



The Town of Hilton Head Island Intergovernmental Relations Committee Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, November 20, 2012
3:00 p.m. – Conference Room 3**

AGENDA

As a Courtesy to Others Please Turn Off All Cell Phones and Pagers during the Meeting

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Freedom of Information Act 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. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Regular Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting of March 20, 2012
- 4. Chairman's Report**
- 5. Unfinished Business**
None
- 6. New Business**
 - a. General Discussion with Invited Legislative Delegation Members
 - b. Consideration of a Resolution Expressing the Town's Support for the Municipal Association of South Carolina's 2013 Legislative Priorities
 - c. Proposed 2013 Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting Dates
- 7. Adjournment**

Please note that a quorum of Town Council may result if four (4) or more of Town Council members attend this meeting.

TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Tuesday, March 20, 2012
Regular Meeting

Members Present: George Williams, *Chairman*; Lee Edwards, *Council Member*; Ken Heitzke, *Council Member*

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Bill Harkins, Bill Ferguson, and Kim Likins, *Council Members*; Joe Croley; Charlie Brown; Elise Trujillo; Jocelyn Metzger Staigar, *Hilton Head Area Association of Realtors*

Staff Present: Greg DeLoach, *Assistant Town Manager-Administration*; Faidra Smith, *Administration Manager/Public Information Coordinator*; Susan Simmons, *Director of Finance*; Shea Farrar, *Senior Planner*; Eileen Buckalew, *Senior Administrative Assistant*

Media Present: None

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. Freedom of Information Act Compliance

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3. Approval of Minutes

January 17, 2012 Meeting

Mr. Heitzke moved to approve and Mr. Edwards seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

4. Chairman's Report

Chairman Williams reported that the House members of the Beaufort County Delegation have filed a new bill that effectively reduces the millage rate on second homes from 6% to 5% over an 8-year period. He expressed concerns that this could result in a decrease of Town funds collected of approximately \$220,000 for just the Sea Pines area, with no mechanism to recap those funds, and that the 8-year period could be reduced by amendment. He wanted the Committee to be aware of the bill, which may need to be looked at again in the future, and he requested a determination of the bill number.

5. Unfinished Business

a. Update of General Assembly Issues

Greg DeLoach, Assistant Town Manager, reported that the Resolution supporting the MASC agenda adopted by the Town Council had been forwarded to the MASC, and he had received their thanks to the Committee and Council for such support.

He reported that letters of opposition had been sent in connection with the Local Government Fund Bill, the On-Line Travel Agency Bill, and the TIF Bill and noted the status of each of those bills.

Mr. DeLoach recapped for the Committee the impact that Bill S.772, an amendment to the Tort Claims Act, might have on the Town, its liability exposure, and its insurance premiums. Although the Bill is currently in sub-committee and is being monitored by Staff, if movement takes place, he suggested the Committee may want to voice its opposition.

The status of the Aeronautics Bill was reported by Mr. DeLoach, and sections being monitored by Staff were detailed by Shea Farrar, Senior Planner, and discussed by the Committee.

Senate Bill S.40, dealing property tax assessment ratios and changes in connection with residential property rentals, was outlined by Susan Simmons, Finance Director. She noted the status of the Bill and the impact on the County and Town and the negative impact on the Accommodations Tax. A discussion ensued among the Committee, who agreed with Ms. Simmons's suggestion to watch the Bill closely.

Mr. Edwards requested clarification on the various smoking ban bills, and Mr. DeLoach stated he would compare the bills and report back if they were not identical.

Chairman Williams and Mr. DeLoach discussed the status of the various Truth in Spending bills.

6. New Business

None

7. Adjournment

At 3:31 p.m. Mr. Heitzke moved to adjourn and Mr. Edwards seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Approved:

George Williams, Chairman

Respectfully submitted:

Lynn W. Buchman
Administrative Assistant

MEMORANDUM

TO: Town Council Intergovernmental Relations Committee

FROM: Stephen G. Riley, C.M., Town Manager

RE: Resolution Expressing the Town's Support for the Municipal Association of South Carolina's 2013 Legislative Priorities

DATE: November 14, 2012

CC: Town Council
Gregory D. DeLoach, Esq., Assistant Town Manager

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the attached Resolution.

Summary: The attached, proposed Resolution formally expresses the Town's general support for the Municipal Association of South Carolina's (MASC) 2013 Legislative Priorities.

Background: In September 2012, the MASC Board of Directors approved its 2013 Legislative Priorities that support local elected leaders making decisions based on local needs and priorities. MASC has requested cities and towns across the State adopt a formal resolution to show support for its 2013 Legislative Priorities.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, EXPRESSING ITS SUPPORT FOR THE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S 2013 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES.

WHEREAS, cities and towns in South Carolina are the government closest to the people providing the core services residents and businesses demand for a high quality of life; and

WHEREAS, residents and businesses want their local city and town councils to have the flexibility to make decisions that are best for their communities while also being held accountable by their residents to spend wisely and govern locally; and

WHEREAS, cities and towns support increasing the economic strength of the state to enable job creation for residents and encourage business development and success; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Association Board of Directors approved the 2013 legislative priorities that supports local elected leaders making decisions based on local needs and priorities; and

WHEREAS, the three legislative priorities are based around creating places and delivering services that support a healthy local economy and offer a positive quality of life; and

WHEREAS, finding solutions to dilapidated structures, securing a dependable revenue source and providing quality transportation and infrastructure maintenance are the three major legislative issues that local elected leaders determined can have the greatest impact on their hometowns; and

WHEREAS, the priorities focus on fiscal stability, economic development and infrastructure that are important to cities and towns of all sizes and in all parts of the state; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina Town Council generally supports the legislative priorities set forth by the Municipal Association of South Carolina Board of Directors for cities and towns to govern locally for residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, AND IT HEREBY IS, RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, THAT the Council affirms its support for the Municipal Association of South Carolina's 2013 legislative priorities to encourage more local decision making to the local elected officials that govern the state's 270 cities and towns.

MOVED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2012.

Drew A. Laughlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
Victoria L. Pfannenschmidt, Acting Town Clerk

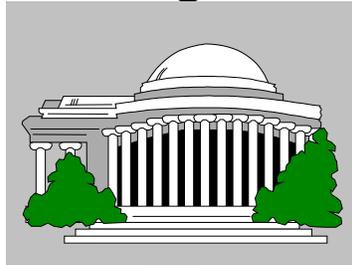
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Gregory M. Alford, Town Attorney

Introduced by Council Member: _____

Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

**Year 2013
Intergovernmental Relations Committee
Meeting Dates**



**Third Tuesday of the Month
3:00 p.m.
Conference Room #3**

JANUARY 15, 2013

**No July Meeting
Scheduled**

FEBRUARY 19, 2013

**No August Meeting
Scheduled**

MARCH 19, 2013

**No September Meeting
Scheduled**

APRIL 23, 2013*

**No October Meeting
Scheduled**

MAY 21, 2013

NOVEMBER 19, 2013

JUNE 18, 2013

DECEMBER 17, 2013

*The April 16 meeting has been moved to April 23 due to Heritage Golf Tournament and to coincide with the Town Council meeting