establish a property tax levy; to establish funds; to establish a policy for acquisition of rights of way and easements; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mr. Heitzke moved to approve. Mr. Ferguson seconded. Mr. Williams moved to amend the motion to add that staff find \$27,000 in the existing CIP budget for road improvements at Honey Horn. Mr. Heitzke seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0. Mr. Williams asked about funding for the design of an alternative entrance in to Honey Horn. Mr. Liggett explained the intent is to complete the study/design in house. After discussion and clarification of several items within the budget, the amended motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

5) Executive Session

Mr. Riley stated he needed an executive session for contractual matters relating to the Developer Agreement proposed for the Mall redevelopment.

At 6:30 p.m., Mr. Heitzke moved to go into Executive Session for the reasons stated by the Town Manager. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

Mayor Laughlin called the meeting back to order at 7:35 p.m. and stated there was no business to take up as a result of executive session.

6) Adjournment

Mr. Heitzke moved to adjourn. Mr. Ferguson seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Vicki Pfannenschmidt
Executive Assistant

Approved:

Drew A. Laughlin, Mayor