



**The Town of Hilton Head Island
Regular Town Council Meeting**

May 6, 2014

4:00 P.M.

AGENDA

**As a Courtesy to Others Please Turn Off/Silence All Mobile Devices During
the Town Council Meeting**

- 1) Call to Order**
- 2) Pledge to the Flag**
- 3) Invocation**
- 4) 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.
- 5) Proclamations and Commendations**
 - a. Public Service Recognition Week
- 6) Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Town Council Meeting – April 22, 2014
 - b. Town Council Workshop – April 22, 2014
- 7) Report of the Town Manager**
 - a. Town Manager's Items of Interest
 - b. Presentation of the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013
 - c. Presentation on Proposed Shelter Cove Park Plan
- 8) Reports from Members of Council**
 - a. General Reports from Council
 - b. Report of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee – George Williams, Chairman
 - c. Report of the Personnel Committee – Lee Edwards, Chairman
 - d. Report of the Planning & Development Standards Committee – John McCann, Chairman
 - e. Report of the Public Facilities Committee – Kim Likins, Chairman
 - f. Report of the Public Safety Committee – Marc Grant, Chairman
 - g. Report of the LMO Rewrite Committee – Kim Likins, Ex-Officio Member
- 9) Appearance by Citizens**

10) Unfinished Business

a. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2014-08

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2014-08 of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, authorizing the execution of a contract for purchase and sale and the execution of a deed for the sale of 10 acres of real property near William Hilton Parkway and Mathews Drive to Pineland Associates II, LLC pursuant to the authority of S.C. Code Ann. § 5-7-40 (Supp. 2011), and § 2-7-20, *Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina*, (1983); and providing for severability and an effective date.

11) New Business

a. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2014-09

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2014-09 to amend Title 16, the Land Management Ordinance, of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, by amending Section 16-4-102, the Official Zoning Map, the Hilton Head Plantation Master Plan, specifically rezoning 0.14 acres identified as parcel 263 on Beaufort County Tax Map 3 to add Telecommunications Facilities as a permitted use on the property and providing for severability and an effective date.

b. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2014-10

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2014-10 to raise revenue and adopt a budget for the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015; 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.

c. Consideration of a Resolution – SCDOT Agreement/Windmill Harbour Intersection Improvements

Consideration of a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, consenting to the construction and/or improvements in connection with that certain project of the South Carolina Department of Transportation known as “SC File 07.041808 (PIN: 41808_RD01) – intersection improvement along us route 278 (William Hilton Parkway) at the Windmill Harbour entrance within the town limits of Hilton Head Island, Beaufort County”, in accordance with the project plans of said project.

d. Consideration of a Resolution – SCDOT Agreement/Bridge Replacement over Jarvis Creek along Spanish Wells Road

Consideration of a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, consenting to the construction and/or improvements in connection with that certain project of the South Carolina Department of Transportation known as “SC File 07.039102 (pin: 39102_BR01) – bridge replacement over Jarvis Creek along S-79 (Spanish Wells Road) within the town limits of Hilton Head Island, Beaufort County”, in accordance with the project plans of said project.

e. Consideration of Projects to be Submitted for the Beaufort County Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission.

12) Executive Session

- a. Land Acquisition
- b. Legal Matters
- c. Contractual Matters

13) Adjournment

Proclamation

BY
THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND

WHEREAS, the dedicated employees of the Town of Hilton Head Island are an integral part of improving the quality of life in our community by being responsive to the needs of citizens and supporting Town initiatives, thus making Hilton Head Island a highly-valued community; and

WHEREAS, the effectiveness and efficiency of government depend in large measure on its employees, whose task is to provide service of the quality and quantity required and expected by the public on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, the Hilton Head Island Town Council recognizes the dedication and talents of its employees, as well as the importance of the services they render at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, the President and Congress have designated the first week in May as Public Service Recognition Week.

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Drew Laughlin, Mayor of the Town of Hilton Head Island, hereby proclaim that the week of **May 4 through May 10, 2014** shall be known as*

PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK

on Hilton Head Island, and encourage all citizens to participate in an appropriate manner to recognize and express their appreciation for the vital contributions made daily by employees of The Town of Hilton Head Island.

*IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal of the Town of Hilton Head Island to be affixed this **Sixth day of May, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Fourteen.***

Drew A. Laughlin, Mayor

Attest:

Victoria L. Pfannenschmidt, Town Clerk

THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2014

Time: 4:00 P.M.

Present from Town Council: Drew A. Laughlin, *Mayor*; Bill Harkins, *Mayor Pro Tem*; George Williams, Kim Likins, Lee Edwards, Marc Grant, John McCann, *Council Members*

Present from Town Staff: Steve Riley, *Town Manager*; Greg DeLoach, *Assistant Town Manager*; Lavarn Lucas, *Fire Chief*; Scott Liggett, *Director of Public Projects and Facilities/Chief Engineer*; Bret Martin, *Deputy Director of Finance*; Brad Tadlock, *Deputy Fire Chief of Operations*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; Natalie Majorkiewicz, *Systems and Reporting Administrator*; Heather Colin, *Development Review Administrator*; Marcy Benson, *Senior Grants Administrator*; Melissa Cope, *Systems Analyst*; Vicki Pfannenschmidt, *Executive Assistant*

Present from Media: Dan Burley, *Island Packet*

1) CALL TO ORDER

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

2) PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3) INVOCATION

4) 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.

5) Proclamations and Commendations

a. Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month and Child Abuse Awareness Month

Mr. Glenn Neff, Hope Haven Board Member was present to accept the proclamation.

b. Bike Month

Mr. Frank Babel, Co-chair of the Hilton Head Island Bicycle Advisory Committee was present to accept the proclamation.

6) Approval of Minutes

a. Town Council Meeting – April 1, 2014

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. McCann seconded. The minutes of the April 1, 2014 Town Council meeting were unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

7) Report of the Town Manager

a. Heritage Library Request – Linda Piekut, Executive Director

Ms. Piekut conducted a power point presentation detailing plans for History Day 2014 and asked Council for financial support towards that effort.

b. Know2 - South Carolina High Education Foundation Request – Jeff Bradley

Mr. Bradley conducted a power point presentation detailing the Know2 Program and asked Council for a five year commitment of financial support.

c. Town Manager's Items of Interest

Mr. Riley reported on some items of interest.

d. March, 2014 Policy Agenda, Management Targets and CIP Updates

Mr. Riley stated he would gladly answer any questions concerning the update.

8) Reports from Members of Council

a. General Reports from Council

Mr. Williams stated he had been contacted concerning damage to the fields at Honey Horn due to the parking for the RBC Heritage presented by Boeing PGA Tournament and asked if the Town could work with the Coastal Discovery Museum and the Heritage Classic Foundation on repairing the damage.

b. Report of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee – George Williams, Chairman

Mr. Williams reported the Committee had met on Monday, April 21 to review two Intergovernmental Agreements with SCDOT concerning intersection improvements along US Route 278 at the Windmill Harbour entrance and the bridge replacement over Jarvis Creek along Spanish Wells Road and voted unanimously to recommend approval to Town Council. He added the Committee also agreed to recommend that Council approve sending a letter under the Mayor's signature to the South Carolina House Members in support of S.569 – The Competitive Insurance Act. It was the consensus of Council to send the letter.

c. Report of the Personnel Committee – Lee Edwards, Chairman

No report.

d. Report of the Planning & Development Standards Committee – John McCann, Chairman

Mr. McCann stated the Committee met earlier in the day and unanimously approved to recommend that Town Council approve rezoning of the Dolphin Head Drive Telecommunications Facility.

e. Report of the Public Facilities Committee – Kim Likins, Chairman

No report.

f. Report of the Public Safety Committee – Marc Grant, Chairman

No report.

g. Report of the LMO Rewrite Committee – Kim Likins, Ex-Officio Member

Ms. Likins stated the Committee is working on a date for the final meeting and it is hopeful there will be public hearing in May before the Planning Commission.

9) Appearance by Citizens

None.

10) Unfinished Business

a. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2014-05

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2014-05 to amend Title 16, "The Land Management Ordinance," of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, by amending Section 16-4-102, the Official Zoning Map with respect to that certain parcel identified as Parcel 347A on Beaufort County Tax Map 12, to apply the RFZ (Redevelopment Floating Zone Overlay District) to the existing PD-1 (Planned Development) Zoning District; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve. Mr. McCann seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

b. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2014-07

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2014-07 to amend the budget for the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014; to provide for the expenditures of certain funds; and to allocate the sources of revenue for the said funds.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

12) Executive Session

Mr. Riley stated he needed an Executive Session for contractual matters pertaining to land acquisition, including requests to purchase town-owned land and a proposed sale to Pineland Associates, II, LLC. At 4:50 p.m. Mr. Harkins moved to go into Executive Session for the reasons given by the Town Manager. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0. Mayor Laughlin called the meeting back to order at 5:34 p.m. and stated that as a result of Executive Session Item 11.a. (listed below) would be addressed.

11) New Business

a. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2014-08

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2014-08 of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, authorizing the execution of a contract for purchase and sale and the execution of a deed for the sale of 10 acres of real property near William Hilton Parkway and Mathews Drive to Pineland Associates II, LLC pursuant to the authority of S.C. Code Ann. § 5-7-40 (Supp. 2011), and § 2-7-20, *Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina*, (1983); and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mrs. Likins seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

13) Adjournment

Mr. Harkins moved to adjourn. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Vicki Pfannenschmidt,
Executive Assistant/Town Clerk

Approved:

Drew A. Laughlin, Mayor

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**THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2014

Time: 5:37 p.m.

Present from Town Council: Drew A. Laughlin, *Mayor*; Bill Harkins, *Mayor Pro-Tem*;
George Williams, Kim Likins, Lee Edwards, Marc Grant, John McCann, *Council Members*.

Present from Town Staff: Steve Riley, *Town Manager*; Greg DeLoach, *Assistant Town Manager*; Charles Cousins, *Director of Community Development*; Jill Foster, *Deputy Director of Community Development*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; Vicki Pfannenschmidt, *Executive Assistant*

Present from Media: Dan Burley, *The Island Packet*

1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Laughlin called the meeting to order at 5:37 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) Presentation by the Arts Consultants – The Cultural Planning Group

Representatives of The Cultural Planning Group reviewed their final report with suggestions and options on how to proceed. The final report by The Cultural Planning Group was posted on line along with the Workshop Agenda and is available in the Executive Department offices at Town Hall.

Mayor Laughlin invited members of the audience to approach the dais and make comments. Mr. Jim Bradshaw spoke in support of a collaboration of the arts groups and restated his offer to donate the Main Street Cinema to the Town. Mr. Walt Graver spoke in support of creating an Office of Cultural Affairs. Mr. Hal Sanders spoke of his concern for the condition of the Arts Center and encouraged Council to take over ownership of the Main Street Cinema. Mira Scott stated Council needed to step forward and support all arts groups.

Kathi Bateson, on behalf of the Arts & Cultural Council of Hilton Head Island spoke in support of an Office of Cultural Affairs. Linda Piekut, Director of the Heritage Library emphasized the positive collaboration between all of the groups.

All Council members weighed in with their observations and concerns. As requested by Mr. Harkins, his statement will be attached to the approved/signed minutes. After lengthy discussion of the report and their concerns and suggestions, Council was in agreement of the need to discuss all of the options in detail and come up with a plan.

4) Adjournment

The workshop adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Vicki Pfannenschmidt
Executive Assistant/Town Clerk

Approved:

Drew A. Laughlin, Mayor



Items of Interest

May 6, 2014

1. Town News

A public hearing will be held by Town Council in the Benjamin M. Racusin Council Chambers, at 5:00 p.m. on May 20, 2014. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider an Amended Tax Increment Financing Plan (the “Amended TIF Plan”) for the redevelopment of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina (the “TIF District”).

(Contact: Susan Simmons, Director of Finance at 843-341-4645 or susans@hiltonheadislandsc.gov)

2. Noteworthy Events

Some of the upcoming meetings at Town Hall:

- Planning Commission Special Meeting – May 7, 2014, 9:00 a.m.
- Design Review Board – May 13, 2014, 1:15 p.m.
- Town Council Special Meeting/Budget Workshop – May 13, 2014, 4:00 p.m.
- Town Council Mid-Year Workshop Update – May 19, 2014, 9:00 a.m.
- Board of Zoning Appeals – May 19, 2014, 2:30 p.m.
- Intergovernmental Relations Committee – May 20, 2014, 2:00 p.m.
- Town Council – May 20, 2014, 4:00 p.m.
- Town Council TIF Public Hearing – May 20, 2014, 5:00 p.m.

(Meetings subject to change and/or cancellation. Please visit the Town of Hilton Head Island website at www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov for meeting agendas.)



TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND

Community Development Department

TO: Stephen G. Riley, *ICMA-CM, Town Manager*
FROM: Charles F. Cousins, *AICP, Director of Community Development*
DATE: April 24, 2014
SUBJECT: Proposed Ordinance 2014-08 - Authorize the Sale of Town Property Near Pineland Station

There were no changes to Proposed Ordinance 2014-08 as a result of first reading on April 22, 2014.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE AND THE EXECUTION OF A DEED FOR THE SALE OF 10 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY NEAR WILLIAM HILTON PARKWAY AND MATHEWS DRIVE TO PINELAND ASSOCIATES II, LLC PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF S.C. CODE ANN. § 5-7-40 (SUPP. 2011), AND § 2-7-20, CODE OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, (1983); AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS

WHEREAS, the Town of Hilton Head Island (hereinafter “Town”) owns two (2) parcels of real property known as R511-008-000-0156-0000 and R511-008-000-098B-0000 (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Town Property”), which is located on Hilton Head Island, Beaufort County, South Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, the Town has agreed to sell the Town Property to Pineland Associates II, LLC in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in that certain Contract for Purchase and Sale, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” (the “Contract”); and,

WHEREAS, under the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 5-7-40 (SUPP. 2011) and § 2-7-20, *Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island , South Carolina*, (1983), the conveyance or granting of an interest in real property owned by the Town of Hilton Head Island must be authorized by Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Execution of Agreement.

- (a) The Mayor and Town Manager are hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Contract in a substantially similar form to that attached hereto as Exhibit "A" for the conveyance of Town-owned real property to Pineland Associates II, LLC; and

(b) The Mayor and/or Town Manager are hereby authorized to take such other and further actions as may be necessary to complete the transactions contemplated in the Contract as authorized hereby, including the execution and delivery of the Deed and all other documents called for in the Contract.

Section 2. Severability.

If any section, phrase, sentence or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held or deemed to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then such section, phrase, sentence or portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and shall not affect the remaining portion thereof.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption thereof by the Town Council for the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS ___ DAY OF _____, 2014.

Drew A. Laughlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Victoria L. Pfannenschmidt, Town Clerk

First Reading: _____

Second Reading: _____

Approved as to form: _____
Gregory M. Alford, Town Attorney

Introduced by Council Member: _____



TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND

Community Development Department

TO: Stephen G. Riley, ICMA~CM, *Town Manager*
VIA: Teri B. Lewis, AICP, *LMO Official*
FROM: Jayme Lopko, AICP, *Senior Planner*
CC: Charles Cousins, AICP, *Community Development Director*
DATE: April 22, 2014
SUBJECT: ZMA140001 – Dolphin Head Drive Telecommunications Facility

Recommendation: The Planning & Development Standards Committee met on April 22nd and voted 3-0-0 to recommend to Town Council that the rezoning request be approved, finding that the application is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and serves to carry out the purposes of the Land Management Ordinance.

The Planning Commission met on April 16th to review the attached application for Zoning Map Amendment (ZMA140001) and voted 6-0-0 to recommend to Town Council that the rezoning request be approved, finding that the application is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and serves to carry out the purposes of the Land Management Ordinance.

Staff recommends Town Council approve the attached application, finding that the application is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and serves to carry out the purposes of the Land Management Ordinance.

Summary: A request from Terry Thomas of EMEGC on behalf of Hilton Head Plantation Property Owners Association proposing to amend the Official Zoning Map by amending the PD-1 Zoning District, specifically the Hilton Head Plantation Master Plan. The subject property identified as a 0.14 acre property located at 68 Dolphin Head Drive and is further identified on Beaufort County Tax Map 3 as Parcel 263 [Tax District 510]. The subject property is currently zoned PD-1, Planned Development Mixed Use District. The current land use designation of the subject parcel on the Hilton Head Plantation Master Plan, per LMO Section 16-4-209.D, is Open Space.

Background: In an effort to provide telecommunications services to the northwestern portion of Hilton Head Plantation, the Property Owners Association (POA) sought out a provider to locate a site that would maximize the number of residents reached as well as enhance their existing utility services. The POA worked with the provider to find the best location. The Dolphin Head Drive location was chosen as best suited to meet the needs of the provider and the POA. To better define the area for the proposed telecommunications facility the property was subdivided from the larger open space parcel that runs throughout Hilton Head Plantation. The property was subdivided to limit the use to this specific location and not allow it on the entire open space parcel.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2014-09

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 16, THE LAND MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-4-102, THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP, THE HILTON HEAD PLANTATION MASTER PLAN, SPECIFICALLY REZONING 0.14 ACRES IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL 263 ON BEAUFORT COUNTY TAX MAP 3 TO ADD TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AS A PERMITTED USE ON THE PROPERTY AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on July 21, 1998, the Town Council did amend Title 16 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island by enacting a revised Land Management Ordinance (the "LMO"); and

WHEREAS, the Town Council now finds that, upon further review of application ZMA140001, it is in the public interest that the subject 0.14 acre parcel be rezoned to add Telecommunications Facilities as a permitted use on the property; and

WHEREAS, this zoning change would be compatible with surrounding land uses and neighborhood character, would not be detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare, and, further, would be in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on April 16, 2014, at which time a presentation was made by staff and an opportunity was given for the public to comment on the rezoning request; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, after consideration of the staff report, public comments, and the criteria set forth in Section 16-3-1505 of the LMO, voted 6-0-0 to recommend to Town Council that the rezoning request be approved, finding that the application is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and serves to carry out the purposes of the Land Management Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Standards Committee held a public meeting on April 22, 2014, at which time a presentation was made by staff and an opportunity was given for the public to comment on the rezoning request; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Standards Committee, after consideration of the staff report, public comments, and the criteria set forth in Section 16-3-1505 of the LMO, *[MOTION]*; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC; AND IT IS ORDAINED BY SAID AUTHORITY OF COUNCIL:

Section 1. Amendment. That the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Hilton Head Island, specifically the Hilton Head Plantation Master Plan, as referenced by Section 16-4-102 of the Land Management Ordinance, be, and the same hereby amended as follows:

The 0.14 acres identified as parcel 263 on Beaufort County Tax Map 3 be rezoned to add Telecommunications Facilities as a permitted use on the property.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, phrase, sentence or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption by the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2014.

THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD
ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA

Drew A. Laughlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Victoria L. Pfannenschmidt, Town Clerk

Public Hearing:
First Reading:
Second Reading:

Approved as to form:

Gregory M. Alford, Town Attorney

Introduced by Council Member: _____



**TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

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**STAFF REPORT
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT**

Application Number	Name of Project	Public Hearing Date
ZMA140001	Dolphin Head Drive Telecommunications Facilities	April 16, 2014

Parcel Data	Owner	Applicant
<u>Existing & Proposed Zoning District:</u> PD-1 – Planned Development Mixed Use (Hilton Head Plantation Master Plan) <u>Existing Permitted Use:</u> Open Space <u>Proposed Permitted Uses:</u> Open Space and Telecommunications Facilities <u>Parcel Affected:</u> R510 003 000 0263 0000	Hilton Head Plantation Property Owners Association P.O. Box 21940 Hilton Head Island, SC 29925	Terry Thomas EMEGC 3615 E. Lake Ave. Tampa, FL 33610

Application Summary

A request from Terry Thomas of EMEGC on behalf of Hilton Head Plantation Property Owners Association proposing to amend the Official Zoning Map by amending the PD-1 Zoning District, specifically the Hilton Head Plantation Master Plan. The subject property identified on the attached map is a 0.14 acre property located at 68 Dolphin Head Drive and is further identified on Beaufort County Tax Map 3 as Parcel 263 [Tax District 510]. The subject property is currently zoned PD-1, Planned Development Mixed Use District. The current land use designation of the subject parcel on the Hilton Head Plantation Master Plan, per LMO Section 16-4-209.D, is Open Space.

This application is proposing to amend the Official Zoning Map by amending the Hilton Head Plantation Master Plan to add Telecommunications Facilities as a permitted use on the subject property. A Telecommunications Facility is defined in the Town’s Land Management Ordinance (LMO) as a communications tower or antenna and any associated accessory structures and equipment. A communications tower is further identified as a tower, pole, or similar structure which supports a telecommunications antenna operated for commercial purposes above ground in a fixed location, free standing, guyed, or on another structure. The magnitude of the development is limited to the addition of Telecommunications Facility as an allowed use on a single parcel of approximately 0.14 acres.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission find this application to be consistent with the Town’s Comprehensive Plan and serves to carry out the purposes of the LMO, based on those Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law as determined by the LMO Official and enclosed herein.

Background

In an effort to provide telecommunications services to the northwestern portion of Hilton Head Plantation, the Property Owners Association (POA) sought out a provider to locate a site that would maximize the number of residents reached as well as enhance their existing utility services. The POA worked with the provider to find the best location. The Dolphin Head Drive location was chosen as best suited to meet the needs of the provider and the POA. To better define the area for the proposed telecommunications facility the property was subdivided from the larger open space parcel that runs throughout Hilton Head Plantation. The property was subdivided to limit the use to this specific location and not allow it on the entire open space parcel.

This application proposes to add Telecommunications Facilities as a permitted use on the property.

Summary of Facts and Conclusions of Law

Findings of Fact:

1. Notice of the Application was published in the Island Packet on March 16, 2014 as set forth in LMO (Land Management Ordinance) Sections 16-3-110 and 16-3-111.
2. Notice of the Application was posted and mailed as set forth in LMO Sections 16-3-110 and 16-3-111.
3. A public hearing will be held on April 16, 2014 as set forth in LMO Section 16-3-1504A.
4. The Commission has authority to render their decision reached here in LMO Section 16-3-1504.

Conclusion of Law:

- A. The application, notice requirements, and public hearing comply with the legal requirements as set forth in LMO Sections 16-3-110, 16-3-111 and 16-3-1504.

As set forth in Section 16-3-1505, Zoning Map Amendment Review Criteria, Planning Staff has based its recommendation on analysis of the following criteria:

Summary of Facts and Conclusions of Law

Criteria 1: Consistency (or lack thereof) with the Comprehensive Plan (LMO Section 16-3-1505A):

Findings of Fact:

The Comprehensive Plan addresses this application in the following areas:

Community Facilities Element:

Implications for the Comprehensive Plan in 6.7 Communications

- A. The Town should continue to monitor available technologies for improvements to the Town’s communications system for emergency management purposes as well as economic development incentives.
- B. As technology improves, it is important for the Town to implement improvements that will help to enhance the services provided to Island residents and visitors.

Goal 6.7 – Communications

- A. The goal is to have effective communication services that minimize service interruptions on the Island that support emergency management as well as economic development applications.

Implementation Strategy 6.7 – Communications

- A. Communication improvements should be made to improve capacity for economic development (3G) and emergency management through cooperation with service providers.

Economic Development Element:

7.6 Potential Strategies with Implications for the Comprehensive Plan

Promotion of the Island as world class, but quiet, well-maintained, coastal Island resort community with hi-speed telecommunication capability, road, sea and air access that may lend itself to segments like consulting, some focused medical or medical/sporting research where it is possible to operate with remote capability (“telecommuting”) and also enjoy a rich Island lifestyle.

7.7 Some Key Implementation Strategies

Encouragement should be given to upgrading electronic telecommunication capability on the Island to facilitate development of the telecommuting market segment. Far too many wireless “cold” spots exist and 3G (third generation) capability on the Island (and higher as it evolves) is limited and spotty. A necessary element of the evolution of the Island’s economy will be the need to embrace the upgrading of reliable wireless capability if the Island is to attract and retain the rapidly growing telecommuting community market segment. Best Management Practice communities, such as Aspen CO, provide excellent learning opportunities to adopt on the Island.

Land Use Element:

Goal 8.1 – Existing Land Use

- A. The goal is to have an appropriate mix of land uses to meet the needs of existing and future populations.

Goal 8.3 –Planned Unit Developments (PUDs)

- A. The goal is to have an appropriate mix of land uses to accommodate permanent and seasonal populations and existing market demands is important to sustain the Town’s high quality of life and should be considered when amending PUD Master Plans.

Goal 8.4 – Existing Zoning Allocation

- A. An appropriate mix of land uses to accommodate permanent and seasonal populations and

existing market demands is important to sustain the Town's high quality of life and should be considered when amending the Town's Official Zoning Map.

An Implication for Land Use Per Capita

A fundamental policy of land use is whether or not the Town has sufficient land uses to support the population, both the permanent and seasonal population. It is also important that the portion of each land use classification is supported and sustainable in terms of infrastructure and natural resources to ensure a high quality of life that contributes to the character defining features of our community.

Goal 8.5 – Land Use Per Capita

A. The goal is to have an appropriate mix and availability of land uses to meet the needs of the existing and future populations.

Goal 8.10 – Zoning Changes

A. The goal is to provide appropriate modifications to the zoning designations to meet market demands while maintaining the character of the Island.

Conclusions of Law:

1. Staff concludes that this application is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, as described in the Community Facilities, Economic Development, and Land Use Elements as set forth in LMO Section 16-3-1505A.
2. The proposed rezoning would provide an appropriate mix of land uses that meets the needs of the population, maintains the character of the Island, and meets market demands.
3. Additional telecommunications facilities will provide improvements to the existing communications system that will enhance the services to residents and visitors in Hilton Head Plantation.
4. Many residents and visitors work from their home and rely on telecommuting for their day-to-day business operations. Enhanced telecommunications services will provide economic development opportunities for people to continue to and begin to run a business from their home.
5. Prospective residents search for locations with telecommunications services available when considering their home purchase. Additional telecommunications facilities in this area will improve the existing communications system which will meet the market demands and provide for better quality of life for existing and future residents.
6. Hilton Head Hospital, as well as many residents who run a business from their home, have reported a lack of service or service interruption in their day-to-day operations. Communication improvements are needed to avoid service interruption for emergency management and economic development opportunities in this area.

Summary of Facts and Conclusions of Law

Criteria 2: Compatibility with the present zoning and conforming uses of nearby property and with the character of the neighborhood (LMO Section 16-3-1505B):

Findings of Fact:

1. Nearby parcels are zoned in the PD-1 Zoning District (Hilton Head Plantation Master Plan).
2. The conforming uses on nearby parcels include: open space, a vacant single family lot, and single family residences.

3. The proposed use is considered a utility which is commonly placed on open space properties and would service the neighboring residences.
4. Any new development will be reviewed by the Town's Design Review Board.

Conclusions of Law:

1. Staff concludes that the proposed uses are compatible with the present zoning and conforming uses of nearby property and with the character of the neighborhood as set forth in LMO Section 16-3-1505B.
2. The subject parcel will remain in the PD-1 Zoning District, which is compatible with the neighboring properties in the PD-1 Zoning District.
3. The proposed telecommunications facility was reviewed by the Town's Design Review Board and measures have been put in place to minimize visual impact to the character of the neighborhood.

Summary of Facts and Conclusions of Law

Criteria 3: Suitability of the property affected by the amendment for uses permitted by the district that would be made applicable by the proposed amendment (LMO Section 16-3-1505C):

Findings of Fact:

1. The uses that would be permitted on the subject parcel are Open Space and Telecommunications Facilities.
2. Open Space is defined as: Land not utilized for single family lots, rights of way, commercial buildings, multifamily buildings parking or loading areas. This open space is also known as common open space since it is available for all residents of the development to enjoy. Common open space may include but is not limited to lagoons, ponds and lakes, historic sites and lands planned for active recreational uses such as golf courses, tennis courts, areas for other court games, swimming pools, pedestrian, bike and equestrian trails, plaza areas for crowd congregating, playfields, picnic areas, horse stables and passive recreation areas.
3. Telecommunications Facilities are defined as a communications tower or antenna and any associated accessory structures and equipment. A communications tower is further identified as a tower, pole, or similar structure which supports a telecommunications antenna operated for commercial purposes above ground in a fixed location, free standing, guyed, or on another structure.
4. Hilton Head Plantation Property Owners Association (POA) owns and maintains some of the common open space within the Planned Unit Development. These open spaces are utilized by the POA to provide services to their residents, including utilities.
5. The site has existing infrastructure to support the permitted uses.
6. Adding Telecommunications Facilities as a permitted use will not generate any additional vehicular trips in or around the area.

Conclusion of Law:

1. Staff concludes that the property is suitable for the use that would be permitted by the proposed rezoning as set forth in LMO Section 16-3-1505C because the subject parcel has adequate infrastructure to support both the existing and proposed use.

Summary of Facts and Conclusions of Law

Criteria 4: Suitability of the property affected by the amendment for uses permitted by the district applicable to the property at the time of the proposed amendment (LMO Section 16-3-1505D):

Findings of Fact:

1. The use currently permitted on the subject parcel is Open Space. Open Space is defined as: Land not utilized for single family lots, rights of way, commercial buildings, multifamily buildings parking or loading areas. This open space is also known as common open space since it is available for all residents of the development to enjoy. Common open space may include but is not limited to lagoons, ponds and lakes, historic sites and lands planned for active recreational uses such as golf courses, tennis courts, areas for other court games, swimming pools, pedestrian, bike and equestrian trails, plaza areas for crowd congregating, playfields, picnic areas, horse stables and passive recreation areas.
2. The site has existing infrastructure to support the currently permitted use.

Conclusion of Law:

1. Staff concludes that the subject parcel is suitable for the uses currently permitted in the PD-1 Zoning District as set forth in LMO Section 16-3-1505D because the subject parcel adequate infrastructure to support the permitted use.

Summary of Facts and Conclusions of Law

Criteria 5: Marketability of the property affected by the amendment for uses permitted by the district applicable to the property at the time of the proposed amendment (LMO Section 16-3-1505E):

Finding of Fact:

1. This application would permit an additional use on property owned by Hilton Head Plantation Property Owner's Association. This additional use is categorized as a utility.

Conclusion of Law:

1. Staff concludes that expanding the permitted uses on this property could increase the marketability as set forth in LMO Section 16-3-1505E; however, the property is owned by the Property Owners Association and is not likely to be sold.

Summary of Facts and Conclusions of Law

Criteria 6: Availability of sewer, water and stormwater facilities generally suitable and adequate for the proposed use (LMO Section 16-3-1505F):

Findings of Fact:

1. The subject property is currently served with water and sewer services by Hilton Head Public Service District.
2. Hilton Head Plantation is master planned for stormwater facilities and before the parcel is developed, the Town's engineering staff will confirm as part of the development application that the site would be able to meet the stormwater performance standards.

Conclusion of Law:

1. Staff concludes that the property has water, sewer and stormwater facilities suitable and adequate for the proposed uses as set forth in LMO Section 16-3-1505F.

LMO Official Determination

Staff determines that this application is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and does serve to carry out the purposes of the LMO as based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law detailed in this report.

Note: If the proposed amendment is approved by Town Council, such action shall be by ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map. If it is denied by Town Council, such action shall be by resolution.

PREPARED BY:

JL

Jayme Lopko, AICP
Senior Planner

April 8, 2014

DATE

REVIEWED BY:

TBL

Teri B. Lewis, AICP
LMO Official

April 8, 2014

DATE

Attachments:

- A) Location Map
- B) Zoning Map
- C) Applicant's Narrative
- D) Public Comments



Property to be rezoned highlighted in red.

DOLPHIN HEAD DRIVE

WHITETAIL DEER LANE



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Town of Hilton Head Island
ZMA140001 - Location Map
ATTACHMENT A



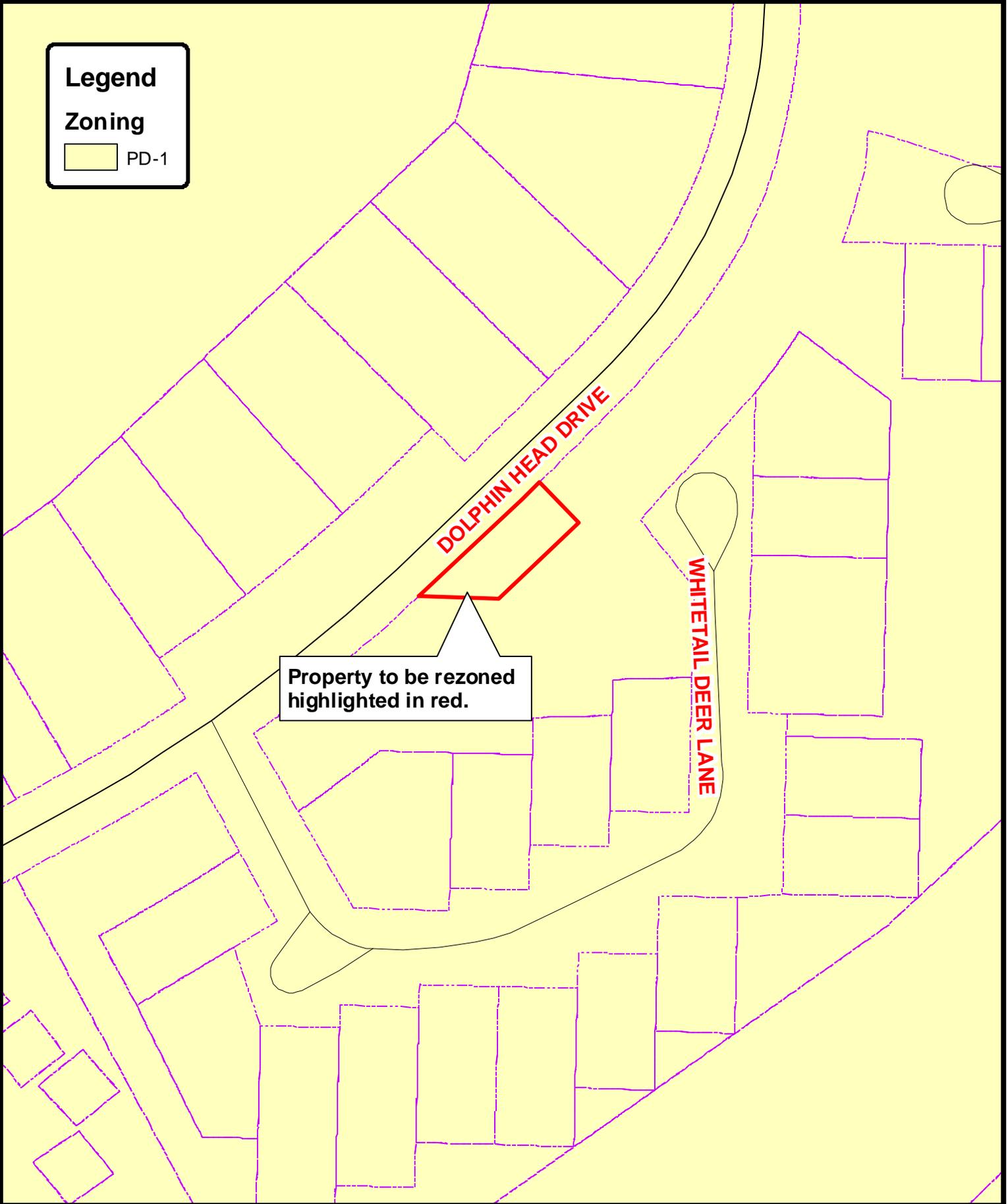
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Legend

Zoning

 PD-1



Property to be rezoned highlighted in red.





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February 12, 2014

Ms. Jayme Lopko
Town of Hilton Head Island
One Town Center Court
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

Re: Narrative- Application for Zoning Map Amendment
Hilton Head Owners Association- Property Owners
Agent for Owner-Crown Castle International/EM enterprises General Contractors, Inc.
Proposed Stealth Monopine Tower Wireless Telecommunication Facility
Dolphin Head Dr., Hilton Head Island, SC
TM R510 003 000 0263 0000

Dear Ms. Lopko,

This ZMA application applies only to Parcel TM R510 003 000 0263 0000. The application is to request the addition of a use to the existing zoning to allow for Wireless Telecommunication Facilities/Cell Tower (WTF) as a permitted use. The proposed tower would be a stealth monopine 140' in height'. Crown Castle International will be the owner of the tower and Verizon Wireless is the anchor tenant with the need to provide improved service quality in the designated search area. The tower is centered at coordinates 32° 15' 20.26" N 80° 43' 13.18" W. The tower height needed by Verizon Wireless is 140' as communicated by their RF Engineer. There are no existing towers in the search area and there are no tall structures of adequate height therefore there are no collocation possibilities.

The proposed location was chosen because it is at the center of the search area; it is zoned "Open Space" and is not adjacent to residentially zoned properties. The use of the parent tract is a recreational trail and mostly wooded with tall pines. The proposed tower will be designed with a 30' fall radius so as not to interfere with any surrounding structures. The monopine is designed to accommodate up to four cell carriers including Verizon Wireless. The proposed tower is not within 1.5 miles of any existing tower. A landscape buffer will be installed to help the facility blend into the surroundings.

The reasons for the ZMA request and how it may meet the requirements of LMO Section 16-3-1505 are as follows.

A. Consistency (or lack thereof) with the Comprehensive Plan. This ZMA is consistent with-

Sec.6 COMMUNITY FACILITIES ELEMENT-Sub Sec 6-11 Goals and Implementation Strategy, 6.7 Communications. The goal is to have effective communication services that minimize service interruptions on the Island that support emergency management as well as economic development applications.

Implementation Strategies 6.7A. Communication improvements should be made to improve capacity for economic development (3G) and emergency management through cooperation with service providers.

Sec. 8 LAND USE ELEMENT-Sub Sec 8-11 Goals and Implementation Strategy,
Paragraph #5 of the six major goals- 5. Provide better emergency preparedness and reduce vulnerability based on the utility of land.

8.1 Existing Land Use- B. The goal is to maintain the character of the Island while insuring adequate infrastructure is in place and balancing land conservation to meet future needs.

8.10 Zoning Changes-A. The goal is to provide appropriate modifications to the Zoning designations to meet market demands while maintaining the character of the Island.

- B. Compatibility with the present zoning and conforming uses of nearby property and with the character of the neighborhood.

The present zoning of Open Space and the actual use of the tract is for a leisure trail and as a pathway for utilities. The proposed WTF is compatible with that existing use as it will provide valuable and needed wireless communications infrastructure. The design of the WTF required attention to detail to camouflage it to fit in with the existing landscape thus the proposed tower is to be a “Stealth Monopine” The faux tree bark on the monopine, color of the fence, species and size of landscape plantings all have been approved by the Hilton Head Plantation Architectural Review Board on August 2, 2013.

- C. Suitability of the property affected by the amendment for uses permitted by the district that would be made applicable by the proposed amendment.

The actual use of the tract is for a leisure trail and as a pathway for utilities. The WTF is of a stealth camouflaged design to fit in with the existing landscape. All utilities for the WTF will be underground.

- D. Suitability of the property affected by the amendment for uses permitted by the district applicable to the property at the time of the proposed amendment.

The actual use of the tract is for a leisure trail and as a pathway for utilities. The proposed WTF is of a stealth camouflaged design to fit in with the existing landscape. All utilities for the WTF will be underground.

- E. Marketability of the property affected by the amendment for uses permitted by the district applicable to the property at the time of the proposed amendment.

The proposed WTF will improve neighborhood wireless quality supporting the needs of telecommuting workers and other uses of wireless devices such as texting, internet and voice communications. The telecommunication improvements from this proposed WTF will improve the communications capabilities of Police, Fire and EMS services. We believe the proposed WTF, with its design focused on stealth camouflage techniques, could have a positive impact on marketability as it answers up to the Town’s goal of “ to maintain the character of the Island while insuring adequate infrastructure is in place and balancing land conservation to meet future needs. “

F. Availability of sewer, water, and storm water facilities generally suitable and adequate for the proposed use.

The proposed WTF is an “Unmanned Telecommunication Facility” therefore there is no need for sewer or water for the site.

Thank you for your consideration and contact me any time if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Terry Thomas

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Open letter to the Hilton Head Plantation Board of Trustees

March 14, 2014

Since the appeal by Mr. Wainwright to the Hilton Head Planning Commission was successful it is now time to right the wrong that was created by the POA Board and the General Manager of HHP allowing and championing the erection of a commercial cell tower in an "Open Space" that is clearly dedicated for the use and enjoyment of the property owners of Hilton Head Plantation. If this "Open Space" that is clearly in a densely populated residential area is allowed to be changed as to use in the Master Plan all "Open Spaces" will be subject to similar if not the same uses in the future.

It is clear that under the Master Plan all "Open Spaces" were for the sole enjoyment of the then property owners and were to be kept natural to enhance the serenity and esthetics of the plantation. It is also clear that all property owners were aware of the value esthetically and monetarily of the "Open Spaces" when purchasing their property as protected by the Master Plan. Interested property purchasers would have certainly been negatively influenced if they were aware at the time of purchase that adjacent "Open Spaces" could and/or would be used for commercial structures and not for the use as intended by the Master Plan.

It is clear that there are alternatives to the current proposed "Open Space" site which would have a significantly lesser impact on property owners. It is clear that (based on other Plantations implementation of enhanced cell phone service namely Port Royal, Sea Pines, Shipyard) that location of a tower is NOT the end all do all as to coverage. Most recently Port Royal, being concerned with the placement of a cell tower and in putting the interest of their property owners first put out a bid proposal that stated that the tower could ONLY be located in there Wilderness Area. This did not deter 3 companies from bidding on the project and in fact the winning bidder being Crown Castle indicated that after the tower was erected in the Wilderness Area and if the coverage was not sufficient they would enhance the coverage by installing other equipment to accomplish the goal of requisite coverage.

Based on the way Hilton Head Plantation went about investigating how cell coverage could be enhanced seems to be suspect. Questions that have come up regarding the POA Board and the General Managers due diligence are as follows:

- Did the Board investigate what other Plantations did or were doing to enhance their cell phone coverage and how they were they protecting their property owners interest?
- Did the Board create a Bid Proposal after the requisite due diligence and how many potential bidders were contacted and/or the proposal sent to?
- Why was a wireless company, namely Verizon involved in determining placement of the tower and involved with its alleged erection when clearly they are not in the business of erecting cell towers and leasing?
- Why would a company that clearly is motivated by profit be involved with site determination when their interests would be opposed to the interests of the property owners and clearly would want to have the least cash outlay to accomplish the requisite coverage?
- Why was there not 3 contractor bidders, as in Port Royal as clearly HHP has significantly more population and therefore would be more attractive to wireless providers?

- Was there due diligence that investigated other densely populated plantations or subdivisions and how they enhanced their cell phone coverage without intruding on their residents as I for one have never seen a monumental cell tower in the middle of a residential community, but have seen many in commercial or wilderness locations.
- When provided practical alternative locations such as Dolphin Head Country Club, Whopping Crane Conservancy, Dolphin Head Recreation Area etc. why did the Board choose to ignore those suitable locations and force re-zoning and a change to the Master Plan to intrude on its property owners in good standing by locating a commercial structure basically in their front or backyards?
- Why has the POA Board elected to use legal resources (funded by Property Owners dues) to fight property owners and their right to those protections found in the Master Plan.

Needless to say we could go on and on how this decision and continuing dispute is not in the best interest of the property owners effected as well as all property owners that could be effected in the future if our “Open Spaces” are allowed to be used for what is clearly commercial use and a change to our Master Plan. We are putting this burden of a cell tower on the backs of our property owners in good standing in the effected area only to have their property values and esthetics of their environment negatively changed forever. This is not what was expected or intended or promised by the Master Plan when they bought in the plantation.

The following is the Hilton Head Plantation Property Owners Association current on line section entitled **ENVIRONMENT** which states as follows:

Hilton Head Plantation... a beautiful place to call home.

After being personally greeted at the gate...a friendly wave welcomes you home. A home we share with a canopy of towering loblolly pines, scrub palmettos and majestic live oaks that give way to sweeping views of tidal marshes. **Every attention to detail has been incorporated in the preservation of the flora and wildlife communities that have existed on the Island for centuries.**

Sustainability

When asked the reasons why residents moved to Hilton Head Plantation and what they most like about living here, the overwhelming response has been the Plantation’s natural beauty.

Yes, we have our manicured areas and beautiful golf courses, but the overwhelming majority of the OPEN SPACES on Hilton Head Plantation are left in their natural state. From the beginning, it was the environment that was our most important attraction — the architecture of homes taking second place so they would blend into the natural surroundings. That delicate balance has been maintained with the pendulum swinging slightly back and forth from time to time as HHP has adapted to new regulations and changing tastes.

Natural areas

With the exception of a few formal landscaped areas, HHP's hundreds of acres of **OPEN SPACES** are left in their natural state to maintain the ambiance and of course provide an abundance of wildlife habitat. These areas also serve as visual and sound buffers hiding many of our homes behind dense foliage.

More to Come

We are always looking at additional cost-effective implementation strategies to keep Hilton Head Plantation the **natural mecca you bought into and continue to enjoy.**

Based upon HHP's current on-line information there is **NO** indication as to any future buyer of property in the plantation or current owner that a "150-foot cell phone tower is being considered, but just the opposite as indicated by this quote,

"The new generation of buyers coming into the marketplace is not only looking for our natural environment, but they also want all the benefits of technology including cell phone service and wireless data services. However, many of these same folks abhor the thought of looking at a 150-foot cell phone tower that brings that technology into their homes. This concern is being addressed with the Distributed Cellular System which was installed by Crown Castle Solutions and is currently being engineered for expansion."

Now faced with a Public Hearing to discuss amending the Official Zoning Map by amending the Hilton Head Plantation Master Plan it is clear that now is the time for the HHP Board to step up and say NO, the Master Plan will NOT be changed and should not be changed for a myriad of reasons. Further, the Board should identify those areas where a cell tower can be located that does not impact property owners in such a way that the burden of better cell phone service is placed on the back of property owners, but instead located in a remote and not densely populated area within the plantation. Further, the POA Board should scrap the current location of the tower in favor of the residents and put out for bid locations that have the least impact on property owners and as in Port Royal the contractors should be required to provide requisite coverage and if necessary put up additional DAS towers or other equipment that is not unsightly to accomplish the goal.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil B. Strohmaier

9 King Rail Lane

Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

843-341-3223

Please let the concerned persons in the town Govt. know we are strongly in support of the installation of the cell tower as approved by Hilton Head Plantation. Not only is it necessary for proper working of cell phones, but also it is important for emergency services.

Thanks

Kumar Viswanathan

Below is the position of the Telecommunications Task Force on the proposed tower on Whitetail Deer Lane.

Jim Collett

First, Verizon came at our invitation. They had essentially given up on building towers in our gated communities because it was too hard to do on Hilton Head Island. The last tower built in a gated community was the flagpole in Shipyard Plantation over 12 years ago after an approval process that lasted well over two years.

The Telecommunications Task Force, through a letter from Mayor Drew Laughlin to the Chairman of Verizon, invited Verizon to work with us to improve cell service on Hilton Head Island. In August, 2011, the Mayor and the Task Force met with six regional Executives from Charlotte, North Carolina, to look at ways we could work together.

Verizon's service in Hilton Head Plantation was and is poor to non-existent in many areas of the plantation. Verizon first looked at expanding the existing Distributed Antenna System which has seven pole-mounted antennas throughout the plantation. Verizon said that it would take 25 pole-mounted antennas to provide excellent service throughout Hilton Head Plantation and that was too much money for them to invest. They said a system involving one new central tower and new antennas on the water tower and on the existing tower in Baygall outside the plantation could provide excellent service for the whole plantation.

About that time, the Hilton Head Plantation did a community survey which showed that 84% of residents wanted towers within the plantation to improve service. This survey reflected how dependent most residents have become on their cell phones. That fact has dramatically lowered their resistance to seeing cell towers erected within the plantation.

Because the proposed Verizon tower was part of a three-antenna system and the new tower would be the middle tower, its location is very site-sensitive. Verizon visited at least four possible locations in the plantation and were accompanied by members of the Task Force and John Ehlers who was then the POA's Director of Maintenance. By far the best site in terms of coverage, the lowest visual impact, access to their equipment and elevation was the site at Whitetail Deer. The Dolphin Head Golf Club site was not visited because when the Verizon engineers examined it in terms of how it would work with the other two existing towers, it would still leave significant areas in the plantation with poor service - especially near the water. Their findings were confirmed by the Crown Castle engineers when they also looked at it. Incidentally, Bear Creek Golf Club also asked to be considered as a cell tower site, but it was even less desirable than Dolphin Head Golf Club.

Since then, AT&T has committed to go on the Whitetail Deer tower. Because they transmit at a higher frequency which does not penetrate the trees as well as the one used by Verizon, AT&T will also continue to use the existing Distributed Antenna Systems in some areas as well as supplementing it with two additional pole mounted antennas.

Rather than following the other gated communities and learning from them, Hilton Head Plantation chose to be the first gated community to commit to do what was necessary to have outstanding cell service for both Verizon and AT&T. The Plantation's Board of Directors believes that this will be a huge competitive advantage as compared to other gated communities, and it will undoubtedly have a very positive effect on home values in Hilton Head Plantation.

Finally, Port Royal does have a site owned by the plantation that was an excellent site in terms of coverage with no nearby houses. The community came together and agreed on it as a cell tower site. Unfortunately, no such site existed in Hilton Head Plantation.

TO: Jamie Lopko, Town of Hilton Head

DATE: March 26, 2014

FROM: Brad Wainwright, 28 White Tail Deer Lane, Hilton Head Island

SUBJECT: April 16th Planning Commission Meeting

Jamie, as you are aware, I oppose amending the Hilton Head Plantation Master Plan to add telecommunications as permitted use. In the event I am either unable or do not get an opportunity to share my comments at the April 16th meeting, I ask that you forward my comments to the Planning Commission.

1. I am against sustaining a loss to the value of my property as a result of the installation of a cell tower in close proximity to my home. The tower proposed will be within approximately 200 feet (13 car lengths) of my front door. Below is an article I found which addresses the property value (author unknown).

CLAIMS THAT EMF AND RF EMISSIONS HAVE REDUCED PROPERTY VALUES

In recent years, legal claims over damage to property value because of EMF and RF emissions have met with some success. Plaintiffs in these lawsuits usually allege that the value of their property has been reduced because of its proximity to devices that emit RF or EMF. The theory behind this argument is that, since the general public believes that exposure to RF or EMF emissions is dangerous, the property is less valuable regardless of whether or not fears over the dangers are founded. For example, the selling price of a house located near an RF or EMF transmission line may be much lower than prices of similar properties located farther away, simply because families are afraid of potential negative health effects that could result from living in a house that is so close to the transmission line.

The homes in the vicinity are valued in the \$300K to \$500K range. There are 21 homes within 350 feet of the project. Why should these homeowners lose value?

2. I am against a cell phone tower which will adversely change the character and aesthetics of my neighborhood. This tower will permanently destroy the open space between Dolphin Head Drive and White Tail Deer. The tower height of 150 feet is similar in height to a fifteen story building. This tower will visually pollute the view of the sky for many homes. The “wooded” area between Dolphin Head Drive and White Tail Deer is

approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre. The compound easement area is 50 feet by 70 feet which is a footprint of a large home (3500 square feet). In addition, a driveway which is 14 feet wide will access the site. The site will require rerouting of the bike path. This will result in a substantial loss of trees and natural habitat. The “wooded” area referred to in the application will not appear “wooded” after completion of this project. When I walk my dog, I will be staring at a compound fence and tower rather than unspoiled natural beauty of the present site. A visit to the cell town site on town property on Marshland Road next to the fire station shows the magnitude of this proposed project.

3. I oppose the 150 ft cell phone tower between Dolphin Head Drive and White Tail Deer Lane on “open space“. I would not have purchased my home if a commercial for profit structure could be built on adjacent open space. Hilton Head Plantation has four golf courses, a water tower, a sewage treatment plan, a recreation vehicle/boat storage, garden plots and numerous maintenance facilities. Surely, a more appropriate location could be found. To place this project so close to existing homes is simply not fair to these residents. The Hilton Head Plantation POA should be tasked with finding a more appropriate location. If approved, a precedent will be set that allows similar structures on other open space within Hilton Head Plantation and other gated communities.

This project is being presented to town staff and the Planning Commission as a utility easement on open space. This is not the typical easement to go over or under ground to install utilities. The project includes a 150 foot tower, a large compound with structures surrounded by a fence with no trespassing and warning signs. Like a lease, Crown Castle International will pay to use the property for this commercial, for profit operation. In my opinion, this “easement” smells like a lease and was a “work around” to avoid a vote by property owners to this proposed project.

For the above reasons, I request that the Planning Commission not submit this project to Town Council.

Sincerely,

Brad Wainwright

Public Comments Submitted Online for

Telecommunications Tower in Hilton Head Plantation off Dolphin Head Drive

Total Comments: 409

Support: 397

Oppose: 12

Support:

The Hilton Head Plantation Property Owners Association strongly supports the installation of a well camouflaged cell tower on the subject parcel of Open Space within HHP (Dolphin Head Drive and White Tail Deer Lane). Improving telephonic and Wi-Fi services on Hilton Head Plantation is a top priority for the HHP Board of Directors. A recent survey of HHP residents indicated that 83% of those responding to a community wide survey would not mind seeing a Cell Tower in HHP.

The Cell Tower in question will be disguised as a tall pine tree complete with artificial bark. The area where the tower is to be located is a wooded area that will provide a barrier to the surrounding homes and will also be fenced and heavily landscaped for additional screening.

The Town of Hilton Head has also made improved telecommunications services a top priority. In order to get a signal to residents, cell towers will need to be strategically located on PUD on Open Space. The selection of a site is based on where the best signal can be transmitted to benefit the greatest number of customers. Cell Phones are no longer a luxury as phone companies now have moved to focus on wireless services and deemphasize their land line services. Quality wireless phone service is now directly related to the maintenance and improvement of property values and is a safety consideration as the majority of residents and visitors have move to wireless services. Such wireless infrastructure is now the same as any other utility or needed service such as cable TV, water, sewer, electricity, land line phone etc. The location was established utilizing this criteria and with the utmost sensitivity to the surrounding homes.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this very import step to improve telecommunication in HHP.

T. Peter Kristian, GM and Agent on behalf of the HHPPOA Board of Directors representing the 4400 property owners within HHP.

T. P. Kristian, General Manager and Agent for HHPPOA

Submitted: 3/10/2014

Support

In 2012, my wife and I purchased a home in Hilton Head Plantation. We plan to retire there in 2016. In the meantime, I am paying substantial property taxes to to ensure that the quality of life that brought us to HHI will be maintained. When we began renovation work on our home in 2012, the cell phone issue quickly became evident. It is not that we have poor cell phone coverage, we have NO coverage. We ditched our land line in Atlanta two years ago because it was outdated, inefficient, and costly. I do not want to have to revert back to old technology by going back to a land line when we move to HHP permanently. I also do not wish to see the beautiful scenery and trees destroyed with a conventional cell phone tower. That is why the monopine solution being offered seems to be a solution everyone can live with. I strongly urge you to grant the necessary approvals to allow this project to proceed.

Mikell Schultheis
1 China Cockle Lane

Submitted: 3/13/2014

Support

Despite the apparent objection of a small number of HHP residents who live in the area where the proposed monopine will be constructed, I believe the longer term benefits of improving cell and Wi-Fi services for all present and future HHP residents far outweigh the yet to be realized or even substantiated impact on a few. From everything I've seen and read about the appearance of the monopine and its location, I'm not convinced that the fears of the few property owners who object to its construction will truly come to fruition. I support the installation of the new cell tower and the improvements it will provide in terms of access to and the ever increasing importance of being connected via cell phones and the internet in our daily lives, both personally and professionally.

Submitted: 3/13/2014

Support

I'm a homeowner in Hilton Head Plantation. I am strongly in favor of upgrading the cell phone service in the Plantation by the installation of the monopine cell tower. I have no objection to how it looks, and I really can't understand anyone objecting to it. I don't even know how you could see it unless you were walking around craning your neck upwards at a severe angle.

Most couples I know in their 20's and 30's don't have a land line; they use cell phones exclusively. Their generation will never consider living somewhere that does not have adequate cell phone service. HH Plantation needs to keep up with the times in order to successfully attract technologically-savvy residents, both now and in the future.

Submitted: 3/13/2014

Support

This project is a way to improve the cell service to all HHP residents and guests. We need to move forward to show progress with improved cell service for the island as well. Too many people stand in their driveways to talk on their cell phones.

Submitted: 3/13/2014

Support

As a resident of HHP I hope a resolution can be found to improve our cell phone coverage in and around our Plantation. Currently we personally have poor to no service in and around our home and experience many dead spots and dropped calls on our roads in the Plantation as well as in other North End areas. A great number of people are affected by the current lack of quality service and It appears that great effort has been made to appease the gentlemen opposing this tower. It's time that a resolution be found. Let's get on with it!

Submitted: 3/15/2014

Support

Inadequate cellular telecommunication connectivity is not acceptable for a community like Hilton Head Plantation "HHP" or the Town of Hilton Head, in the 21st century. Like it or not, our society "depends" upon services such as cellular 911 access, remote access between suppliers and small business providing services to homeowners, POAs and the town. Additionally, families now require cell phone connectivity to insure safety and oversight of children and teenagers. And the list goes on. HHP has one of the highest percentages of "on site" year round homeowners, and a comparatively lower percentage of rental properties. This is yet another "good reason" for the use and need for consistent comprehensive cellular service through out the community. If the Town and our many different lifestyle communities want to continue to thrive as a tourist destination with strong second home and retirement real estate markets, excellent 21st communication is essential. Finally, it is of great concern that requests and obstructive approaches of a VERY FEW individuals can potentially have such negative health, safety and ultimately financial impact on VERY MANY. PLEASE APPROVE the MONOPINE installation.

M.W. Curry
8 Sam's Point Lane HHP

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Submitted: 3/16/2014

Support

This improvement in services is a necessity for Hilton Head Plantation. Our viability as a community depends on the vitality, safety, and increasing value of our properties, Vitality requires us to continually improve the services that we offer our residents. I am a consultant. I depend on my cell phone for business calls. i have purchased a microcell to improve our coverage. So far, none of my efforts provides business quality services. i am required to purchase land line services to support my business while almost every other location that i travel or work in is moving to remove land land support. Wireless capabilities are the norm in the marketplace. Individuals opposed to the tower will suffer property value decline. Safety is often a factor of access. Access to help, access to monitoring devices, and access to communications are all foundation elements to safety. There are multiple places on HHI where the lack of a clear wireless connection exists, especially in HHP. This lack of clear communications could / may place individuals at risk because of poor services. Lastly, many people on HHI hope that their homes will continue to increase in value and remain a viable part of their investment plan. Future investors in HHI will come from a wireless voice and data environment that will be without equal. They are people who have a performance expectation. I f they cannot get that expectation here, then they will go somewhere else. I suspect that a number of the objectors to this tower purchased their homes long before the wireless requirement had become so dominant in business. They see the world through "analog, copper wire based" eyes. This blindness hurts all of us. If there were a way to educate these people, then i would give free classes (it is my business), but the Town Council needs to be the knowledgeable force in this situation. You represent all of our future. Otherwise you will condemn us to a history of decline. I support this proposal, and its efforts to provide advancement, and services while blending the physical signs within our beautiful environment.

Kevin Curry
8 Sams Point Ln

Submitted: 3/16/2014

Support

OH, how I long to be able to make a normal cell phone call without plastering myself against the patio door like a dead bug on a windshield !!

TMASON
Hilton Head Plantation Resident

Submitted: 3/16/2014

Support

Please support and approve the tower as reception is horrible and I work from home. We do not have a land line and don't wish to pay for it. I cannot attend the meeting and wanted to pass along my support

Bob Dalton
33 Bent Tree Ln

Submitted: 3/16/2014

Support

I am in favour of the Telecommunications Tower.

Rita Giorgio
63 Bird Song Way,Apt. 313, Hilton Head Isl., SC 29926

Submitted: 3/17/2014

Support

Please vote to pass any revisions necessary to approve the installation of the mono pine telecommunications tower in HHP. We still are without cell phone connection at our home in Hilton Head Plantation. We must drive approximate one mile from our home to connect and receive calls or data submission. This is UNACCEPTABLE. When electricity and/or internet service goes down we are totally without any kind of phone service. This puts our security in jeopardy because one or two individuals cannot see that the greater good is jeopardized. Fifteen years ago, we resided in Alexandria, Va where mono-pine cell towers had been in use for several years and driving along nearby thoroughfares, these cell towers were undecipherable. The holdup in the approval of the applications to install a similar installation is spurious at best. We are requesting that you bring the telecommunications for HHP into the 21st century. Please let calmer, intelligent heads prevail.

Benjamin C. & Chris J. Rush
11 China Cockle Way, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

Submitted: 3/17/2014

Support

We are very much in favor of this installation.

Michael and Vicki Haas
25 Oyster Reef Cove

Submitted: 3/18/2014

Support

I strongly support the cell tower installation, and the area at which it is to be located.

Brenda Long
17 Pineland Road

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

With the other efforts Hilton Head is making to modernize and update infrastructure, this only makes sense. People make think the tower will look gaudy, but an attempt is being made to blend in as much as possible. I think this is a necessity for the plantation and its future. If HHP is to continue to attract younger families, this is necessary in today's tech society.

Girardi
5 Fishermans Bend

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

We support the monopole as proposed

Robert montgomery
9 bowline bat ct

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

PLEASE approve this tower. I am tired of having to stand in my driveway in order to use my cell phone.

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

Thank you much for "sane" minds when making this decision. The selfishness of a few of our neighbors should not prevent the

northern part of the island from improving the cell phone service.

Jim Bailey
6 Winged Arrow Court

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

As a property owner in Hilton Head Plantation, I am fully supportive of the Monopine cellular tower project going ahead as soon as possible. It is low impact on the Plantation property but high impact on our Cellular service and reception on the Plantation property. I believe it should be approved.

Stanley Scroggin
63 Bear Creek Dr.

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

For the sake of our ability to clearly communicate with one another and to maintain property values in this era of mobile devices, please speed approval the new cell tower in Hilton Head Plantation.

Richard L. Beeson
3 Tree Swallow Court, HHI

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

The cell phone service needs to be drastically improved and the tower is necessary. The location will not negatively impact the environment and should be approved.

Paul Armstrong

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

This tower is a very important to the future of Hilton Head Plantation. Please vote to approve its installation.

Margita Rockstroh
13 Hickory Forest Drive

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

I currently have to stand in my driveway in order to use my cell phone

A Cordone
34 Dolphin Point Ln

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

Do it sick of not being able to use cell phone

John mclean

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

Cell phones have become a necessity in today's world. This tower will blend in with the environment and will not be an eyesore. Please approve the tower.

John Holihan
21 Persimmon Place

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

Please allow the monopine construction. This will bring our now substandard cell phone coverage up to date. It will enhance safety, property values and communication. Thank you

Deborah Pepe
29 Bent Tree Lane, Hilton Head Is (HHP)

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

We have had no cell service since we bought our home in 1998. It has been very inconvenient not to mention a safety hazard in the event of an emergency and if our digital phone is down. We believe most home buyers would require good cell service proving that it would NOT reduce the current homeowners value - rather the opposite.

Kenneth and Barbara Baldwin
7 Cottonwood Lane

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

I urge you to approve the telecommunications tower on Hilton Head Plantation. Our cell phone service is awful. We're tired of running around on the driveway looking for a signal. Other than the convenience of cell phone service, it is a safety issue. The value of property is also in question for people looking to buy a home or who do business from home. This inconvenience is a turn-off . It's time to join the 21st century. Thank you.

Bonita F Pastore
21 Yellow Rail Lane

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

it's about time this issue was settled am sick and tired of having to go out into the street to hear and use my cellphone in our location on angel Wing drive this should not be necessary in this day and age if this tower is going to relieve that situation then let's hurry it up to completion as soon as possible it can be put in the rear of my property if necessary have plenty of room for it and would not object

dr s l jukofsky
336 angel wing drve

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

We must move forward with this installation. Our service to my home with Verizon has improved some what because I had to purchase an additional box in my home. We all know that this MUST be done. Please move forward ASAP. Thank you.

Cindy Medvid
2 Savannah Trail HHP

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Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

The need for improved service in this area of Hilton Head plantation is drastically needed. The island in its effort to move forward with the new communications needs has to pass this. Homeowners should not lose value of it homes because of the poor reception

Ezra Callahan
5 Dunlin Pl.

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

This service is badly needed and benefits the entire community. Not doing this would likely the appeal of HHP. This tower should definitely be built for the benefit of the vast majority.

Gene Kay

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

Please get this much needed monopine approve ASAP.

Mr. & Mrs. Ray Mayrand
51 Birdsong Way A-302

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

Having cell service is a safety issue as well as a convenience issue. There are many days when I have NO service at all. My carrier is ATT. It has to get better!

Susan Grbach
5 Sea Otter Ct. HHI

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

Is it really possible that I may one day use a cell phone in Hilton Head Plantation? How could anyone be opposed to this?

George B. Pearse
7 Neptune Court Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

I strongly urge the Planning Commission to approve the construction of the monopine in HHP. I have followed the progress of this project, almost from inception. HHP and all of HHI need to find ways to improve cell phone coverage. This is the 21st. century and good cell phone coverage is required for our island to move forward. I attended the HHP meeting when Verizon representatives made their presentation for the monopine. The presentation featured photos of what it will look like amid the heavy tree canopy. From my perspective, it will not be noticeable. This cell tower is critical to maintaining real estate values in HHP, and other areas on the island. Please approve this cell tower installation.

James Stroh
11 Cougar Run

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Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

We live in HHP and currently have poor cell phone reception. We feel that is very important to improve our service both from a practical, everyday use point of view, and from a property value point of view. People do not want to buy property in an area of poor cellular service in this day and age.

Bill Ennis

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

I strongly support this initiative by HHPPOA to improve telecommunications services to the 10,000 residents of Hilton Head Plantation. An owners survey taken within the past couple of years indicates broad support for improving cell phone and data services within the Plantation and this effort should not be sidetracked by one or two disgruntled property owners.

Terry Conway
22 Cottonwood Lane

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

As a homeowner in Hilton Head Plantation, I wanted to voice our support of the proposed monopole/monopine in Hilton Head Plantation. Technology is no longer just a convenience but a necessity for many, including those of us still working and running businesses. Improved cellular service will be better for us personally, better for our business, and better for our home values going forward. As newspapers and magazines are replaced by iPads and other tablets, and land lines give way to cell phones, reliable cellular service to support voice, messaging and 4G LTE are critical to our success as a plantation and as an island with the diversity of tourists, secondary home owners, working families and retirees.

Ben Hanni
8 Field Sparrow Ct, Hilton Head, SC 29926

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

We live in Hilton Head Plantation and experience poor cell reception with many drop calls. The solution proposed has been thoroughly thought out and properly vetted. The citizens of Hilton Head Plantation deserve to have better reception that his solution will provide. It is time to address this issue to improve cellular reception given the crucial role it plays in today's world. Without a viable solution, Hilton Head Plantation will fall even further behind on providing necessary technology required by today's young professionals as well as for retired couples like ourselves. Thank you for considering approval on this request.

Tim and Deanna Collins

Tim and Deanna Collins
11 Coopers Hawk Road, Hilton Head Island

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

Many households no longer have "land lines" and must communicate via cell phones. I feel that building The monopine is necessary and should not be opposed by one or two residents.

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

I live and work year round from my home here in the HHP and need to have cell phone service that is dependable to do my job and enjoy my life. It is not dependable today. My wife and I use our iPhones for FaceTime calls to our grandkids and need good service to enjoy their beautiful faces as we talk to them. This is my lifeline to the market place, our family and the world. Needless to say, I am in favor of anything that will insure better reception for my AT&T cell phone. Thanks in advance for you help and understanding.

Regards Bob Blood

Bob Blood
4 King Rail Ct

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

Cell phones have such become such an important part of everyday life and not having coverage at home is very frustrating. As a resident of Hilton Head Plantation I greatly appreciate the opportunity to have cell coverage, and the care that has gone into planning the tower to be as non intrusive as possible while benefiting so many. I strongly support this tower and thank you for your time in considering this matter.

David Schirmer
19 Bear Island Road

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

The proposed monopine is essential for our cell phone service as well as service for our neighbors. Please approve it without further delay. Thank you kindly.

William Mackey
8 Cougar Run

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

We really need this. Having poor signals interferes with our daily lives and without good cell service this also effects the value of our residences. Please pass this. Thank you Richard Martenson

Richard Martenson
38 Honey Locust Circle, HHI 29926

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

I have no cell phone service where I live in HHP. 1) When I have lost Time Warner or Hargray or Palmetto Electric service, I had no way to get in touch with them to alert them to the outage. If my cell phone service was viable, I could then do that.

2) In addition, if I was out of electricity and needed to call 911, I could not do it without a cell phone.

3) Also, I have 2 land lines in our home and would like to eliminate both of them for expense reasons. Being able to replace them with cell phone service would save me \$720 a year,

We need this desperately.

Bob Manne
24 Savannah Trail

Support

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

Even tho we haveave good coverage at our location, I think it is vitally important that all residents of the plantation similarly good coverage..

M/M Richard. Sejnost
8 meadowlark ln

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

We need this tower in order to provide us with a signal throughout Hilton Head Plantation. Cell service is no longer a luxury., it is now a necessity. As technology changes things have to change. the argument against a cell tower, or readily accessible cell service, may have been valid years ago. However , in today's technological world' service is needed everywhere.

Richard Graff
54 Cypress Marsh D.r

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

I strongly encourage the Planning Commission to support all issues that will lead to the construction a of the proposed mono pine in Hilton Head Plantation. High quality cell phone service is critical to property values and the quality of life of the Plantation residents.

Thank you for your support of this important issue.

Linda Armstrong
25 Pineland Rd. HHI, SC

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

I live on Cottonwood Lane and have no cell coverage in my home and very little in my driveway. We need that cell towe.

Carol Nicewinter
9 Cottonwood Lane, HHI, SC 29926

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

We need this service for our family and our relationships with friends and service providers. Please approve the installation of the cell phone and wifi tower.

John Schwartz
5 Margarita Court

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

I support the application by the HHPPOA to amend the Zoning Regulations to allow a cell phone tower on their land. Zoning regulations are not cast in stone and revisions are acceptable to meet changing conditions. At present cell phone service within HHP is spotty at best and totally inadequate for the new technology. This change in use and the construction of the cell tower will greatly benefit all the residents of HHP including the one or two objectors. The Commission should view the overall value

of this application to the vast majority and the potential improvement in the health and welfare of the residents of HHP and approve this application.

Lawrence H. Bentley
12 Raintree Ln HHP

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

We live in HH Plantation and better cell communication is a MUST. I hope when the town makes its decision it will consider the thousands of people who will benefit from the change instead of the very few who are concerned about the appearance of the monopine near their property.

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

I believe we all support better cell phone service on Hilton Head Plantation, no one is debating that, but must the mono pine be located in our neighbors back yard? Please find a less conspicuous area for the mono pine, which might not maximize cellular communication, but would increase the aesthetics to our plantation..

Stephen Gallagher
2 Pheasant Run Ct

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

Please, please approve the Telecommunications tower in Hilton Head Plantation. We currently have terrible reception in much of the plantation and none in several large sections. This improved communications ability is critical for the future of our community.

Mr. & Mrs. Barry M. Barthelman

Barry M. Barthelman
3 Button Bush Ct

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

The Hilton Head plantation cell reception is not good in a lot of areas on the plantation . This cell tower should improve the reception for all involved. We rely on cell phones entirely for our phone service. Also, emergency services will be able to locate us if the need arises. The plantation,town and the Island in general need to improve our cell and wifi capability . Pls don't let a few people hinder the progress the needs to be made. Their ,not in my neighborhood attitude needs to take into account the needs of all. Thank you, Jonathan Doe

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

Long overdue! Service in the area that I reside is very spotty. Have gotten better reception traveling through 3rd world countries. Looking forward to the tower being constructed and receiving better service.

Sharon Bass
9 Ribaut Drive

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

This is an absolute necessity and must be done in spite of some childish behavior from some residents.

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

The current signal situation is far from ideal. This leads to frustration both for callers and residents. An improved wireless signal is in everyone's interest.

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

We completely agree with & support the tower as proposed for HHP as above.

We moved to HHI-HHP in the summer of 2010 .

In Malvern PA outside of Phila where we had lived most of our lives we had a multi year contract with a cell phone carrier (T-Mobil) & learned on moving day that our cell phone did not work in our own new house. Although we did get a signal sometimes on Whopping Crane & outside of HHP we could not use the cell phone in our new home & immediate area which we were obligated to pay over the almost 3 year period we were stuck with on the contract. We were forced to continue to pay T Mobile the monthly amount that exceeded a grand total of approx. \$1000.

Bill Stute
1 Oyster Bateau Ct

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

FINALLY!!!!!! THANK YOU, POA, FOR GETTING THIS DONE. I WAS READY TO PITCH MY CELL PHONE!

The Wittes
6 Myrtle Bank Road

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

Enough already! We have waited long enough for decent cellphone service in the Hickory Forest area of HHP. Improved service to this area will increase the value of our homes and safety issues!

Sharon Bartels
35 Stonegate Dr.

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

This is important for the continued good health of the HH economy.

Hugh Murphy
30 Bayley Point Lane

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

Please do what needs to be done to build the monopine! Thanks, Cathy

Cathy Savage
13 Lenora Drive HHI

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

Fifteen years ago our cell phones worked in Manhattan where we lived! They haven't worked since! Years and years of promises. There was a security incident on our street one time, and Security had to come into our home to use our land line. We have been fortunate there hasn't been loss of life or serious injury due to the lack of cell phone coverage. PLEASE VOTE YES! We would love to join the 21st century and get smart phones that work at our house!!

Lynn White-Ramos
27 Cottonwood Lane

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

Hello, as a resident of Hilton Head Plantation I support the installation of the new cell tower to improve cell service. It is very frustrating to have calls drop frequently and to have to walk around the house trying to get a good signal. The pictures of the proposed tower look very acceptable.

Virginia Holihan
21 Persimmon Place

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

I am not able to attend the hearing on April 16th on the cell tower. Please note my support for this project. We must have the opportunity to keep up with current cell technology.

Brian Fatzinger
1 Hickory Nut Ct. Hilton Head Island, SC

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

I am looking forward to better cell phone service at our Hilton Head Plantation home. The tower is a wonderful design and we need it in operation as soon as possible! We have given up our land line and our verizon cell phones are our only telephone service.

Kathy Burmeister
2 Sycamore Lane

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

My Wife & I are very much in favor of the new Cell Phone Tower. We live just off Dolphin Head Dr. HHIP close to the new site. All of our neighbors are also in very positive favor for the new tower. We bought new iPhones last spring from Verizon hoping the new tower would be in operation by now. We are looking forward for construction to start asap.

Kind Regards Richard & Kathy McLaughlin HHIP

Richard D. & Kathy T. McLaughlin
16 Fernwood Trl

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

This is a necessary addition to HHP. I hope it goes forward soon!

Hickory Forest Dr., 29926

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

I think the monopole is necessary to provide much needed improved cell phone service to HHP. The current cell connection experience is very poor.

It's 2014 not 1990, and cell phones will only become more of a basic utility like landline phone service used to be.

John Adamiak

John Adamiak
26 Teal Lane HHP

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

Oh just do it already.

Pat Marks
26 Bailey Point Lane

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

I am in support of the construction of the tower. I can appreciate Mr. Wainwright's concerns, but after looking at the satellite photo of where it will be located I do not see how this will be easily viewed from his front yard. It seems sufficiently toward the road and there are many trees in between his property and the tower fence. The benefit to the entire plantation seems to negate the concerns of one or two individuals in this case given the relatively unobtrusive nature of the construction.

Richard Hammes
16 White Tail Deer Lane

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

The monopole is a badly needed upgrade to the cellular service in HHP and is supported by the vast majority of residents. Unfortunately, a few older residents who probably don't even own cell phones are impeding the progress of this venture at the expense of all the rest of us. One of these people has even publicly stated that he thinks the cell tower will give him cancer. Please don't allow a vocal minority to obstruct this project for the rest of us. Approve the cell tower rezoning request.

Dale E. Mathis
12 Deerfield Road

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

I am a resident of Hilton Head Plantation and am strongly in favor of the construction of the cell tower. Cell service in the northern portion of Hilton Head Plantation is quite poor as my extensive measurements have shown. After discussions with Verizon staff when they visited the Plantation, I am convinced that this tower will dramatically improve service. Further, I

believe that this will enhance property values throughout the Plantation. Cell service has become an essential utility and the Plantation must ensure that all residents have access to quality service.

William Jordan
2 Fox Den Ct

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

This is a clearcut case of the greater good being served with little or no real impact to the dissenters.

Please proceed with the subject telecom tower.

William Kuttruff
2 King William Ct. HHP

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

I strongly support building the tower to improve cell phone service in Hilton Head Plantation. I am one of the Verizon customers with poor cell service at my home in Hilton Head Plantation. I do not have land line service and rely on the poor cell service for any emergency. I am concerned that that the poor service will impede my access to emergency help if needed. Cell phone service is an essential service that can't be denied.

Bill Zurilla
20 Yellow Rail

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

This is so important for all homeowners. Cell phone service is not only a daily use, but a necessity in this day and age.

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

For Hilton Head residents, businesses and organizations to thrive They need access to the best technology possible. The problems presented by a very small minority thwart this needed Improvement to the quality if life in the plantation in a selfish quest with a NIMBY attitude.

Peter J Keane
48 Royal James Dr. Hilton head Island SC

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

We desparately need the new tower in HHP to improve service. Please vote YES Thank you, Wes Buckner

Wes Buckner

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

I most definately support the construction of the monopine. I live in an area of the plantation that the cell phone service is impaacted, and that I find unacceptable in this day and age.

Stac Hays

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

I do not understand why anyone would fuss about this? The towers are so natural looking, very impressive!

Dan Putbrese
8 Myrtle Bank Lane

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

we rely on cellular service more each day including our burglar and fire alarm systems. Many of us are abandoning out telephone land lines in favor of our cellular service yet that very service that we have grown to rely on is spotty on Hilton Head Plantation. This mono pine tower is much needed to provide equal service to our plantation.

Eric Bretzel
15 Old Fort Drive

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

Needed desperately

Sullivan/mcginn
38 Pineland dr

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

This project has been delayed more than ten years because of less than a handful of residents. It's a safety issue and an economic issue. I strongly support any effort to construct a badly needed communication tower.

Major Short
12 China Cockle Lane

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

I strongly support erecting the telecommunications tower in Hilton Head Plantation. Karen Edwards

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

Cell phones have become a major vehicle for communications between two or more people through out the USA. It is important that coverage is provided to all areas of Hilton Head Island. Hilton Head Plantation does not provide access to cell phone use in many areas of the plantation including the Oyster Reef Drive area. Please vote to allow the construction of the Monopine on Dolphin Head Drive. Thank you.

Harrison L. Hays, III
13 Oyster Reef Drive

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

Install the tower. This project should already be completed!

Frank Boyd
34 Ellenita Dr HHI, SC 29926

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

This is absolutely necessary . It'd difficult to sell a house (mine) that has terrible cell phone access.

don webster
2 marsh hawk ct

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

It will be wonderful to have the monopine to increase cell coverage. We are HHP residents without a landline. We experience poor cell coverage and dropped calls daily. Please approve this needed service.

Cindy Wonson

Cindy Wonson
2 Neptune Court

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

I currently live in Westlake, Ohio but own a lot near Dolphin Head. I would not even consider building our dream retirement home until cell service improved. My cell phone is my lifeline to my business and I can not believe how horrific the coverage is when I am here. This is a vital component to a resale value as I would tell anyone who asks about living in HHIP how great it is but if you rely on your mobile phone dont think of living here. Should HHIP not have paved roads because cars are a fad? Cellular service is here to stay and our leaders are doing their best to make it compatible with the natural surroundings. Michael & Jan Vulku my phone number is below.. if you dont get me it might be because we are walking around beautiful HHIP.

Michael Vulku

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

I am a cardiologist at Hilton Head Hospital, and a resident of Hilton Head Plantation. The lack of mobile phone coverage in my neighborhood has frustrated me for years and has, at times, caused a delay in appropriate medical care for my patients. I wholeheartedly support the proposed monopine in the plantation.

Jonathan MacCabe
12 Hickory Knoll Place

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

I am a homeowner on Hilton Head Plantation. I fully support the monopine if it will improve cellular service. I have T Mobile and hope they will join the monopine. I have faith that the POA will be vigilant and will permit only a structure that will not detract from the natural beauty.

Eileen DeLany
3 Wimbrel La.

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

This would be of benefit to property owners and their guests. Too many of my visitors have had to go outside in order to get cell service.

It is small minded to refuse the tower.

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

As property owners for the past 7 years, we are 100% in favor of a cell tower in Hilton Head Plantation

Rick and Suzanne Sharon
21 Fernwood Trail

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

This is vital to our household as both my wife and I have home offices, with AT&T I have to stand in the back right corner of my patio to carry on a conversation rain or shine effecting both quality of life and real estate values. Approval of the monopine cannot come soon enough. Thank you

Bruce and Kelly Quinn
24 Rusty Rail Lane

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

Many Hilton Head Plantation owners rely on their cell phones for emergency calls, the addition of the new tower will insure emergency calls get thru. If the proposed site is not approved, why not install the new tower on property owned by the Dolphin Head Golf Club?

Joseph Sommers
1 Wing Shell LN

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

We need to have better cell phone service for personal, business and emergencies. You can not depend on a cell phone with the current service we now have.

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

It is ridiculous on a island like Hilton Head, not to have the best cell coverage possible, It hurts the tourism and the general public.

I do not think the wishes of possibly two individuals should dictate whether we are allowed to install the monopole on HHP. The majority of the residents that I know on HHP are in favor of installing the tower.

Dian Chester

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

I am in support of the telecommunications tower. This tower will be a key link to improving cell phone and other electronic

devices usage in Hilton Head Plantation.

Steve Balog

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

I am in total support of the proposed cell tower. Having worked in the cellular industry for many years, I know full well the importance of good wireless communications service. I cannot understand any objection to the proposed pine tree look-alike tower.

Robert Dunlap

8 Winding Trail Lane

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

It's a win win for all the residents of HHP . But for a few.

Bob Maher

27 Hickory Forest Drive

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

I am very much in favor of the installation of the monopine in HHP.

Linda DeLuca

4 Fiddlers Way

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

Please put up the cell tower. It will improve our signal and allow us to actually speak on the phone from inside our houses.

Carol and Stacy Wolfe.

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

I think it is shameful that anyone that lives in HHP would hold the this plantation in the 17th century. Would anyone be here without a car..... would anyone not want to have fire or police responded to an accident that can not be called because of no cell service. I don't want Wooping Crane rd to be seen from my house.... Why don't we build a 15 wall so we can't see it, they build them around freeways! I think someone thinks more of themselves than others. Do unto others as you would have them do to you. I say if anyone votes no, then they should not have been allowed the use of cell phone on HHP, further should not be able to use any electronics to communicate with HHP. The last thing is if you don't like what you see, leave, it is a free country.

Richard Carlton

2 Wimbrel Lane

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

This is for the good of all in the plantation. I have seen similar towers in communities more prestigious than ours and they are fine.

Sharon Rozelle
36 Sweet Bay Lane

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

Communications are necessary on the island including HHIPlantation. You never know when you will need to contact some one for help in an emergency. As it is now we live in a dead zone and are not able to use our cell phones at home let alone when we are out and about in the plantation.

You have my vote for the tower.

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

To have good cell phone service has become more and more important through the years as more and more people give up their land lines and rely more on cell phones. Tourists also rely on their cell phones for business and personal use. If reception is bad businessmen will avoid coming to HH on vacation or buying property. In todays society cell phone and internet reception is a must. If Hilton Head doesn't improve it's service it will lose many tourists and potential buyers. It is important to build this cell tower. STEVEN STROM Hilton Head Plantation Resident.

STEVEN STROM
5 Pelican Watch Way

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

This improvement in our cellular phone service is very important to our household both for business reasons as well as personal family reasons. People just naturally oppose change, and so often, after the change is implemented, the objectors benefit from the change and forget what their concerns were. It will be done well and we predict as some short period of time the tower will not even be noticed or talked about. Let's get with it and move forward. We've suffered long enough with inadequate cell phone quality! Thank you.

Jim Brenneman
6 Village North Drive, Apt 46, HHI, SC 29926

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

This should have been done months ago but it's a credit to the POA and our governing system that the homeowners' concerns were heard and fairly considered. But now let's get on with it and improve our cell service, the sooner the better!

Bill Junga
69 Bear Creek Drive

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

I've been waiting for improved cell service in HHP since I moved here 13 years ago. I wanted a mono antenna in lieu of the distributed system that was installed about 5-7 years ago...but accepted the POA decision and hoped that it would work. Now I just want to get this installation completed. Ronald Knight 17 Bobcat Lane 843-384-1808 knightriderron@yahoo.com

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Support

We are residents of Hilton Head Plantation and strongly support the installation of this tower. Our cell phone connection service at our residence has been spotty and and at times unavailable.

Richard and Mildred Stae
8 Turtle Dove Lane, Hilton Head Island

Submitted: 3/21/2014

Support

My wife and I strongly support the monopine proposal. When we lived in Atlanta, there were monopine cell towers in our neighborhood. Besides providing excellent cell phone service, they blended in with the environment.

This monopine seems to be the best solution to the problem of weak cell phone reception. I know that where we live we have to move to certain areas of our house to get strong and consistent service.

David Kohmescher
18 Myrtle Bank Road

Submitted: 3/21/2014

Support

In order for HHP to have adequate cellphone coverage we need to have this mono pine. The tower has been designed to minimizes the visual affect. I believe improved coverage will improve the desirability of HHP properties.

Lois Wilkinson
HHP

Submitted: 3/21/2014

Support

I strongly support the installation. Robert Hayner 6 Pelican Watch Ct HHP

Submitted: 3/21/2014

Support

I guess I should not be surprised that a very few individuals ho are small minded and carry some sense of proprietary thinking in their fontal lobes are allowed to be responsible for causing possible death and serious problems in a community. Look at the current state of our nation, idiots in control. These people are the ultimate uninformed and if they really take a look at what they are doing, like possibly someone loses their life because there is poor communication situations, they still are head headed and stupid. So selfish. Put the freaking tower in my backyard for all I care. I am not planning to sell my home soon. And that may be the ultimate goal of these naysayers, lets keep an eye on who puts their house up for sale after the tower is in. I am all for individual rights but not at the expense of many others, Our lives on his island are so marvelous now, that we cannot allow selfish uninformed idiots make your decisions for you. For Shame.

Barbara Baroni
5 Turrett Shell Ln

Submitted: 3/21/2014

Support

If the County is dedicated to spending 46 million dollars on a flyover to commit to the safety of Beaufort county residents, shouldn't we also commit to the telecommunications safety factor? Communications is key to everyday life in this 21st century whether we like it or not. Not only for our everyday activities but also for a role in emergencies and safety especially in life or

death communications. When my father collapsed on the golf course at Dolphin Head there was no way to call 911 or anyone else to get help for him, because of the simple lack of a cell phone tower. The mono pine is not going to distract from the natural beauty of our environment (like the brutal hacking down of the live oaks at the Shelter Cove Mall) and the vital communications link is key to the health and safety of the residents of Hilton Head Island. Thank you for considering this request.

Polly McCauley
1 Kinglet Lagoon, HHI

Submitted: 3/21/2014

Support

Cell service is non-existent on the north end of the plantation. When we have family come to visit they often wonder how we've gotten by so long with such horrible coverage in our area. Please approve the installation of the new tower.

John Lester
39 Myrtle Bank Road

Submitted: 3/21/2014

Support

I live at 33 Old Fort Drive and am a mobile customer of AT&T. I strongly support the proposal to improve cellular service in Hilton Head Plantation by means of the installation of the proposed monopine. Because the AT&T signal at my house is unreliable, I have needed to purchase and install two femtocells to create a local cell signal to support our needs. However, we are still subject to dropped calls when the AT&T signal momentarily strengthens and a call in progress hops to the cell tower, only to be dropped because calls cannot transfer back into the femtocell. The modern trend is to displace residential wirelines with mobile service, so it is imperative for the maintenance of our property values as well as our own convenience, that our Plantation constantly strive to provide state-of-the-art utilities to homeowners. I urge our local government to support this effort by approving the proposed use.

Allerton Marshall
33 Old Fort Drive

Submitted: 3/21/2014

Support

Hi! My husband and I are strongly in favor of the installation of the telecommunications tower in HHP off of Dolphin Head Drive. This is first and foremost a safety issue! One must be able to have telephone access if one needs to call for assistance. Many people nowadays just have a cell phone versus a landline. Thank you for your consideration!

Submitted: 3/21/2014

Support

To whom it may concern:

I moved to Hilton Head Plantation from Aiken, SC in June of 2011. The very first problem that I encountered was Cell Phone service, or lack thereof in Hilton Head Plantation. During my first business call I was dropped 5 times in less than 15 minutes. I noticed my neighbors walking outside to try and find cell service.

I require cell service for my business. I therefore went to Verizon and purchased a very expensive Cell Service Network Extender which works as a Voice over internet protocol. Even with this service I have encountered problems at my home office.

The residence and guests on the north end of Hilton Head Island deserve better service. I cannot believe that the few can be

heard louder than the many. I have seen monopines with cell service. The only thing that I noticed was that the "Tree" was much taller than surrounding pines. I for one would allow a monopine in the POA area behind my house if it meant better communications. Not only for business but for emergencies.

I sincerely hope the planning commission will stop these frivolous delay tactics by the few so that the many may benefit.

Harold W Tuttle III
10 Foxbriar Ln Hilton Head Plantation

Submitted: 3/21/2014

Support

As a resident of HHP I have difficulty using my cell phone and it is my main source of communication at this time. Also, family and guest visiting have had to leave the plantation to use their communication devices successfully. I would encourage the committees and Council support of this very important need for residents now and in the future in HHP. This is a necessity and responsible government action. Thank you

jerry manuel
19 persimmon place

Submitted: 3/21/2014

Support

I feel this is a great way to improve cell phone reception in HHP. Many homes do not have landlines anymore and depend on their cell phone reception especially in an emergency situation.

Submitted: 3/21/2014

Support

I support the proposed cell tower for Hilton Head Plantation. Good cellular coverage is important for our welfare, quality of life and our property values. Please support this Tower proposal.

Richard Sell
14 Hickory Knoll Place

Submitted: 3/21/2014

Support

Wireless service improvement initiatives in HHP are essential for maintaining/improving property values, supporting security requirements and for the overall necessity of living in a connected world. We can not continue to live in the "dark ages". This decision to build a tower directly effects my family and me both financially and from a quality of life perspective. My vote is YES for proceeding as quickly as possible for the construction of this much needed infrastructure.

Joe Baker
24 Sam's Point Lane, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

Submitted: 3/21/2014

Support

When I decided to purchase a condo in Wisconsin as a second home, I made sure I would have good cell service. If it didn't have good cell service, I walked out and didn't consider buying that condo.

I have lived in Hilton Head Plantation for 17 years and back then cell service was not important. Today cell service is extremely important. I don't have cell service unless I go outside in my backyard. Even then it is not reliable.

If I were looking to buy a house in Hilton Head Plantation today, it would have to have the most up to date cell service. If not, I would not buy in Hilton Head Plantation.

Marma Kuczkowski

Submitted: 3/21/2014

Support

The Cell service in this area of HHP in very poor. This tower should make a dramatic improvement.

Tom Kuczkowski 6 Sagebush Lane.

Submitted: 3/21/2014

Support

I strongly support the application for the new cell tower and I am very concerned about the efforts of others to either a) kill the tower, period; or 2) try to relocate it to another location within the plantation, specifically Dolphin Head Golf Course.

The former effort is clearly idiotic. The tower is an absolute necessity. We must have access to GOOD, RELIABLE wireless and cell service. Many of us in the plantation currently have no such service at or homes...NONE! And, I am not asking about "within" my home. We cannot get cell service without going about 250-yards down our street! Ridiculous in this day and age and totally unacceptable.

Regarding relocation, this is clearly an attempt at a revenue grab by Dolphin Head Golf Course while HHPPOA adopted a course of action in its negotiations that place revenue considerations LAST. The Dolphin Head location was proposed years ago and then was killed because 1) it was not an optimal location, did not provide the coverage required to justify the investment and 2) it engendered very strong opposition (stronger than we are now seeing for the present location) from a very large group of residents who lived on Sagebush Lane and Towhee Road.

Nothing has changed with regard to the Dolphin Head location. It is still inferior and most definitely would require re-zoning of what is now zoned as golf course property to allow construction. Even if the cell companies would agree to relocate it and invest their millions in an inferior site, there would still need to be re-zoning, even more hearings, even more delay and, most importantly, significantly less improvement in cell service within the plantation. There are a few facts that need to be understood:

1. The location selection for the monopine/cell tower was made by the carriers and they are the one's who are making the multi-million dollar investment.
2. After a long and careful review, including public hearings within the plantation, this location was approved by the HHPPOA Board.
3. Moving the tower defeats the objective--vastly improved wireless and cell service in Hilton Head Plantation. There is no disputing this. Verizon and Crown Castle's signal studies, fully shared with the HHP residents at public meetings proved this beyond any doubt.
4. The Dolphin Head Golf Course location would be even more controversial. It would be right next to Sagebush Lane and Towhee Road, impacting more residents than the proposed location.
5. Some individuals feel as long as they don't see the tower and someone else does, it is okay. That is baloney. What we are talking about here and what the Planning Commission is being asked to approve is essential to improved wireless/cell service and is proposed to maximize same.
6. Passing the potential controversy on to another group of residents is nuts and only will result in more delay; more controversy

and, because of the delay, continued inferior service.

7. For more than two years, in terms of this present proposal, the Hilton Head Plantation Property Owners, the carriers and the Town Staff have worked to bring this essential improvement to reality. This has been done with considerable care and amazing transparency, including numerous meetings, public hearings before town commissions and boards, articles in the local newspaper and the plantation's Plantation Living. 8. This improvement is exactly what was advocated by the Town's Telecommunications Task Force and endorsed by Town Council. The technical experts have share every imaginable fact and study. The HHPPOA Board, on behalf of the plantation's more than 10,000 residents has approved and encouraged prompt approval.

9. This improvement needs to be permitted NOW.

Please DO IT!

Thomas E. Hoppin
7 Carma Court

Submitted: 3/21/2014

Support

Since moving to Hilton Head Plantation in August 2012, our cell phone service has been spotty at best. We cannot use our cell phones in our homes without accessing our wi-fi and even then, many of the functions do not work. Only when we get close to 278 can we get a good signal. I respectfully urge you to pass the mono pine construction so we can move into the 21st century! Thank you for your consideration

Mary Georgopoulos
4 Rainbow Court

Submitted: 3/21/2014

Support

I cannot understand why anyone would be against getting better reception since I now get almost none with Verizon. In this day and age it is essential not only to your business but also in everyday life. Hilton Head Plantation has gone out of its way to hide any tower so why would anyone try to prevent it? The costs to defend it will have to be borne by all of us that live here!

Patricia Lucas
13 Stonegate Dr

Submitted: 3/21/2014

Support

Submitted: 3/21/2014

Support

Hilton Head Plantation has absolutely terrible cell phone service. This is such a nuisance for both visitors and residents. In today's modern world, its a necessity to be able to have cellular and smart phone access. Its definitely a safety issue as well. All of the walks and bike rides around the plantation. God forbid any accident happened, it would be a shame not be be able to use your phone to call for help. The poor cell service decreases the home value of all residents. This issue must be addressed. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. We look forward to a resolution after years of frustration and hold ups.

Courtney

Submitted: 3/21/2014

Support

My wife and I are in favor of the tower being installed.

G. Moore

72 Myrtle Bank Road, HHI, SC 29926

Submitted: 3/21/2014

Support

I fully support the construction of a "monopine" in Hilton Head Plantation. Our current access to cellular services is unacceptable and has a negative impact on desirability of locating in HHP. I am convinced our POA and town agencies have operated in a responsible manner. It's too bad a couple of disgruntled individuals can delay a project that will clearly improve quality of life in HHP.m

Laird Spencer

11 Wild Azalea Lane, HHIE

Submitted: 3/21/2014

Support

I live on a block with a current monopine type cell tower. If had not seen them put it in several years ago, I would never know it was there! Put in the additional cell tower. Let's get into the 21st century.

Andy Paterno

Submitted: 3/21/2014

Support

I am not getting a very good signal with my cell phone. We do not have a home phone, only our cell phones, please Approve this for us! Dean and Diane Hergert 16 Country club ct. Hilton Head Plantation resident

Dean and Diane Hergert

Submitted: 3/21/2014

Support

I would like better cell service in HHP

Submitted: 3/21/2014

Support

Even marginal cell service would be a big improvement in HH Plantation. If this tower delivers what it promises it will be a huge plus for all home owners in HHP. Home prices and sale-ability will increase exponentially. This is a no brainer. Definitely move heaven and earth to make this happen.

Maxine Uttal

3 Chickadee Road

Submitted: 3/21/2014

Support

As a part time resident I am 100% in favor of doing whatever it takes to get the cell phone coverage improved in the Plantation. It is a critical part of my business to be able to be reached via cell phone and without this added strength in the signal it makes it difficult.

Michael Pellegrino, Architect

5 Sunflower Court

Submitted: 3/22/2014

Support

Experts have designated this location as the best one to improve cell phone service in HHP. The service now is very spotty or non-existent. In checking out the area it looks like the nearby homes could actually have an improved outlook with the monopine and new bushes as planned. So we urge you to recommend the rezoning of the designated parcel.

Larry and Ann Coffin

15 Myrtle Bank Lane, HHI, SC 29926

Submitted: 3/22/2014

Support

I support the Cell Tower...Every one should be able to use their cell phones.

Submitted: 3/22/2014

Support

I certainly support the proposed cell tower in HHP. Our current service with ATT is lousy and we along with many of our neighbors need improvement ASAP. It is sad in these days a few self-centered bozos can't see beyond their selfish concerns the needs of so many of their fellow residents and the community. Please approve this very important improvement for our Plantation and anyone else who will benefit from the cell tower. Thanks very much!

Bill & Pia Cannon

3 Pine Warbler Circle HHP

Submitted: 3/22/2014

Support

My husband & I have lived in HH Plantations for almost 3 years now. In that time, we have found it to be in our best interest and safety to keep a land line in our home and pay the additional cost because of poor cell reception. This is unfortunate in this day and age. If we are to keep up with technology and the property values here in our plantation, it is a necessity and a valuable commodity. The current reception is too unpredictable depending on weather and other factors which interrupt service. I think that with some forethought and careful technique in placement, this tower can only enhance the value of properties and save residents from additional costs. It's time we got with it! We will never be able to please a minority that are afraid of progress.

Patty & John Adamiak

26 Teal Lane

Submitted: 3/22/2014

Support

Anything to improve our cellular capacity is a plus for all individuals, the Hilton Head Plantation and the island. Let's go forward!

Mary Kay Hoffmann

MARY KAY HOFFMANN

8 Flagship Ln

Submitted: 3/22/2014

Support

Having been a full-time resident owner in Hilton Head Plantation for the past 22 years, I have great confidence in the ability of the POA's Board of Directors and management staff to balance the needs of the residents and the natural beauty of the environment. Thus I strongly support their recommendation regarding placement of the monopine to improve cell phone service in HHP. The associated benefits far outweigh the minimal visual intrusion of the monopine in my opinion.

Margaret Conn
2 Village North Drive #7, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

Submitted: 3/23/2014

Support

I strongly support the HHP cell tower project.

John Turley
34 Sweetbay Ln, HHI, 29926

Submitted: 3/23/2014

Support

Put in the pole. No pine needles to pick up, no pollen and progress toward modern phone communications.

Paul Ricker

Submitted: 3/23/2014

Support

We fully support the installation of the "mono pine" cell phone tower in Hilton Head Plantation. It is a necessary component for today's telecommunication needs.

John & Denise McDonnell
9 Pelican Watch Ct. Hilton Head Plantation

Submitted: 3/23/2014

Support

In today's world, good telecommunications are as much a necessity as good roads, good water or clean air.

It is wrong for a selfish individual to block needed utilities.

We urge you to approve the cell tower as proposed.

Tom and Judy Tomfohrde
11 Hadley Lane 29926

Submitted: 3/23/2014

Support

For everyones safety, the tower has to go up. 911 from cell phones may save the life of the guy who opposed it.

Nancy Correll
15 Big Woods Drive

Submitted: 3/23/2014

Support

I would think in 2014 cell phone should be available most places. We need this tower. Dave Lechner

Submitted: 3/23/2014

Support

For the last 12 years, I have had problems with the cell service!! I can't think of a better reason to support the erection of a new cell tower!!!

Submitted: 3/23/2014

Support

dale and Judy Peters
27 Raintree Lane

Submitted: 3/23/2014

Support

It makes no sense for HHP or HHI to leave residents without the capability to communicate in the most effective way.

J. Fisher
4 Shadewood Court

Submitted: 3/23/2014

Support

ANYTHING THAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE PHONE SERVICE ON HILTON HEAD WOULD BE WELCOME. WE ARE ALL FOR IT. IT WOULD ENHANCE THE PROPERTY VALUES FOR ALL HOMEOWNERS ON HHP...INCLUDING THE ONE OR TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE OBJECTING TO THE MONOPINE

DWIGHT AND EMELINE HUNTING
5 CYGNET

Submitted: 3/23/2014

Support

I am a Hilton Head Plantation resident and live off of Dolphin Head Drive not too far from the proposed location of the monopine. I very much support installation of the monopine. My Verizon cell service is marginal in my home, so a stronger signal would be very desirable. I understand the opposition of the homeowners near the proposed site. However in this case, I think the good of the many outweighs the good of the few.

Mary Mathis
12 Deerfield Road

Submitted: 3/23/2014

Support

Please let's get this project finally moving ahead. The cell service in Hilton Head Plantation leaves a lot to be desired and a new cell tower would be beneficial to all of the residence. Let's get this project approved as soon as possible.

John McCue
9 Stonegate Court Hilton Head Island, SC

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

Here we are moving into a new millennium and I can't even make or receive a phone call from my home at 316 Seabrook

Drive, HHP. If I were to attempt to connect a 3 minute call, dropping of the call would occur 5 or 6 times. In brief, "hi, I'll call you on a land line" interchange there's often a disconnect. I have a special construction phone with twice the normal antenna (so it can be adapted for intercom use); that made little difference. As I understand it, high tech engineers have determined that this exact site is THE site to fill the system's holes. I'm confounded as to why a few property owners are objecting given all the deference there has been to the aesthetic side of things, incredulous really. CPD

Charles p. Duvall MD
316 Seabrook Drive

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

My wife and I very strong supporters of the new monopine. One of the attractions to living in Hilton Head Plantation was the beauty, and the ability to connect to the world. The phone service now is very bad, and this improvement will be felt by all.

Jerry & Pam Okarma
30 Oyster Shell Lane

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

Let's get going!

John R Hersey
29 Birdsong Way

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

Necessary!

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

The sooner the better, we need it.

Victor Delgado
4 Country Club Court

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

we need this and totally support it

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

We strongly support the installation of a cell tower in Hilton Head Plantation that will be disguised to look like a pine tree. We urgently need to improve the telecommunications services throughout Hilton Head Island and this will help to get us there. We ask for your approval of this request.

Eris Scott and Rae Scott
3 Royal Fortune Court, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926-1700

Support

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I support the proposal to install a DAS monopine/cell tower at the proposed location because it is in the best interests of the residents of Hilton Head Plantation. The tower should be unobtrusive to most, and will improve cellphone service. To those of us who have experienced dropped calls, the additional DAS location will be a welcome addition.

Michael Feinman
20 Winding Trail Lane, Hilton Head, SC 29926

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I whole heartily support the need for the monopine cell tower in HHP. As a recent property buyer in the Dolphin Head area I was most disappointed by the poor cell reception in my home and was encouraged that a fix was forthcoming. This is a good thing for HHP and HHI.

Bruce Fortelka
3 Bent Tree Ln

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

A safety issue PERIOD. What don't people understand about this. Sad it has to come down to litigation.

Dempsey
99 Governor's Harbour

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

We who reside at 7 Old Fort Lane appreciate all you are doing to establish the monopine for HHP. Your patience is exemplary.
Peter and Alison Clark

Alison Clark
7 Old Fort Lane

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I support the Planning Commission's recommendation. Please move forward with that recommendation

Richard DiEugenio
19 Pearl Reef Lane

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I work from home in the northwest section of Hilton Head Planation (Skull Creek Drive) and an unable to use my cell phone for business or personal calls from my home office. I speak in favor of the monopine cell tower placement at the location proposed by Verizon and advocated by the Town's Telecommunication Task Force. I urge approval of this proposed site.

Dr. Steve Adair
23 Courtyard Common

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

please approve the tower we have no cell phone coverage in our home

keith phoenix
hilton head plantation

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

We have great difficulty and frustration with the quality of the calls with our cell phones. It's almost impossible to carry on a conversation.

Sally Rance
4 Fish Hawk

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

i am a surgeon and the absence of cell phone coverage in my home is a problem please move forward with the tower as soon as possible

virginia herrmann
hilton head plantation

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I cannot understand the lack of action on something that is so important to the people of the plantation. I have been considering moving due to the lack of cell phone service. I am about one half mile from the proposed site and have viewed it several times. I can't understand the opposition to a camo pole. Please support this urgently needed project. Gary Turner

Gary Turner
43 Deerfield Rd

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I support the installation of this cell phone tower in order to improve cell phone service in HHP. I believe that improved cell phone service is important now and will only become more important in the future. This service has become (or will soon become) as expected as any public utility provided by local governments.

Cell phone service is always a topic of conversation with our out-of-town guests and friends. It is important for the future of our community to be able to say that we do not have any problems with our cell phone signal.

Phil Cheaney
18 Raintree Ln

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

1. I am sick and tired of having to run outside - day or night, rain or shine - in order to receive a call on my cell phone. 2. Good cell phone service due to this tower location would only INCREASE the value of the properties affected by the existence of the tower, not decrease it, as the opponent of it has stated. 3. In my opinion, the major opponent of the planned location is suffering from anal-cranial inversion. If you don't know what that means, contact me and I will explain it.

David Kurjan
8 Fernwood Trail, Hilton Head, SC

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

We need improved service to support our personal and professional needs. In a Democracy everyone needs to compromise for the benefit of all. Please approve this project.

Michael Harris
14 Pheasant Run

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

Please do not let the interests of a vocal minority override the overall interests of the majority. Cell reception is terrible where I live on Seabrook Drive. I am also very interested in the environment/nature, but this tower seems to be designed to blend in and not disturb the surrounding natural areas. Please approve this project as soon as possible! Thank you!

Carol and Bob Clemens
318 Seabrook Drive

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

My husband, Robert, and I strongly support the addition of the monopine cell tower. We believe the due diligence done by the Town, the HHPPOA and Verizon are conclusive and demonstrate that this solution is the best overall. We have been on the island since 2000 and have been property owners in HHP since that time. We have experienced spotty cell phone reception at our home and when we have visitors from other areas they are distressed because of the poor signal strength in our area. With our aging population here in HHI, all forms of rapid communication are imperative. This is long overdue. Please, install this tower ASAP.

Robert & Barbara O'Brien
33 Oyster Bay Place

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I am in favor of the telecomm tower. We have intermittent service, when we do have service calls are frequently dropped.

Joan Gillis
8 old fort lane. HHP

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

Yes, we need better cell connections especially at our house. Please pass this and lets join the 21st century, currently we seem stuck in the 1990s when it comes to communications. 99% of the Plantation want better communications, yet the Township is letting a very few delay improvements.

dean morrison
6 savannah trail

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

We in Hilton Head Plantation currently do not have dependable cell phone service due to many dead spots. Dependable cell service is vital in an emergency and could make the difference between life and death when trying to reach 911 in an emergency. Verizon and Crown Castle have been very responsive to the sensibilities of the residents by disguising the tower to look like a pine tree even to the extent of providing fake bark. Please allow the project to proceed for the safety and convenience of our residents.

harold meyers
8 stonegate drive, hilton head, sc 29926

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I fail to see how one or two individuals can hold up the construction of a tower that will benefit so many people and that will be built so that it will hardly be seen. This is one instance where eminent domain will be a good thing.

Anthony Drabnis
3 Oyster Shell Lane

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

We live at 14 Angel Wing Dr. and currently do NOT have adequate AT&T cell coverage. Please approve all rezonings and permits needed to allow the construction of the new tower.

Steve Brannon
14 Angel Wing De

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

Although a few residents oppose this project, it's completion will add value to all residents who live in the plantation.

Mario S. Melita
19 Highbush Drive

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

Clearly this project has been researched in depth, considering all available options, and the best decision given the parameters of the inquiry has been reached. I agree with the theory that within a very short span of time we will not even notice the mono pine, and since I stand to benefit enormously from its existence, I am in favor of proceeding with its installation asap.

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I support the location of this cell tower.

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I have been receiving poor cell phone service at my home at 19 Eagle Claw Lane since I built my home in 1993. Despite so called improvements by providers by installing cell towers in our Plantation, service still is not adequate. I was still required to exit my home to make calls. I have been required to purchase a Cell Phone Booster from Verizon at some significant cost to use my cellphone, including improved technological equipment. I have no idea what the new monopine antenna will do for me, but

it is time we get out of this type of backward thinking in our Plantation and Hilton Head Island in general. Do something right for a change.

Normand B Dufour
19 Eagle Claw Lane

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

This is a "no Brainer" if you live in Hilton Head Plantation. Most of us have moved from areas that have great cell service. Some of us only use cell phones. To move here and find my cell phone doesn't work has been the most disappointing part of my relocation. We need good, total coverage cell service to continue to be a viable neighborhood for future occupants.

ann gillen
14 jingle shell lane

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I pay monthly Verizon services, and yet I can only get services by walking up the road, or get in my car and drive to an area. I have an 93 year old mother that lives out of state , and I need to call her everyday. The service that is provided for such is so frustrating.

THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR MANY OF RESIDENTS HERE.

THANK YOU, FOR YOUR ACTIONS IN TRYING TO COMPLY TO OUR NEEDS.

Jayne Baughman

Jayne BAUGHMAN
7 Chickadee Rd.

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

A cell phone tower will definitely be a great advantage to all property owners in the plantation.. Please approve!

Burnett Moody
258 Seabrook Drive

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

Where does common sense figure in here? The companies have designated The Spot for best service. The Plantation and town are bending over for this small group who oppose. This is more than about getting cell phone coverage. The lack of good service prevents our Security, Fire, and Medical teams from doing the best they can to save lives in the quickest time. The need for this tower should be considered from a Safety Concern far above any "location" gripes. Do they understand by opposing this they could be putting their neighbors, friends, and visiting families in a serious, compromised position. Is this who they really are? Pass this through and be done with it!

Sherryl Doe
68 Cypress Marsh Dr

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I fully support the current proposal in an effort to improve cell coverage in Hilton Head Plantation.

Kenneth Novak
38 Big Woods Drive

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I firmly believe that ongoing upgrades to infrastructure whether it's technology upgrades or basic services like water, sewer and the like are mandatory if Hilton Head is to remain the desirable location for both year round and tourist residents. I understand NIMBY, but those services are what makes all of us want to live here. I believe these improvements need to be addressed with environmental considerations at the top of the list. Having said that, I believe the plans do all they can to address the needs of the community at large, while taking necessary aesthetic concerns into consideration for local residents.

Dennis Yarrington
27 Crooked Pond Drive, Hilton Head Plantation

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

Hopefully the tower will be approved and I won't have to go outside to look for a signal in order to use my cell phone!

Jacqueline Rose
71 Skull Creek Dr.

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

Understanding that there will always be some opposition to positive changes, it IS time to move on with the tower off Dolphin Head Drive and stop allowing one or two people to hold up the process for no obvious reasons.

Glenn and Jean Barker 14 Sunset Place HHP

Glenn/Jean Barker
14 Sunset Place

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

As a resident of Hilton Head Plantation living at 27 Towhee Road, I wish to express my support for the mono pine cell tower as proposed in the locatin proposed. While the tower will be visible from my home, I still believe that it is in the best interest of the community and will serve to be beneficial to the daily lives and emergency response requirements of the community.

Arno Dimmling
Arno Dimmling
27 Towhee Road

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I believe that the changes to the Master Plan are in the best interests of the residents of Hilton Head Plantation.

Dianne Acton
4 Foxhunt Drive

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

Have owned home here for 22 years and have had many problems with the lack of adequate cell reception/service in HHP. Guests have become lost at night coming or leaving and have not been able to use cell phones to call for directions. . Having to stand outside to talk is at times is an inconvenience. Cell phones are carried by pedestrians in case of emergency but there are locations they won't work. The time is now and the location is perfect for the need!Sheila

Sheila Baden
Dolphin point lane

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I fully support this location of the Telecommunications Tower. It certainly appears that the Companies involved and the HHP POA have done due diligence to select the optimum location for the tower to benefit the most HHP property owners.

LAWRENCE W HAZZARD
5 PINE WARBLER CIR

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I'm a resident of Hilton Head Plantation and work from my home office. My cell phone carrier is Verizon and the service is so bad that I have to leave my office and go outside when anyone calls me. As you can imagine, that is not an ideal working situation when I have a computer that I need to access. Had I known that the cell service was this bad when I bought my home in HHP it would have caused me to consider other areas with better service. This new tower is needed to improve service in this area as well as to keep our plantation competitive as far as attracting new homeowners.

Rose Pye
16 Coopers Hawk Rd

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

Please help expedite the new telecommunications tower in Hilton Head Plantation! We live here 8 months of the year and have a business in Michigan. Several times a day you can find us having business conversations in our driveway-rain and sunshine-because we cannot get reception in our home. In fact, we usually get our calls dropped at least three times a day even if we are in the 'magic spot' outside. Some of our conversations are confidential and our neighbors have been privy to every conversation we have had if they are walking by. This is ridiculous! In this day and age, we need adequate communication services.

Gail Saukas
2 Margarita Ct

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I strongly support the installation of the Monopine Telecommunications Tower in Hilton Head Plantation as recommendeda by the Plantation Management in conjunction with all the proposed users of the tower. I have resided in the Plantation for 9 years

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and during that entire time have been unable to receive even "poor" cell phone communication. I have an office in the home and am unable to receive calls and communicate using my cell phone without jumping up and trying to locate a signal in my home. My cell phone is my key contact for my business and personal use. I receive international calls which I need to call back on a land line in order to communicate causing both inconvenience and increased costs. I believe that it is a disgrace that in this day of communication and technology I am unable to make and receive a simple phone call. Thank You!!

MICHAEL ZNACHKO
29 SEABROOK LANDING DR

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

My family comes into HHP several times a year, it is upsetting not to be able to connect with their companies, because of bad connections.

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

The proposed cell phone tower, while enhancing cellular service throughout Hilton Head Plantation, will not be the eyesore that the few detractors have indicated. With the proposed landscaping surrounding the base of the tower, the present wooded area will be even more dense, providing greater visual privacy to adjacent home owners.

James Ogden
71 Honey Locust Circle

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

The plans are reasonable and should do the job to remedy poor phone service. The endless delay is unreasonable. Please get it done.

James Taylor
18 Honey Locust Circle

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

We are very much in favor of the monopine cell tower in HHP. We have had very poor cell reception, we would greatly appreciate knowing we are able to use our cell phones at home. My husband and I are two definite supporters.

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

Technical and economic reasons: HHP needs to have available a reliable communication network to stay current with the present technology that should attract future homeowners.

Aesthetics: Many other communities have "hidden" cell towers (Phonex AZ uses palm trees) and you have to look closely to see that the structure is a cell tower and not a live tree. The HHP proposed location puts a "pine tree" in a pine woods - I do not see a problem.

David Garceau
10 Hickory Knoll Place, HHP

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

The upgrading of telecommunications within Hilton Head Plantation is crucial. Today's information flow is based on the effectiveness of our mobile phones. Having this service be so unreliable within the plantation has led to additional expense for a land line. And it is very frustrating to always have to provide two numbers "just in case" in order to receive information. It's time to bring our community up to today's standards.

Amy Rubin
13 Pineland Rd

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

We need this tower for both convenience and safety reasons. Currently I cannot make a phone cell phone call from inside my home. The summer makes the situation even worse with the signal being so weak even outside the home that I was forced several times to walk two blocks to get good reception. I am being forced to carry a land line that is almost never used. If it should fail during an emergency the results could be fatal.

Thanks

Robert McCarrick
6 Stonegate Dr.

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I support the installation of the telecommunications tower (monopine) in Hilton Head Plantation.

Russ Pomfrey
3 Yellow Rail Lane, Hilton Head SC 29926

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

We need to continue to improve mobile phone reception. Most people use cell phones these days and to them it is the only way to communicate. Emergency situations develop that require immediate response. These people need a reliable communication method. Landlines are eventually going to be a thing of the past. We need to be proactive in insuring excellent communication services to the community. The Town Council needs to consider the needs of many before the needs of a few. Verizon and other investing in this tower have done everything possible to minimize its visual acceptance.

George Haley

George Haley
3 Oyster Reef Dr.

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

Enough. This is the age we live in. Communications is no longer an option we can live without. There are always the few that try to prevent change for the good of the many. Thankfully they can't stop it but the delays cause problems for the many.

Kenneth Eickhoff
6 Village North Dr # 34

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I support the monopine solution to improve the cell phone reception that has been proposed by the HHP.

Mary Jo Happley

Mary Jo Happley
3 Pine Sky Ct.

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

We live in a time when our daily lives are truly dependent on digital communications. On the North end of Hilton Head Plantation we do not receive a consistent signal that allows us to connect with lawn, pool, plumbing, electrical and/or HVAC service providers and, the providers cannot be in contact with their home base of operation if needs arise. We do not have the ability to connect to emergency personnel if our power goes out and we lose the use of our land line. The Dolphin Head Park is near us and also has problems with consistent cell service. If emergencies occur when one is at the park and the power is out, there is limited or no ability to connect to the emergency responders. Please approve the new proposed mono pole location and construction at that site.

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I support the placement of the Telecommunications Tower. I believe that it is essential that we as a community continue to upgrade our ability to communicate. The ability to communicate can be the difference between a rescue or a tragedy. The Telecommunication Tower will blend in with the surrounding environment and will not even be noticed after a short period. Like anything new there are people opposed to the Tower and that is their right. But the safety and welfare of the community should come first. It should also be noted that if and when needed emergency services being provided by Beaufort County need a place to enhance their equipment a location will already be available. As a retired police officer I know the importance of communications and every effort should be made to give the community the best tools available. If one life is lost due to lack of communications because a minority are not happy with appearance, that would be tragic.

Robert Wallace
15 Deerfield Road

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

Since we moved to the Dolphin Head area, just in Sept. 2013, we had no idea that the reception is so poor here. We have already purchased new equipment to help with reception, but really does not help.

Since we do not have a land line, one of the most frustration parts is that you call a company and are put on hold, 5, 10, 20 minutes, and just when a live person comes on the line, it DROPS the call. Now most companies do not have the call back capability so you have to start all over.

It is particularly bad on cloudy days, so most of the winter it is very hard to conduct business.

While I am empathetic to the persons where this is a intrusion to their property, it is imperative for all members of the community to be able to conduct business successfully.

Please Please Approve!

Thank you for your time.

Nancy Dalton Hilton Head Plantation

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Nancy Dalton
33 Bent Tree Lane

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I am strongly in favor of the installation of the telecommunication tower, this is long overdue! Not only am I anxious for decent cell service (too many evenings spent outside attempting to get a signal while being attacked by mosquitoes) , it will also increase the value of our homes. Our home is located on Fernwood Ct in close proximity to the tower, I see no problems with this, aesthetics or otherwise.

Antoinette Costello
24 Fernwood Ct

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

As more and more of the population moves towards cell phone service and less land lines we need to get strong signals when callins for help instead of having to go stand in the middle of the street to get a signal.

Frances Wright
48 Crooked Pond Dr.

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

Except for the occasional Luddite in the area, the times and needs are changing! The tower will offer service that is sorely needed both for personal and official use. Dead zones are inconvenient and can be dangerous when an emergency responder loses contact.

I wish to be current with all of the amazing technology out there and can't really imagine the occasional ostrich, with his head in the sand, pretending it will go away.

Sally Christy

Sally Christy
22 Field Sparrow Road

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I strongly urge you to allow this to happen. I now have to walk outside of my back door to the edge of the yard to use my cell phone. In the dark-impossible .I cannot talk with family on my cell plan . I would greatly appreciate your help in this matter

Mary Jo Berkes

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

Please put a tower on HHP. We need reliable cell service. Right now you can't ven have a converstion without being cut off.

Sincerely, John Mosher, 38 Oyster Shell

John Mosher
38 Oyster Shell Ln

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Support

We are property owners at 19 Bent Tree Lane, Dolphin Head Subdivision in Hilton Head Plantation. We use two Verizon Wireless devices, both of which have a spotty and problematic wireless signal at times. The cell phone is the better of the two with usually only a one bar signal. The 4-G wireless device used for my internet connection while at our home here has from none to two bar signal with most frequent being one bar. We hope a new tower as proposed will greatly improve the signal since we have had an occasional internet shut down during use.

We strongly support anything which will improve the function of our wireless devices at this location.

Paul E. Berkebile & Audrey L. Berkebile
19 Bent Tree Lane, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926-1906

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

Please approve the installation of the monopole on Dolphin Road in Hilton Head Plantation. We feel very strongly that additional cell phone service is a necessary part of living anywhere on Hilton Head Island and especially on Hilton Head Plantation where we are presently living. It is hard to understand how one or two home owners can hold up a process that will benefit over 4,000 owners in Hilton Head Plantation. We urge you to allow this to move further towards completion as soon as possible. Thank you.

Richard and Mary Lou Carroll
29 Pearl Reef Lane - Hilton Head Island - 29926

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I strongly support the installation of the monopine telecommunications tower at the proposed site as we desperately need to upgrade our telecommunications capability. This has been dragging on long enough.

James
Fichtenkort

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

For goodness sake, just build the tower. I'm tired of using my cell phone only in the middle of Pineland Road.

Martha Davis
24 Pineland Rd

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I fully support the telecommunication tower in HHP off of Dolphin Head Drive. Technology is continually changing and without the proper communication abilities it will start effecting our lives.

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

As property owners in Hilton Head Plantation, we strongly support the much needed monopine communication tower.

Jeffrey and Kay Weaver
19 Sams Point Lane

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

Tom Mansfield
38 Old Fort Drive

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I totally support the telecommunications tower. We have all long needed better service. Everyone will look up to see it once and then forget it is even there. I live on Dolphin Drive and I do not have a problem at all.

Diana Churchill

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I absolutely agree that Hilton Head Plantation needs to improve the cellular signal in the back part of the plantation. Also, having been in the telecommunications industry during my career, I know it is very important to place the tower in the correct spot for it to work properly. I have seen a rendering of the monopine and think it will fit in aesthetically with the surrounding area. We have friends who live in the back part of the plantation and we can not even call them on their cellphone when they are at home. Most people do not have landlines any more and it is critical that we have better cellphone coverage where we live.

Edwina Dunlap
8 Winding Trail Lane

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

Without cell service we can no longer consider Hilton Head our home. In this day and age we need to have cell service.
Thank-you Lloyd and Linda Smith

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

Many people rely heavily on cell phone transmission and reception in Hilton Head Plantation. The need for connecting via cell phones--without experiencing a dropped call--is not only necessary, but also, in special cases, life saving. We need reliable and wide-spread cell phone coverage throughout this plantation.

Thomas J. Calanni
320 Seabrook Drive

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

Please support this tower for the protection of our family. Without good communication, urgent and emergent messages will go unnoticed. Thank you for your time. Lanier Ayscue 13 Sams Point and 9 Bobcat Lane.

Lanier Ayscue

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

Please vote yes for the new cell tower. It will benefit all.

K. Mangan

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

We really need this tower. Standing in my driveway to get reception is not always feasible and a nuisance. It seems much thought has been given to the location and the cosmetic look of the tower. Homeowners rely so much on the technology of today and many people use their homes to conduct business. Please, let's get this going and be done with it.

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

We are in full support of the proposed location of the tower. The ones that are already in place in HH Plantation are barely noticeable and blend well into the surrounding area. We do need improved cell phone reception

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I definitely support the tower being built as planned!

Arlene Murphy
34 Savannah Trail

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

My husband and I have lived on the plantation since 2009. We have cell phones but are unable to use them in our house because of the lack of reception. In an emergency, if our land line/electricity were out, we would be unable to use our cell phone to call for help. In addition, many companies that service our house for repairs, etc. are unable to use their cell phones to communicate with their own businesses and other customers because of the lack of cell reception. We have waited several years for a solution to this problem and are very upset that only one or two individuals seem to be bent on delaying the installation of a cell tower to help so many others. One wonders if they are upset every time they pass a cell tower any where on this plantation or the island itself- most of those towers are not even noticed by the average person and the monopine is an even better choice. Despite the fact that there are rules, this seems to be another one of those situations where one or two people are mis-using the intent of the rules or bylaws. PLEASE expedite the monopine installation as soon as possible.

Mary Carter
17 Sparrow Hawk Ct.

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

The mono pine tower is a much needed safety enhancement for HHP. Residents need reliable cell phone coverage in case of emergency. The proposed plan is near our house and welcomed as it will blend in well with existing landscaping.

Paul Keating
Dolphinhead lane

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

As residents of Hilton Head Plantation, we urge the Hilton Head Planning Commission to rezone the proposed site for the construction of the monopine cell tower. Thank you.

Faisal & Catherine Dahnoun
10 Warbler Ln in Hilton Head Plantation

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

We support the location of the Telecommunications Tower in HH Plantation to enable us to receive better service in our area.

Janice and Ernest Dyer
18 Christo Drive

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

My husband works from our home in HHP; therefore, his cell service is essential to our livelihood. We desperately need this tower to enhance this necessary communication.

Carla Whitt
12 Sweetwater Ln

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I recently purchased a home in HHP. I will be relocating there in October of this year. To say that cell phone coverage is important is an understatement. The cell phone is the most significant communication device in the world. The fact that the tower will be designed to blend in with the surroundings is AMAZING. This is why I chose to retire on Hilton Head Island. You have the modern amenities but refuse to compromise on aesthetics. Do you realize that most of the cell phone towers in the US are just that - large metallic structures that are an eyesore? Bravo for finding a compromise that blends in with the beauty of HHP.

Barb Holmes
Owner of 6 Saddlewood Court HHP

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

Myself and all my neighbors that I have talked to wholeheartedly support the increase in service the monopole will bring. In an age where many do not have land lines, but we carry cell phones for convenience & safety, we wonder if it will take someone dying due to lack of service availability before this simple problem is rectified.

Susan Layne Huppertz
5 Wimbrel Lane

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I support the re-zoning request by Hilton Head Plantation in order to construct the monopine cell phone tower in the proposed

location.

Neal Post
25 Royal James Drive, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

We live at 13 Oyster Reef Drive. We have lousy cell phone reception. If we run into the front or back yards we can sometimes get faint communications and sometimes the cell phone will ring inside the house. To answer we have to dash into the front yard or the back yard and hope that the signal doesn't fade. Please approve the rezoning request so that subject tower can be built!!! Thank you.

Harrison L. Hays, III
13 Oyster Reef Drive

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

Conducting a personal phone call or confidential business should not have to be done while standing in the street. Cell service is essential in a 21st century community.

Sansing McPherson
28 China Cockle Way HHI SC 29926

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

As a resident of Hilton Head Plantation, I strongly support the approval of the Telecommunication Tower at its currently proposed location between Dolphin Head Drive and Whitetail Deer Lane. It will greatly benefit the reliable reception of cellular signals in the areas of HHP that do not have reliable reception now. In addition, it will improve the data rate for the vast majority of residents in HHP, which is very important for smart phone users, who make up a large and ever increasing portion of users. Because of this, the improved cellular performance will have a very positive effect on our residential real estate values. All other residents with whom I have talked are also overwhelmingly in favor of the Tower. As a retired telecommunications engineer and participant in many of the technical reviews that have been given to HHP by Verizon and Crown Castle, I can strongly vouch for the fact that they have been very thorough in their engineering evaluations to choose the best location to for the Tower. A lot of time has been lost due to a couple of resident dissenters. It is time to move on. Please support this endeavor, both for the residents of HHP and others on the Island who will benefit by the precedence of moving this forward.

Roger D. Benning
4 Gaspee Court, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I am a business person, I rely on my cell phone for a large part of my business but with the current poor reception in the Plantation, I have been missing out on a number of calls. Most of the time I have had to go out of my home office to be able to speak on the phone and even then it is sometimes quite difficult. I am looking forward to some relief with the new tower.

Joy MacDonald
42 Rookery Way, HHP

Submitted: 3/24/2014

Support

I strongly support the installation of the Telecommunications Tower at the location recommended by the HHPPOA. It is critical that we improve the phone coverage in our community which will make it more attractive to potential home buyers and business owners who work from home.

We currently have quite a bit of infrastructure that enables the high quality of life that we enjoy and the installation of this tower, is merely, adding to that existing infrastructure system.

I applaud the HHPPOA for its due diligence in seeking a location that will improve the connectivity of our entire community but more specifically the property value of those residents currently living in or visiting those areas with substandard cell coverage.

Carlton B Dallas
2 Myrtle Bank Road

Submitted: 3/25/2014

Support

With Hilton Head Island being concerned about aging infrastructure and the need to compete with other resort destinations for tourist business, an elementary attraction for visitors and possible new businesses is good cell phone service. In Hilton Head Plantation, we have always been embarrassed to have to direct our visitors to go out to the driveway to make their cell phone calls. The proposed monopine will, finally, make this unnecessary. I urge its installation.

Sally McGarry
6 Anglers Pond Ct. Hilton Head Plantation

Submitted: 3/25/2014

Support

This plantation must bring its communication standards up to acceptable standards. There is a strong need to place this monopole where it has been designed to be located.

Duick Waltz
10 Gray Fox Lane HHI 29926

Submitted: 3/25/2014

Support

We really need it here, have friends can't be reach on cell phone, drop phone calls and would improve my service.

Ceil Meyers
8 stonegate drive, hilton head, sc 29926

Submitted: 3/25/2014

Support

I currently have great difficulty receiving a signal at my home and on my street (Jingle Shell Ln). If I stand by my kitchen sink I have a little reception, however have very poor or no reception throughout the house and on the patio. I can't receive or make a call on Jingle Shell until I reach Seabrook. In today's world reception is very important.

June Seebohm
24 Jingle Shell Ln

Submitted: 3/25/2014

Support

I fully support the installation of the monopine cell tower near White Tail Deer Lane on HHP. For too long, we have been in the dark ages with our cellular service. I frequently see people outside of their houses, leaning on their cars, while talking on the cell phone. It will be a real thrill, after the monopine is installed, to see four bars all over the inside of the house and talk on the phone with no difficulties.

Please vote to install the monopine. We can't let one or two people hold up the advance of our civilization.

Arthur von der Linden
27 China Cockle Lane

Submitted: 3/25/2014

Support

Cell phones have become something we all use and need. It is important to individuals and property owners that adequate service is provided in HHP. Please vote yes to install and maintain the tower.

Laraine & Warren Mitchell
14 Old Fort Dr

Submitted: 3/25/2014

Support

Please approve the cell tower that would benefit most of the Hilton Plantation Property family's.

Anton Schramm
10 TURTLE DOVE LANE

Submitted: 3/25/2014

Support

As a resident of Hilton Head Plantation, I am in favor of telecommunications tower off Dolphin Head Dr. Not only will it provide better cell phone coverage, but also is needed for a safety factor. Many residents do not have a land line and use their cell phones for emergencies.

Sue Aymond
18 Savannah Trail

Submitted: 3/25/2014

Support

We need better cell phone reception! Too many calls dropped or no reception.

Submitted: 3/26/2014

Support

I am a property owner in Hilton Head Plantation, and I support the proposed location of a "pine tree" monopole telecommunications tower near Dolphin Head Drive. The proposed site and the selection of the "pine tree" monopole meet the objectives of increasing current signal strength to the areas that do not now have adequate coverage, and provide that service with the best available minimum visual impact on nearby residences. Based on studies by telecommunication engineers, changing the proposed site would seriously reduce the effectiveness of adding another monopole. That in turn would leave significant numbers of residents under-served. In my opinion, failing to approve the current location, coupled with changing the location to one which would not provide the needed coverage would disregard the main reason for adding the monopole and be a waste of resources.

Frederick O. Reese, Jr.

Submitted: 3/26/2014

Support

I live very close to the proposed site for this tower and welcome it. The service in my area is not very good. Since the site is heavily treed, I fail to understand the objections. After a few months, this tower will "blend" into to the landscape and will hardly be noticeable. I compare this to someone doing renovations on their home. The smallest detail is important until the project is over and life goes on. That detail is promptly forgotten and the overall convenience is much more important. Thank you, HHPOA, for providing the owners with the very needed cell coverage. Ann Craig

Ann Craig
81 Dolphin Head Drive

Submitted: 3/26/2014

Support

I totally support the addition of this cell tower.

John Ryan
26 Cottonwood Lane

Submitted: 3/26/2014

Support

We strongly support moving forward with the telecommunications tower in Hilton Head Plantation off Dolphin Head Drive.

Lee and Joanne Ensalada
6 Hickory Nut Court, Hilton Head, SC 29926

Submitted: 3/26/2014

Support

I strongly support the proposed telecommunications tower in HHP to improvement cell phone service.

Kathy Yarrington
27 Crooked Pond Drive

Submitted: 3/26/2014

Support

The tower is desperately needed, and why anyone would dispute that is amazing. Many residents no longer have a landline and depend on their cell phones, especially in an emergency. Most of the time we have one bar! The companies in the business have made the towers as unobtrusive as possible. Remember when there was a huge antenna on every roof for television? One or cell two towers are nothing of concern.

If this island expects to continue as a popular tourist destination we had better recognize that cell phone reception is expected. Not being able to communicate is unacceptable. Put them up ASAP.

David Thompson

Submitted: 3/27/2014

Support

The cell tower that is to be installed is very necessary for good phone communication in our plantation. To me, it is no different

from when they used to put up telephone poles and wires. A cell tower is much more pleasant to look at and is part of today's equipment for cell phone use and updating our plantation.

Janet white
7 Isabella Ct

Submitted: 3/28/2014

Support

My wife and I support this project and have attended several meetings of the HHP POA on the subject. We anxiously read every plantation newsletter's update. I was very impressed with the November 2012 presentation by Verizon representatives to an open meeting of the community regarding the plans. They used a scientific approach to select the optimum location for coverage and then went the extra mile to consider community input to minimize the visual impact of the cell tower. The project completion date was summer of 2013. It is very frustrating that two property owners have stymied actions to meet the needs of a 4,000 home community. The repeated delays and the failure of the streamlined process for approval is contrary to the objectives of the Mayor's Telecommunications Task Force. We must learn from this experience and do more to make HHI attractive to young professionals who would like to live here but who also need state of the art wireless communication infrastructure.

Toney A Mathews
7 Oyster Reef Drive, HHI, SC 29926

Submitted: 3/29/2014

Support

I think this is vitally important for the future of the Island and for Hilton Head Plantation. People will not want to purchase homes here if they are not able to readily communicate. This is true overall on the island, but I am particularly interested as a property owner and resident of Hilton Head Plantation. Progress is necessary and should not be allowed to halt because of one person.

Donna Snow
2 Wood Thrush Ct

Submitted: 3/29/2014

Support

Improved cell coverage is badly needed. The proposed tower provides an esthetic and environmental favorable solution.

Jerry Hare
41 Cottonwood Ln

Submitted: 3/31/2014

Support

We have needed to update our wireless components for a long time. Reception is poor in the back area of the Plantation. More and more residents are switching entirely to cell service or depending on it much more than ever before. If for no other reason, this needs to pass because it is a safety issue for all residents in the coverage area. Please approve this tower.

Cliff & Jan white
7 Isabella Ct

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

Absolutely needed to improve communications. As landlines disappear, it will be imperative to maintain accessibility of cell connection. Sooner or later, ALL landlines will be gone. To deny this future is to deny reality. I would NOT recommend

purchase of any place on Hilton Head that is so out of touch with that reality.

What if it was YOUR family member who needed help? What would you tell them then?

Atty Kenneth D Jones Jr
17 Crooked Pond

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

We support the tower in HHP off Dolphin Head Dr.

Richard N. Phillips
5 Birkdale Ct.

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

We need another cell phone tower in HHP NOW!

Leslie cosacchi
22cygnet ct HH sc

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

This a safety issue and needs to be approved and constructed ASAP.

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

This tower is way overdue! As a resident of the Plantation, it is vital to have reliable cell phone service. As a Realtor, I have had clients not purchase in Hilton Head Plantation because of the lack of reliable cell phone service. For our safety & our future, please get this tower up & running as quickly as possible.

Sam Mancuso

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

It is critically important to future of Hilton Head in general, to provide the best telecommunications service possible. There will be minimal to no environmental impacts and it will provide significantly improved phone and internet services to a large portion of the Hilton Head population. It has been embarrassing over the past several years when experiencing so many dropped calls because of poor wireless phone service. I am in full support of the agreement with the phone companies and HHP to install the mono pine cell tower in the location described.

Paul McDermott
47 Oyster Reef Drive

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

Cell reception is a must in todays world. With out it we will hold down property values.

Jim Delligatti
13 Flagship Ln. HHI SC 29926

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Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

I 100% support this. I live on Ribaut Island in HHP and the cell phone service is terrible. I worry about an emergency situation where a cell phone would be needed and there not be service. We have to get this done for the benefits of us who live back in this area.

Steve Stauffer
21 Ribaut Road

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

I am appalled that the City's procedure is so bureaucratic that two troublesome people can delay the project for several months. Hundreds of residents are being inconvenienced by a ridiculous procedure. This must be corrected. Things are out of control. It is up to the city council to clean this up. A tiny tail is wagging a very large dog. Correct it now.

Barry Moore
73 Skull Creek Drive B309

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

Please ignore all if the old farts who oppose the cell tower in HHP. After all, they're so old they'll be dead soon anyway. You should all be seeking to benefit those who will be alive long enough to vote for you next time around. Go ahead and build the tower so the rest of us can finally use our cell phones at our homes.

Tiffany Mason

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

Please just get this done! Like many of our neighbors we had lived in a number of communities across the US and in Europe. HHP is the first place that we have ever lived where neither trash pick up nor phone service is offered. I personally have missed at least one business opportunity and an opportunity to speak at a United Nations meeting. I know that it's not important to anyone but me but it is an example of some of the costs of inaction. Another example of the additional cost is the fact that many of us are carrying land line charges in addition to cell charges to maintain telecom coverage. Let us please finally join the rest of the world in the 21st century!

Don Grubba
29 Towhee Rd

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

In this day and age, I can't imagine anyone who has a cell phone being opposed to placing a tower, disguised as a pine tree, anywhere on the plantation. Everyone who lives in Hilton Head Plantation complains about the poor service/reception. If the engineering studies found that my backyard was the appropriate place to install the tower, I would be delighted. Why is it that two individuals can ruin something for all of the other residents?

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

I'm satisfied that the proposed location is the best available and will be inconspicuous

Robert Arnold

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

I fully support the installation of the monopine tower to improve cell phone service. For the past ten years we have had to wander our yard in order to get a workable signal. We don't even get messages reliably.

karen dixon
19 ribaut drive

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

I firmly support the construction of a Monopine. They are almost impossible to see among the trees and will serve the important purpose of improved communication.

Bonnie Haroff
7 Meadowlark Lane, HHPlantation

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

We strongly support the installation of the monopine in Hilton Head Plantation. While it is important to us ----it is very important to those who use their cell phones for business connections.

Jack and Peg Bresli

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

This project is necessary for HH Plantation to remain viable in the 21st century. There is absolutely no reason to be denied on this request for a monopine!

Ted Curtis
2 honey locust circle

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

Hilton Head Plantation definitely needs the added cell phone tower. Ask anyone who wants to sell a house and without adequate reception, the house and price are definately affected.

Linda Mikita
26 Towhee Rd.

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

Please improve cell phone coverage.

colin hawkins

04/22/2014

25 flagship ln

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

Cell phone reception within the plantation is very poor and needs major improvements. The monopine approach is a very reasonable and will blend into the area extremely well.

Ivan & Helene Martin

1 Fox Den Ct, Hilton Head Plantation

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

The intermittency of cell reception has been a serious problem in Hilton Head Plantation far too long. Having no reception in some homes and on some of our roads is much more than an inconvenience; it is a safety issue. I strongly support installation of the new monopole. Thank you.

Headlands Dr

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

Having better reception in HHP for cellular service is very important to me. I have teenage daughters and losing the ability to have contact with them impedes on their safety and my peace of mind. Whether they are with friends or babysitting the lack of signal can lead to situations becoming dangerous or life threatening. If help is needed I want my children or anyone to be able to contact help. I have had dropped calls too many times as well. And many of the calls have been important and problems happened as a result of the cellular issues. Today it is very important to be able to be connected and stay connected too. Thank you. Tracy Bonvissuto

Tracy Bonvissuto

11 Ivory Gull Place

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

Dale and Judy Peters

27 Raintree Lane

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

We certainly hope that the few homeowners who oppose this tower will recognize the benefit for the majority of the community and stop delaying this obviously beneficial project.

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

We are in sore need of more reliable cell service (less drops, less static, etc.). This matter has been thoroughly studied and vetted. The approach is technically sound. The impact is minimal. PLEASE move forward with approval of this application.

Richard Lowe

6 Cypress Marsh Drive, Hilton Head SC 29926

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

This tower is sorely needed to improve cell phone and emergency communications within Hilton Head Plantation and we are completely in favor of it.

Denise & Jeff Stoughton
11 Broomsedge Court

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

We are fully aware of the issues involved, both legitimate and contrived, and urge approval as expeditiously as possible.

Rebecca and Jim Lucas

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

We really need to improve the strength of our cellular signal. Many people no longer have land lines.....we don't And having our cell phones work well is very important. For convenience, property values, resale and most importantly safety.

Tracy Millard
8 conservancy ct

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

In this day of modern technology, it is not only inconvenient, but at times embarrassing to have such poor cell phone service in and outside our home. We depend on this means of communication more and more, and since there is a solution, it needs to be implemented for the benefit of all. We have faith that the vendors and our POA board will protect the natural beauty of where we live; these towers already exist and function well in areas where most people are not even aware of their existence because of the care taken to make them a part of the natural surroundings. Even if they are not disguised, they are a single, tall pole and hardly garrish in their appearance. Many of our natural pine trees are far more unattractive than the pole would be. I am wholly in favor of making sure our Island and our Plantation remain attractive for people to visit and live and function.

Linda Neff
22 Pheasant Run

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

I live on Dolphin Head Drive and have sporadic connection with my telephone connection as well as the internet. I need, and want that tower. Sometimes I have to go out of my house and onto the road or golf course to hear or speak on my phone.

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

Yes. We need the monopine!

R Clemens
318 Seabrook Drive

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

With the stated objective of improving cell phone service on this Island, WHY WOULDN'T THE COMMITTEE APPROVE THIS! This has gone on too long and too far and the actions of one or 2 people have held back an improvement for a major portion of the island population!

Joan Warden
18 Red Start parth

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

I have lived in Hilton Head Plantation since December 2010. When we first moved in I had AT&T cellular service. It was very difficult for me to get a cellular signal at my home on 81 Deerfield Road. So I basically was unable to use my cell phone from home. That was very inconvenient. I often got calls that were dropped or had such poor reception that I had to hang-up and call the person back on my land line. At the time I was doing consulting and believe that I lost business because of the lost calls. I subsequently switched to Verizon because I heard that they had better service. Verizon service is better but I still have reception problems and often have to walk outside of my house to get better reception and keep from loosing a call. That is very inconvenient. I strongly recommend that the proposed tower be approved. Please contact me if you have any questions. Don Hendrickson 81 Deerfield Road, Hilton Head, SC 29926 843-689-9951

Don Hendrickson
81 Deerfield Road, Hilton Head, SC 29926

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

As a 40-year resident of the island I've never heard of anything so ridiculously unfair to a large number of people caused by the opposition of one (or two?) people. This is grossly unfair to those of us who cannot receive cell service in their homes in Hilton Head Plantation. I would personally volunteer to have the monopine placed in my own backyard.

Cathy Wood
1 Flagship Lane

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

In today's environment nobody wants anything in their back yard. If we want today's technology to continue with our cell phones & computers we need to be accepting of what we need to do to make these all work. All these changes make a difference to our property values & our life styles. I would gladly accept the cell tower in my back yard if it would improve my home value, & reception for phone & computer.

Lowell Larson
20 Stonegate CT

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

Get it done

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

I support the building of the telecommunications tower at the location selected off Dolphin Head Drive. Cell phone reception in

the Bluff area is terrible. This new tower promises to remedy the situation.

Terry McPherson
28 China Cockle Way

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

We are very much for this project,we need it for the present and future cell service.

Herbert Marsengill
42 Old Fort Dr

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

I'am for this project 100%

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

If I were an HHP owner that had my safety compromised because of poor phone access, I would be even more upset at this dilly-dallying than I am now. I would be willing to bet the people that are bringing this up again have great service. How much in legal fees and permits... has this cost us already?

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

The new tower will be an asset to the Hilton Head Plantation community. My husband works from home and quality cell phone service is imperative to his job. This new tower will improve the option for citizens interested in a virtual office as well as safety in the community.

Thank you

Jean Beck
6 Fox Den Ct

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

We add our support for this necessary amenity.

Joan and Peter Dallos
23 Meadowlark

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

This infrastructure is needed for improving overall Public Safety as well as convenience. It should be a no-brainer to approve.

Thanks

Warren ill
12 Yellow Rail Lane

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

If HHI wants to be a tech leader it cannot afford negative results even in a residential area where future key employees of a new business may choose to live.

Tom Mansfield
38 Old Fort Drive

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

As customers of Verizon wireless, we seek better reception in the northwest area of Hilton Head Plantation where we reside. We have only one or two bars of signal strength on our cell phones currently & believe the location of the new cell tower will enhance our reception.

Tamia & John Carter
7 Bayley Point Lane

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

I live at 11 Dolphin Point Lane and use Verizon Wireless as my cell phone carrier. Service inside my house and throughout the plantation is very spotty; important calls are often dropped. I fully support the telecommunications tower at 68 Dolphin Head Drive and believe the appearance of the tower will create no problems for our plantation.

Laurel Rosenberg
11 Dolphin Point Lane

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

I cannot emphasize enough how important it is to upgrade communications on this island, in every neighborhood to the greatest degree possible. This is critical to future growth, a healthy tourist industry, and a vibrant real estate market on the island. People are at the point where they will not visit or move to places without excellent wide-band service. This tower should be approved and constructed as quickly as possible.

Jane Joseph
22 Herring Gull Lane

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

This installation is critical to improving cell phone services in this section of the island. We cannot use our cellphone at our home and many other locations in this area. We urge the the Planning Commission's approval of this project.

Russ and Karla Collins
Hilton Head Plantation

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

I have been a part-time resident of Hilton head Plantation for 9 years and full time resident for 3 years. I have never been able to receive a strong signal with my cell phone at my home, in my driveway or on the roads near my home. I can not make a call and I rarely can receive a call that is not choppy and broken. I have had business calls that were never received by me while I was

vacationing here and not yet retired. I feel it is vital to construct the Verizon Tower. It will be beneficial to our real estate and to the safety of our residents.

Angela Strom
5 Pelican Watch Way

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Support

We live less than ½ mile from one of the present antenna poles yet still have spotty cell coverage. Can't wait for an improvement!

Luther Strayer
2 Wild Laurel Lane, HHI

Submitted: 4/2/2014

Support

I have lived in Hilton Head Plantation since 1997 and grateful to be in the Headlands where we have adequate cell reception. I experienced the poor reception as I drove through areas of the plantation and found it so frustrating. Finally there is a solution so let's get on with it.

elizabeth fenlon
15 rusty rail ln

Submitted: 4/2/2014

Support

It is very frustrating to find a cell phone signal in Hilton Head Plantation. Cell phones and other wireless communications are here to stay and the infrastructure needed, while not as beautiful as nature, is a necessary part of progress. There are many modern structures in our environment that are necessary to bring us conveniences such as water, electricity and cable services. I imagine people didn't like cable boxes popping up on corners all around town but I doubt many would want to go back to 3 channels on TV. We become accustomed to those structures that are necessary to provide conveniences as well as provide higher levels of safety.

I

Submitted: 4/2/2014

Support

Unfortunately I will not be able to be at the Town Hall Hearing on April 16th but did want to express my opinion on the matter of the cell phone tower. It is clear that something has to be done to enhance the cell reception in the plantation and the experts from the cell phone companies have all agreed that the planned placement of a new tower would accomplish that and benefit the most people in the plantation. While I agree that a tower is not the most pleasing optic, the proposed plan would be the most appealing since it would appear to be part of the wooded pine area and not be as obtrusive as it could be. Therefore I am in total support of the plan and am a little confused as to why it has taken so long to get it done.

Submitted: 4/2/2014

Support

We have owned a home here in Hilton Head Plantation (Dolphin Head Area) for 2 years and one of the biggest issues I face is cell coverage. I direct a National Sales Team and require the use of my cell phone but because of the poor coverage had to purchase a land line.

In this age of digital communications it is imperative that we have the infrastructure to continue to keep up with technology. Finally the telecommunications tower will bring us into the 21st century.

Please support the final approval so this process can be completed once and for all!

John Giordani
6 China Cockle Way

Submitted: 4/2/2014

Support

We definitely support the erection of the monopine cell tower because our cell service in the plantation is marginal under the best of circumstances, and the reception varies greatly from area to area.

Sharon and Tom Horton
10 Pheasant Run

Submitted: 4/2/2014

Support

I am a homeowner in Hilton Head Plantation and support the building of the cell tower for two reasons. 1. We can not sent nor receive cell service within our home at 28 Angel Wing Drive without buying special equipment. 2. And MOST importantly....I heard the HHI fire chief say that without strong cell service there is a chance that a 911 call dispatch will not be able to locate an emergency location if the call ends up needing to bounce off distant towers.

So for SAFETY sake...please build the tower quickly!

Kind regards Linda Jamie 28 Angel Wing Drive HHI, SC. 29926

Linda Jamie
28 Angel Wing Drive

Submitted: 4/2/2014

Support

We live on Field Sparrow Road in Hilton Head Plantation and are unable to use our cell phone at all in our home...but must instead go out into the middle of the street to acquire service. Even then calls are often dropped. Our family and guests are further inconvenienced as they are almost totally reliant upon the use of cell phone service to stay connected with business and each other. Please provide the necessary access to this portion of our plantation.

Submitted: 4/2/2014

Support

This past year, my husband and I purchased a home in Hilton Head Plantation. Having cell phone reception was very important to us. When viewing homes, we checked to make sure that we had cell phone reception. If we didn't, the house was scratched off the list of considerations. In this day in age, it is very important to have excellent cell phone reception. I feel as though expanding the reception within the Plantation is necessary to maintain marketability in this generation. Most people I know give out their cell phone numbers, not their land line number. If your not moving forward, you are stepping back.

Charlene Haley
3 Oyster Reef Drive, Hilton Head

Submitted: 4/2/2014

Support

Ubiquitous cell phone and data service has become a feature of modern life, not only for convenience and as a factor of real estate value and appreciation, but as a safety function specifically considering our aging population. I believe the Town of Hilton Head Island, the Hilton Head Plantation POA, the network provider, and their planners have found a very suitable way of blending the antenna tower and its equipment inconspicuously into the natural environment while maximizing the impact of the new antenna installation.

I fully support this project and would urge the Town of Hilton Head Island to progress it as quickly as possible.

Thanks for the opportunity to voice my opinion.

Martin Wolfertz

Submitted: 4/2/2014

Support

I totally support this tower. It is desperately needed in this area. Lindsey Morse

Submitted: 4/2/2014

Support

We need state-of-the-art communications to make us the desirable, world-class community we strive to be. Cellular coverage needs to be at 100%. Build the tower.

-- HHP residents

6 Bridle Court 29926

Submitted: 4/2/2014

Support

The tower represents a potential life-saving entity by which a plea for medical assistance can be communicated. Its construction must be expedited.

Submitted: 4/2/2014

Support

We need this to happen for our community. People are tired of running out of the the house to make or answer a call.

John Thomas

35 Old Fort Drive

Submitted: 4/2/2014

Support

As a 3 year HHP owner I know that the cell service in the area we live (North West end) is grossly inadequate, as apparently it is in the North East end. I believe the proposed monopine represents the best option to compromise between needed service and environmental concerns. I support the proposed change in zoning.

William Gorny

5 Hermit Crab Ct, HHI

Submitted: 4/2/2014

Support

I strongly support this tower as we need the communication improvement.

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Steve Dreamer
9 Seabrook Landing Drive

Submitted: 4/2/2014

Support

I am new to the Hilton Head community but having spent the last 35 years in business I am quite aware of the need for technology based communications moving into the next 50 years. The whole technology advancements can be challenging but also very exciting. The need for infrastructure based on the growing use of technology devices will only continue to grow in the next 20 years. I have traveled to a great many countries whose sole base of communications is wireless mostly based on the fact that they cannot afford to invest in the number of telephone poles that we take for granted. If Hilton Head is to be the community of the future we need to embrace the need for these minor intrusions to our lives and maybe during our life time the old telephone poles will go away.

Thanks for allowing to be heard.

Mark Stillwagon

Submitted: 4/2/2014

Support

Please please we need this telecommunication tower for better connections in our area! Both as emergency reasons and convenience. Thank you! Respectfully, Homeowner of HHP-dolphin Head area

Dianne and Earl Nightingale
16 China Cockle Way

Submitted: 4/2/2014

Support

As a 12 year resident of Hilton Head Island and a four year resident in Hilton Head Plantation, I support and endorse the telecommunications tower at the designated site. I know that our elected community board, along with the engineers who have extensive experience and expertise in this area, investigated many alternative locations and determined that the selected one is by far the most effective and efficient. Indeed, the companies financing this tower will do so only for this specific location. If this site is not approved, the best and perhaps only opportunity to improve cell phone service and Internet access and speed, will be lost. These necessary improvements are not merely for commercial usage; today, and even more so in the future, they are safety and quality of life issues. Please consider the greater good and approve this plan.

Thank you

Peter C Rosato, Ph.D
3 Christo Drive

Submitted: 4/2/2014

Support

I heartily support the building of the proposed cell tower. Our phone reception is atrocious. I can't even remember how many important calls have either been dropped or never received. I'm tired of standing in the rain to do something as easy as making an appointment with my dentist.

Yes, please, get the tower built!

Submitted: 4/2/2014

Support

Yes, it is very true the cell service in HHP is very lacking to say the least. I have to stand in a corner of my home most of the time to talk on my Verizon phone. Forget walking around as the call will be dropped.

My biggest concern is with how the area will be left after tower installation. I hope shrubs, trees, vegetation will be replaced to camouflage as much as possible the land being used. With all our natural surroundings in HHP, we need to consider any construction with regards to our lovely Oaks and local plants which enhance our plantation. I know the look of the towers now are a big improvement, but the land under the tower needs consideration too.

Rene Griffin
28 Bear Creek Drive

Submitted: 4/2/2014

Support

I strongly urge you to approve this rezoning. It will greatly improve cell service and further delay will only increase costs to homeowners and the town.

Jim Coleman
2 king oak court

Submitted: 4/2/2014

Support

We are wholeheartedly in support of the proposal to construct the monopole cell tower at this location. George and Rose-Ann Schaeffer

Rose-Ann Schaeffer
23 Raintree Lane, Hilton Head Plantation

Submitted: 4/2/2014

Support

I have experienced frequent dropped calls and believe the new tower will be a huge benefit to the entire HHP community. We do not have a land line at our house so good cellular service is important to us. I walk the path along the site and feel it will not be an eyesore. The monopoles I've seen in other locations blend in to the surroundings well.

Thomas Nesmith
14 Highbush Rd

Submitted: 4/2/2014

Support

having good cell service at my home (50 big woods dr) is critical for me. I support this.

Matt Lust
50 Big Woods Dr

Submitted: 4/3/2014

Support

The additional service is much needed!

Pat Kenworthy
19 Windy Cove Ct.

Support

Submitted: 4/3/2014

Support

This initiative is imperative for the town of Hilton Head and Hilton Head Plantation. I live in the Dolphin Head area and not having adequate cell coverage is very frustrating in the day & age.

I appreciate all of the efforts of HHP and the Town of Hilton Head.

Molly Giordani
6 China Cockle Way

Submitted: 4/4/2014

Support

The recent statement in opposition to this application by Neil Strohmaier, 9 King Rail Lane, is fraught with facts that are dubious allies of the truth and so heavily laden with same as to be impossible to refute in a reasonable manner. Rather than providing a long, tedious refutation and thereby put members of the Commission through more hassle they do not deserve, I would simply urge that members (or a member) of the Commission interview T. Peter Kristian, general manager of Hilton Head Plantation, if there is any chance the Commission will take Mr. Strohmaier's assertions seriously. The proposal by Crown Castle and Verizon, fully favored by the Hilton Head Plantation Property Owners Association's duly elected Board of Directors on behalf of its more than 9,000 resident members, has been totally transparent, but burdened by outlandish claims and obvious delaying tactics. It is far past time to get this done. Improving cell service is one of the Town of Hilton's most significant goals. This application, I pray, will be approved forthwith and without reservation or condition by the Planning Commission.

Thomas E. Hoppin
7 Carma Court

Submitted: 4/4/2014

Support

I cannot believe this is still being debated. It is a necessary improvement to our area and will not be invasive. I really thought the matter had been decided already!

Submitted: 4/4/2014

Support

We are home owners living full time in Hilton Head Plantation. We were former tourists (30 years) coming to the South End of the island. We never had cell reception problems on the South End. Because of the cell reception problems on the North End we had to install a land line just to have anytime phone service. We fully support the cell tower being placed in our plantation.

Submitted: 4/5/2014

Support

Please bring us the monopine so our cell service is more reliable!

Submitted: 4/6/2014

Support

Submitted: 4/7/2014

Support

I have seen this type of installation installed in our local golf course in Pennsylvania and it was not= not an Eye sore with faulce

tree coverage. This will increase the phone coverage and improve our reception and the plantation will be covered cost wise iam sure by the phone companies=- sorry I am scheduled to be out of town April 14 th thru 22 nd

campbell

Submitted: 4/7/2014

Support

Dear Sir or Madame,

I am a small business owner with an office in my home, which is located in Hilton Head Plantation (HHP). I use only my cell phone to communicate with clients and supporting vendors. After moving to HHP in 2012, I discovered that many of my calls to important clients were dropped because of poor cell phone reception.

Adding the monopine cell tower to HHP will be a tremendously positive impact on my business and life in general.

Furthermore, the broader, higher quality cell reception will likely increase property values because there are more and more people in these modern times that prefer to eliminate their "land line" and go completely "wireless." This saves at least \$40 per month for most people and I imagine the monopine cell tower will help others in a similar way.

Please help us move into the 21st century and approve of the monopine cell tower.

Thank you for your time and consideration...

Kent Thune
5 Black Gum Place

Submitted: 4/7/2014

Support

We need more reliable cell phone service in Hilton Head Plantation, and this tower is a key toward satisfying that need. I am concerned that the current quality of cell phone service will adversely affect property values when new buyers realize the problem.

Many people are relying on cell phones as their only telephone. I understand the motivation for doing that, but it is not an option because of the unreliable service we now have.

The island government and plantation management have done a good job getting the attention of the cell phone service providers. Let's get on with the tower project before they lose interest in the island.

Roberta
Jordan

Submitted: 4/7/2014

Support

I'm in favor of the plans for the telecommunications Tower in Hilton Head Plantation. We have needed this for a long time!

Elizabeth Pehrson
111 Birdsong Way Apt E109

Submitted: 4/7/2014

Support

I reside in HH Plantation and I support the tower. Robert A. Smith 31 Big Woods Drive

Submitted: 4/8/2014

Support

We wish to express our support for this project. Reliable cell phone service is a very important and growing need here in our community. In addition to meeting the needs of the residents of HHP, reliable service is more and more a requisite for selling a home.

Ben Letizia
14 Coopers Hawk Rd

Submitted: 4/9/2014

Support

The usage of Common Property in HHP, and for that matter all other organizations such as ours should be determined by the majority of owners, the least of which would be those who are in favor or against a specific use of that property. In this situation there is one and only one individual property owner who apparently feels that a piece of commonly owned property should be determined by his/her desires. In this case there is no reason to believe that the property owner in question would be deprived of any ownership privileges, but obviously believes that whatever he/she thinks is best for one individual's ownership should deprive all other owners of rights that are necessary to their use. The owners of this plantation have much better use of their time and funds such as this. Please let us proceed in accordance with the terms and conditions that we, the multiple of owners, have agreed to in our ownership commitments.

Sincerely,

Glenn and Maxine Newkirk 28 Savannah Trail

Glenn / Maxine Newkirk
28 Savannah Trail

Submitted: 4/10/2014

Support

I would hope that both the Planning Commission and the Town Council will put the welfare of the large majority of residents of Hilton Head Plantation and the surrounding areas on the north end of the Island ahead of the complaints of one or two malcontents. If even one 911 call is missed or delayed due to poor cell phone service, and a persons illness or injury becomes more severe or even fatal, then the responsibility rests with those who have prevented the improved service. I am retired from 35 years with the New York City Fire Department and am fully aware that response delays cost lives. Let's not loose anyone because one or two malcontents seem to enjoy making their lawyer richer and seeing their names in print. I am fortunate enough that I can still afford to have both a land line and a cell phone. However, there are quite a few people I know that had to choose between the two because of cost, and chose the cell phone for the convenience and portability. They should not have to suffer poor reception, dropped calls and possible inability to make emergency calls when there is a solution available. Do what is right for the majority of the residents and approve the tower, the improved service is needed.

Peter G. Rice
58 Honey Locust Circle, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

Submitted: 4/10/2014

Support

Please settle this once and for all. I am not able to make cell phone calls within my home and standing outside does not always work. Why is this so difficult???

Joan and William Nicol
4 Margarita Ct

Support

Submitted: 4/11/2014

Support

We (Kathy & Mike Harris of 6 Teal Lane on Hilton Head Plantation) are in whole hearted support of the proposed cell tower on Dolphin Head. Currently our Verizon cell phone service is intermittent, even in our own home. Please vote to support this improvement.

Submitted: 4/11/2014

Support

Residents and visitors in Hilton Head Plantation are accustomed to standing outside to make and receive cell phone calls. It is time we enter the 21st century and enjoy full cell phone coverage in Hilton Head Plantation.

Sally McGarry
6 Anglers Pond Ct.

Submitted: 4/12/2014

Support

I live in the northeast tip of HHP and have minimal cell service. I believe we have failed residents by allowing our communities to lag so significantly in an important utility that all modern cities assure residents can access. When buying a home here, I did not know this service would be limited by poor equipment.

Ron Robine
54 Ribaut Dr. Hilton Head

Submitted: 4/12/2014

Support

My wife and I live in the Dolphin Head neighborhood (Cottonwood Lane). Cell phone usage in our house is impossible, because we have never been able to get a good signal. I have Verizon and she has AT&T, but neither work at our house, because signal strength is so poor. We would LOVE to join the 21st Century and be able to use our cellphones at home, like most Americans do, but we cannot. Therefore, we are in support of the proposed Tel Tower in HHP off Dolphin Head Drive.

William A. & Rosemary Bradnan

William Bradnan
23 Cottonwood Lane

Submitted: 4/12/2014

Support

Allowing the construction of this tower is an important step in correcting communication void that has existed for a long time. There are fewer (if any) alternatives as effective.

Cameron Higgins
4 Pheasant Run Ct

Submitted: 4/12/2014

Support

Please help us stay connected to our friends and family by upgrading to LTE. I am a twenty year plus resident of HHP and am tired of having to run around outside to find coverage. We should be allowed to catch up with the rest of the world.

Kristin Hayrinen

39 Hickory Forest Dr

Submitted: 4/12/2014

Support

It is time to move forward and move on.

Pat Marks

26 Bayley Point Lane

Submitted: 4/13/2014

Support

Since moving to Hilton Head Island 7 years ago from the DC area, we have been baffled and frustrated by the inadequacy of cell phone services and internet services especially in our community of Hilton Head Plantation. Anyone from an urban area that chooses to live or visit Hilton Head Island will expect to have these services readily available to them. (Most people who live in urban areas don't even have landline phones; they only have cell phones.) These people won't vacation or buy homes here if they can't have access to these services. We have visitors who love to come to Hilton Head for all the beautiful amenities, however, most of them can't/won't come for extended time frames due to lack of cell phone and internet services. The days of going on vacation and disconnecting from work are over. Additionally, people use their cell phones for everything from making dinner reservations, golf/tennis reservations, finding places around the island, and searching for things to do on our island. Our lack of telecommunications services are a joke to many who come here to visit, and I don't think that is the goal of our island. If Hilton Head wants to attract a certain level of visitors and potential residents, it must keep up with the rest of the world in many areas but at the very least is telecommunications. Lifestyles have changed over the years and so must Hilton Head or we will be off the grid as a desirable destination.

Submitted: 4/13/2014

Support

My wife and I have a house on Old Fort Drive and would greatly appreciate approval of the cell tower for better cellphone communications. We are very frustrated by the poor connections we experience in our home and when at other locations within the plantation. Please approve this cell tower.

Paul Capron

5 Old Fort Drive, Hilton Head Plantation

Submitted: 4/13/2014

Support

19 Old Fort Drive; Verizon Customer; To make any call of importance from our home, we find we will lose our service two or more times during the conversation. Therefor, we go up in our car to the open-area into the Spring Lakes tennis courts, open the windows, and thus are assured of good, continuous reception. What a pain in this age of super technology!!

Submitted: 4/13/2014

Support

Please approve the cell tower for Hilton Head Plantation.

Submitted: 4/13/2014

Support

I am in favor of the cell tower in HHP.

Submitted: 4/13/2014

Support

We, Mary Lou and Wes Bowles of 21 TEal Lane in HHP STRONGLY support the bkuilding of the cell tower off Dolphin Head Drive.

Mary Lou and Wes Bowles

Submitted: 4/14/2014

Support

When we were searching for a home in Hilton Head Plantation in the spring of 2013, one of our requirements was that cell phone coverage be strong in the area of our home. At the time we were part time residents using our cell phones as our only phones. We have children, elderly parents, and business interests outside of South Carolina. The home we ultimately selected is located on Cougar Run. The plantation and town's plans to construct a cell tower within a half mile of our home was a major deciding factor in purchasing the property as existing coverage is very spotty. Now, a year later, the cell tower still has not been constructed and cell coverage has not improved. We have a 50-50 chance of dropping each call or hearing "You are coming in and out" from the person on the other end. As you can imagine, this is a particular problem for business calls. In a wireless world this type of service is unacceptable for residents, guests to the island, and will be an increasing issue for individuals hoping to sell or purchase property. I find it frustrating that a very small number of individuals can affect the quality of service for many! This cell tower must be approved without delay.

Janet Stroh

Submitted: 4/14/2014

Support

I've just recently moved to HiltonHead Plantation. I live on Skull Creek Drive, and I am unable to use my cell phone at my residence; I had to acquire and exclusively use a landline. Had I known that I and my guest could not use a cell phone, I might have considered a different community.

James Gallagher
71 Skull Creek Drive A203

Submitted: 4/14/2014

Support

My wife and I purchased our home in Hilton Head Plantation in December 2012. We quickly found that neither our Verizon or Sprint service were less than acceptable at our home. The Sprint service was so bad that we obtained an Airave from Sprint to boost the signal to a useable level even though there is a noticeable delay. This lack of service not only effects voice and data services it also hinders our ability to reach E911 emergency service and the Hilton Head Plantation security services. I spent thirty five years with Sprint with the last ten years with the wireless division managing wireless E911 implementation and network development. The solution that has been recommended with the mono pole pine tree is a solution that is used nationwide by all wireless carriers. On Hilton Head Island this is a particularly attractive solution because of the number of tall pine trees. Once installed it will be difficult to differentiate from the real pine trees. It is time to conclude this issue before there is a situation where life or property is impacted by this lack of service.

Gregory Garrelts

Submitted: 4/14/2014

Support

The cell tower is needed in Hilton Head Plantation. I have to go outside to make or receive a call as I do not have a land line.

Calls are dropped before I make it outside my home. My husband saw tree cell towers in Nevada, and was very impressed by their lifelike appearance. We urge the approval of the cell tower off Dolphin Head Drive.

Robert and Cynthia Gluszik

Submitted: 4/14/2014

Support

The placement of telecommunication towers is determined by testing and comprehensive knowledge of network engineers in order to provide maximum coverage for improved services. It is unfortunate that a small minority has delayed this project after the POA and the telecommunication vendors have spent years of effort and expense in moving us toward significant improvements for our residents and facilities.

Kathy Ewell

22 Bent Tree Lane

Submitted: 4/14/2014

Support

It's important for all residents of Hilton Head Plantation and the surrounding area to improve telecommunications services. I believe the objections to this zoning change is a typical example of a very few individuals who truly want the improvements made, as long as it's "not in my back yard". A perfect example of the NIMBY syndrome. The Council should consider what is best for the community as a whole and not on the concerns of a very small minority whose objections are for purely selfish reasons.

Stephen L. & Jean A. Koch

10 Ribaut Drive

Submitted: 4/14/2014

Support

As someone who has lived in Hilton Head Plantation for over 10 years and still works full time, from my home office, good cell phone coverage is a necessity not an option. I travel all over the country almost every week for my work and my cell phone works very well in most places in the country EXCEPT for my own home. If you work and especially if you travel, the cell phone is the first place your customers and partners look for you. In my case, if I am in my home, I need to call them back on a land line in order to have a conversation where I can hear them and they can hear me.

I believe that most all candidates for HHI Mayor promised better cell coverage for the Island to help promote business. Not to mention that for those people on a fixed income, they might be able to do away with expensive hard wire phones if their cell coverage was reliable.

For those who are opposed to this improvement you are simply selfish. We have all paid for "our view" but if we stood in the way of technological improvement, most of us would not have "our view" because there would be no air conditioning. So whether you are a cranky "you kids get off my lawn" type or a frustrated lawyer who pulled easement law out of your back side, stop being so selfish and do something to help your neighbors. More people will come to your funeral.

I have listed my name and my phone number so if you have a problem with my comment please feel free to call.

John Evangelista

16 Stonegate Drive

Submitted: 4/14/2014

Support

My wife and I have been plagued by inconsistent and poor cell phone communication at our home on Ribaut Island. We fully

support the telecommunications tower off Dolphin Head Drive for ourselves and our community. Good cell phone service is vital for all of the services now associated with our cell phones and for property values to improve. Without good cell phone service, property values will fall because all prospective buyers expect and need to use their cell phone devices for personal and business communication. One cannot function in today's world without access to cell phone services from one's home. It is inconceivable to me that this tower is an issue given all of the thought and effort made to make the cell phone tower as visually appealing and hard to see as has been done in this case.

Those who think this tower will hurt their property values do not recognize the resulting loss of property values without this improvement.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important subject.

Terence A Willis
18 Ribaut Dr

Submitted: 4/14/2014

Support

We have traveled in New England and have seen these "monopine" towers, which are identifiable only because they are higher than surrounding trees. Considering the importance of good cell phone coverage to both present and potential future residents of Hilton Head Plantation, we strongly support the construction of the proposed telecommunications tower.

Tom & Nancy Heberling
19 Coopers Hawk Road, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

Submitted: 4/14/2014

Support

I have lived in Hilton Head Plantation for over 5 years. I live on Field Sparrow Rd which is near the proposed site. I have no cell phone service in our house and sporadic service standing outside in the middle of the road. I see neighbors standing in the street on their cell phones. Hilton Head needs cell service and move into the 21st century, it's residential and business required. A small number of people should not hold Hilton Head hostage. The tower will look like a regular tree. Please approve.

Kenneth Hillary
29 Field Sparrow Rd

Submitted: 4/14/2014

Support

It will benefit many families.

William Broome

Submitted: 4/14/2014

Support

Thus far the installation of an additional tower to improve the inferior cell phone reception on HHP has been held-up by a extremely small number of people. As best I can determine, this is due to their dislike of the aesthetics of the tower near their property. Several stalling tactics have been used by the disgruntled.

It is time to take the good of the majority over the wishes of a tiny minority into consideration. Our plantation property owners association & plantation management has done all within their power to follow all regulations to move this sorely needed upgrade to our infrastructure into reality. Please stop caving in to a few so that the rest of us can have proper cell phone reception.

START THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW TOWER!

Submitted: 4/15/2014

Support

Cell phone service at my home is next to non-existent. I urge the Planning Commission to recommend approval of re-zoning the cell tower site in Hilton Head Plantation.

Robert L Mullaly
18 Bent Tree Lane

Submitted: 4/15/2014

Support

We live on China Cockle Way, four rows back from the Sound and have very poor cellphone reception. We first had AT&T which had no reception inside or outside of the house and changed last year to Verizon which is better, but is not reliable inside. My wife has MS and has no use of her legs and can no longer make transfers. If we lose electricity we also lose our Time Warner Cable telephone, leaving us with an unreliable cellphone for emergency use. We hope that emergency use trumps alleged aesthetics.

Thomas R Nordstrom
17 China Cockle Way

Submitted: 4/15/2014

Support

I strongly support the proposed telecommunications tower in Hilton Head Plantation. In this time of giant technological leaps - I find it appalling that a handful of luddites and litigation happy individuals would want to stand in the way of allowing their neighbors to fully enjoy the benefits of cellular technology.

Having cellular service is not a luxury any longer, it is table stakes when considering a location to live. Not having this tower creates a competitive disadvantage for the HHP vs. other communities.

David Gainey

Submitted: 4/15/2014

Support

I am one of the neighboring property owners who has received the Notice of Zoning Map Amendment Application regarding the addition of Telecommunications Facilities as a permitted use on property located at 68 Dolphin Head Drive. For eleven years, I have owned and lived in the home at 67 Dolphin Head Drive, which is directly across Dolphin Head Drive from the proposed site. I wish to express my full, strong support for the Amendment, and also for the subsequent construction of the proposed telecommunications tower as soon as possible. The reasons for my support are as follows:

- 1) Wireless voice and data reception is intermittent at best through much of Hilton Head Plantation, including my neighborhood. That is simply unacceptable in a community where most families require good reception for family communications, business, and emergencies. Reliable reception is no longer an optional part of life today - it is a necessity. This is a quality of life issue, and communities without decent reception will not fare well in the coming years.
- 2) I have attended the meetings where studies have presented the best technologies and optimal tower sizes and locations for Hilton Head Plantation. The studies and conclusions seem well-reasoned and credible to me, so I believe the proposed location on Dolphin Head Drive will provide the most benefit to me and my neighbors throughout this part of the Island.
- 3) In my view, the visual impact of the tower and facilities will be minimal. The angled views toward the top of the tower will

be effectively screened by the thick tree cover on all sides. It is the ground level views that will be of most concern, and I am convinced that the equipment enclosure, the landscaping, and the access drive will be completed in a way that will effectively mitigate any significant view concerns.

4) I have researched health and safety issues related to cell towers and telecommunications equipment, and I do not believe that the health and safety of the site's closest neighbors, including my family, will be affected.

5) Property values are always of concern when changes are made in a community. In my opinion, any negative impact caused by the physical presence of a tower in this location will be very minimal, if any. Conversely, the positive property value impact of much improved voice and data reception will be significant, I believe.

6) In sum, this Amendment and the proposed improvements are for the common good of the citizens of Hilton Head Plantation and Hilton Head Island. I hope that decisions on this Amendment will be based not only upon the minimal impacts to immediate neighbors, but rather upon the need to improve this essential service for the common good of the broader community.

Thank you for accepting my comments.

John D. Alderman

John D. Alderman
67 Dolphin Head Drive, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

Submitted: 4/15/2014

Support

In this age of extensive telecommunications at the center of our business and personal lives, we must have the necessary infrastructure to show that Hilton Head Island has the technology necessary to support economic development and provide effective communications for all residents and visitors. The subject tower will correct an unsatisfactory telecommunications situation in Hilton Head Plantation. The subject tower has been studied extensively and shown to be the best solution. It should be approved without further delay.

Benjamin C. Rush
11 China Cockle Way, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

Submitted: 4/16/2014

Support

Will greatly improve cell phone service. Right now my service on Margarota Court is spotty at best.

William Nicol
4 Margarita Court

Submitted: 4/16/2014

Support

Thank you for your efforts. Please continue at full strength. The cell tower is an essential element in the total quality of life. Having lived in an urban area where monopine towers are common, I believe the objections raised by the those opposed to the tower to be unfounded. My Hilton Head address is 10 Sugar Pine Lane.

C. Blake Brantley
214 Lenox Drive Peachtree City, Ga. 30269

Submitted: 4/16/2014

Support

We need better cell phone service in Hilton Head Plantation and on Hilton Head Island. In todays world tourists and businessmen need to be in touch at all times. People are giving up land lines and using only cell phone service. We must keep up with the times and improve our service or people will not vacation and purchase property here on our great Island.

Submitted: 4/21/2014

Support

Oppose:

Dolphin Head Golf Course which is approx. 300 yards away from proposed site would welcome the cell tower. This location would have "zero" effect on any neighbors and the surrounding landscape and not effect any property values. Why wasn't this a consideration?

What kind of kick-backs is our POA board, including the General Manager, receiving?

What monetary value is the plantation getting?

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Oppose

I am writing, as a resident of Hilton Head Plantation, to voice my opposition to the above listed case to be heard before the Planning Commission on 2 April 2014.

I strong oppose amending the Hilton Head Plantation Master Plan to allow telecommunications companies as a permitted user of open space property.

When we were looking to purchase a home in HHP we specifically looked at the Master Plan to see how open space areas could be used. We liked the restriction's that were placed on the use of open space and do not see any valid reason for these rules to be changed at this time.

While I agree that we need better cell coverage this is not the best way to do this. There is a parcel of land, at Dolphin Head Golf Course, that would better serve the needs of the community than using our open space for a tower. In fact, Dolphin Head has said that they would welcome the tower on their property.

I strongly encourage the Planning Commission and Town Council to reject this proposal and preserve our open space.

John Eddy

15 Jingle Shell Lane

HHI, SC

843-342-9711

John Eddy

15 Jingle Shell Lane

Submitted: 3/20/2014

Oppose

I think the town and Hilton Head Plantation have done an awful job protecting the open space in Hilton Head Plantation. While cell phone towers and service are important for future growth, it should not come at the expense of open space and individual property owners. I am vehemently opposed to the tower.

Submitted: 3/23/2014

Oppose

I and my wife generally oppose this plan in that we believe Hilton Head is becoming over-developed. Our choice to settle here was based upon the environment, old world charm, and climate. During recent years major developments on the island have detracted from this environment and charm. Another cell tower (one which despite what is claimed just cannot be "disguised") just adds to the clutter, damages the view both high and low, and detracts from the experience here. 100% cell coverage is not a goal crucial to the survival of the species. We can use a landline or wait a few seconds until better coverage is achieved.

Salvatore J LaMartina
15 Misty Morning Dr

Submitted: 3/25/2014

Oppose

I am a resident of Hilton Head Plantation opposed to the planned location. It is not close to our home, however, placing such an intrusion into a residential area is a complete misuse of government authority.

This is NOT a safety issue as broadband access to phone and data is already available through Hargray and Time Warner.

NO membership vote was undertaken by the Hilton Head Plantation POA although it could have been easily undertaken.

A better process should be conducted to identify acceptable low impact areas (ie golf courses) and bid it to providers that can decline or bid if they choose.

Submitted: 3/31/2014

Oppose

Ridiculous. Completely ignores the rights of the residents who will have to put up with this monstrosity in their front yards. Complete disregard for their property rights and property values.

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Oppose

I cannot support this. What if it were me this thing were being built by. This completely ignores the property values of the individuals directly affected.

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Oppose

It is not needed and detracts from the look and feel of our southern homes on HHP.

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Oppose

Not all progress is good. This is catering to a few outspoken individuals without regard for the few most intimately impacted. Put this ugly thing in their front yard. What if it was you living across the street from this tower. You cannot hide it, do matter what they say.

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Oppose

This is blatant disregard for the people who have to live with the fallout. Put up more of the less obtrusive towers, not this ugly thing.

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Oppose

A 150 foot tower categorically does not belong in a neighborhood in Hilton Head Plantation. I think the plantation and the town need to do a better job selecting sites for services the town requires.

Submitted: 4/1/2014

Oppose

We would like to comment on the email sent by the POA requesting SUPPORT for the Tower and therefore we have copied the email and will comment on each paragraph that we question in support of our opposition. To make our comments clear we will capitalize our comments.

April 1, 2014 Monopine (cell tower) Wed. April 16, 3:00 PM Town Hall Hearing

A Hearing before the Town of Hilton Head Planning Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, 3:00 PM, at Town Hall to consider the rezoning of the parcel of land that will constitute the compound where the monopine and the associated equipment will be located. This Hearing is open to the public and we encourage all property owners to attend. The .2 acre parcel of land is located in a wooded area between Dolphin Head Drive and Whitetail Deer Lane.

ANS. THIS IS TO BE AS STATED A COMPOUND IN THE MIDDLE OF A DENSLY POPULATED RESIDENTIAL AREA. THE HHP WEB SITE CURRENTLY INDICATES THAT THE PROPERTY OWNERS "ABHOR" SUCH A STRUCTURE AND THEREFORE THE HHP POA IS WORKING WITH CROWN CASTLE TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE LACK OF SUFFICIENT COVERAGE WITHOUT A TOWER. FURTHER THE RE-ZONING OF THIS PARCEL WILL BE A PRECEDENT FOR RE-ZONING OF ANY AND ALL OPEN SPACES IN THE PLANTATION AS THE POA DEEMS NECESSARY.

If you have not done so already, we urge property owners who wish to express their opinion on the installation of the monopine that will drastically improve cell phone service throughout Hilton Head Plantation to email their support to the Planning Commission by clicking on this special link that the Town has set up for comments:

<https://services.hiltonheadislandsc.gov/publiccomment>. Once you click on the link, you will be directed to a Website where your comments can be entered. Please take a few minutes if you have not already done so to express your sentiments regarding this installation.

ANS. YES THE MONOPINE WILL IMPROVE CELL PHONE SERVICE, BUT AT WHAT EXPENSE TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS ADJACENT TO THE PARCEL? AS INDICATED THE POA IS LOOKING FOR "SUPPORT" AS STATED ABOVE RATHER THAN SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION.

Correcting misinformation

Some residents have asked why we don't place the tower in Dolphin Head Golf Course's Maintenance area since the golf course has offered that location. Here are the reasons the present location (wooded area between Dolphin Head Drive and Whitetail Deer Lane) for the cell tower/monopine was selected as opposed to Dolphin Head Golf Course or any other location:

After a detailed engineering study, the location selection for the monopine/cell tower was primarily the choice of Verizon who is the lead tenant on the proposed tower. The location at Dolphin Head Golf Course is approximately half a mile further east of the proposed location. A move of half a mile is material to a tower of this height and will not satisfy the objective. That means that where the signal is most needed, which is the northwestern part of HHP, it would not get an acceptable signal. Crown Castle and Verizon selected this location in part to complement and work in tandem with our existing Distributed Antenna System (DAS) to provide the best solution for the residents, as part of a heterogeneous network.

ANS. THE REASON THE QUESTION WAS ASKED REGARDING CHANGING THE PLACEMENT OF THE TOWER

AT DOLPHIN HEAD GC OR AT THE WOOPING CRANE CONSERVANCY OR AT IN THE AREA WHERE THE POA IS LOCATED OR AT DOLPHIN HEAD RECREATION AREA OR ANY PLACE ELSE WHICH IS NOT IN A DENSLY POPULATED AREA OF SINGLE FAMILY DEWELLINGS WAS BECAUSE THESE AREAS WOULD BE THE APPROPRIATE LOCATION FOR A COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE OF THIS SIZE AND WOULD BE IN LINE WITH WHERE OTHER PLANTATIONS HAVE PLACED THE TOWERS SUCH AS PORT ROYAL, SHIPYARD AND SEA PINES. FURTHER THE POA HAS SHOWN NO ENGINEERING STUDIES TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF OTHER LOCATIONS AND WHAT THESE OTHER LOCATION WOULD PROVIDE AS COVERAGE IN COMPARISON TO THE LOCATION THAT WAS SELECTED BY VERIZON. IN FACT AT THE INITIAL MEETING WITH VERIZON THEY COULD NOT ANSWER WHAT AREAS THEY CHECKED AND WHAT THE LOSS OF SIGNAL IN COMPARISON WAS. IF THE PARCEL CHOSEN BY VERIZON WAS THE BEST FOR EXAMPLE 95% COVERAGE, BUT THE DOLPHIN HEAD GC WAS 90% IT IS CLEAR THAT DOLPHIN HEAD SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE SELECTED SITE IN THAT IT WOULD HAVE THE LEAST IMPACT ON PROPERTY OWNERS. ALSO, ANY COVERAGE THAT MAY NEED TO BE ENHANCED AFTER THE TOWER WAS ERECTED LIKE ADDITIONAL DAS POLES COULD HAVE BEEN DONE AS WAS THE CONTRACTED AGREEMENT WITH CROWN CASTLE IN PORT ROYAL.

Also, the Dolphin Head Golf Course location would be right next to Sagebush Lane and Towhee Road. Dolphin Head Golf Course is zoned Golf Course. They would have to subdivide their location and seek rezoning just like HHPPOA. The same process applies and the Dolphin Head Golf Course location does not meet the needs of the carriers or the property owners who lack an adequate wireless signal. In addition, there is already a Distributed Antenna which is part of the existing DAS System on the corner of Towhee Road and Myrtle Bank Road rendering the Dolphin Head Golf location mostly redundant.

ANS. WHEN WE ASKED THE ENGINEERS FOR VERIZON AT THE MEETING IF THEY TESTED OTHER AREAS EXACTLY LIKE THEY TESTED THE PARCEL THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE REZONING THEY SAID NO NOT EXACTLY. AS FOR A ZONING CHANGE WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES THAT MAKE IN THAT EITHER PARCEL WOULD REQUIRE REZONING. WE WOULD CERTAINLY LIKE TO SEE THE ENGINEERING REPORTS, FIND OUT HOW MANY SITES THEY TESTED, WERE ALL SITES TESTED APPLES TO APPLES AND WHAT WERE THE RESULTS SO WE COULD COMPARE AND MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION BASED ON THE TEST RESULTS AND THE IMPACT ON PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE VARIOUS AREAS. WE DO NOT BUY THE REDUNDANCY ARGUMENT, BUT IT WOULD BE AN ENHANCMENT OPPOSED TO REDUNDANCY. HAS THE PLANNING COMMISION BEEN SUPPLIED THE ENGINEERING STUDIES TO HELP THEM DETERMINE APPROPRIATE SITES OR MERELY ACCEPTED THAT THIS SITE/PARCEL IS THE ONLY SITE. HAS THE POA OR THE PLANNING COMMISION QUESTIONED CROWN CASTLE REGARDING OTHER SITES AND THEIR WILLINGNESS TO MOVE THE TOWER TO ANOTHER SITE KEEPING IN MIND THAT THIS IS A MONEY MAKING VENTURE FOR CROWN CASTLE WHO WILL BE THE OWNER LEASING SPACE ON THE TOWER AND THEREFORE THEIR INTEREST WOULD BE WHATEVER IS THE LEAST COSTLY LOCATION NOT NECESSARLY THE LOCATION THAT WOULD HAVE THE LEAST IMPACT ON PROPERTY OWNERS SUCH AS WAS THE REASON FOR PORT ROYAL TO INDICATE THAT THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE LOCATION FOR THEIR TOWER WOULD BE IN THE WILDERNESS AREA AND HAD 3 COMPANIES BIDDING EVERYONE OF WHICH SAID THAT IF THE TOWER DID NOT SATISFY THE NEED FOR SUFFICENT CELL PHONE SERVICE THEY WOULD ADD ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT.

All of us (HHPPOA, Crown Castle, and Verizon, with input from our property owners) working together took considerable effort and care in selecting a location which would provide optimal signal service and strength with minimal impact to residents; as a result, the main visual impact will be a small fenced compound with the tower itself disguised as a pine tree, complete with artificial bark, and well hidden by the tree canopy for residents looking upward towards it.

ANS. SELECTION WAS MADE AS INDICATED BY VERIZON AND THAN CROWN CASTLE NOT HHPPOA OR PROPERTY OWNERS. THE DUE DILLIGENCE BY THE POA WAS NOT DONE BEFORE, BUT AFTER VERIZON WAS INVITED TO SELECT A LOCATION. THE HHPPOA NEVER TOLD VERIZON WHAT AREAS WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR THE TOWER TO BE LOCATED AND INDICATED TO THEM THESE ARE THE AREAS YOU CAN TEST IN. THERE WAS NEVER A BID PROPOSAL COMPLETED BY THE POA BEFORE VERIZON WAS INVITED

INTO THE PLANTATION. EVERYTHING WAS DONE SUBSEQUENT TO VERIZON SELECTING A LOCATION WHICH PUTS THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE UNLIKE HOW PORT ROYAL HANDLED IT. NO ONE HAS INDICATED THAT OTHER PLANTATIONS WERE CONTACTED AS TO HOW THEY HANDLED THEIR COMMUNICATIONS ISSUES SUCH AS SEA PINES WHICH WE HAVE HEARD WILL "NOT" BE ALLOWING MORE CELL TOWERS. IT SEEMS THAT OUR POA BOARD COULD HAVE LEARNED A LOT FROM OTHER PLANTATIONS RATHER THAN RE-INVENTING THE WHEEL AND DOING SO AFTER THE FACT.

This is exactly the type of siting that was advocated by the Town's Telecommunications Task Force. The technical experts at the carriers need to be permitted to plan their network and technology so they will be encouraged to invest in Hilton Head Island's wireless infrastructure.

ANS. SINCE IT IS TO THE BENEFIT OF VERIZON, AT&T, SPRINT AND OTHERS TO ENHANCE THE COVERAGE ON ISLAND TO OBTAIN GREATER MARKET SHARE THAT IS WHAT ENCOURAGES THEM TO INVEST IN HILTON HEAD ISLANDS WIRELESS INFRASTRUCTURE.

Dolphin Head Golf Course expressed an interest in locating the tower due to the income the tower would produce; however, it is not a location acceptable for meeting the objective of providing wireless services to the greatest number of homes within HHP. HHPPOA has the income aspect of this project as the lowest consideration, with providing good service to the greatest number of homes as the number one priority.

ANS. AFTER LISTENING TO OUR PLANTATION MANAGER AT MEETINGS RELATIVE TO THE CELL TOWER IT WAS CLEAR WE WERE GOING TO BE COLLECTING REVENUE AS A RESULT AND IN FACT HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE NEGOTIATING WITH THEM AS TO THE REVENUE ISSUE. WE SEE NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DOLPHIN HEADS INTEREST IN REVENUE OR THAT OF THE POA. THE POA IS AND SHOULD ALWAYS BE LOOKING FOR REVENUE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF PLANTATION OPERATIONS TO DEFRAY COSTS FROM THE PROPERTY OWNERS. WE STILL DO NOT KNOW THE EXACT AMOUNT OF REVENUE THE POA WILL BE RECEIVING FROM CROWN CASTLE OR ITS TENANTS TO DETERMINE HOW SIGNIFICANT IT WILL BE.

Additional Background information

Both AT&T and Verizon have committed to locating on the monopine. T-Mobile and Sprint have also expressed an interest. Both Verizon and AT&T will use this monopine to upgrade their technology to 4G, or what has now become known as LTE (Long Term Evolution). As previously stated, the monopine will be totally disguised as a pine tree complete with artificial bark.

ANS. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT AT&T WILL ALSO NEED ADDITIONAL DAS POLES AS THERE BAND WIDTH AND/OR DISTRIBUTION IS DIFFERENT FROM VERIZON'S SO WHERE ARE THEY GOING AND WILL THERE BE MORE REZONING, NO ONE HAS SAID ANYTHING ABOUT THAT.

The question has been asked by a few residents: Why do Verizon and/or AT&T have a say in where the monopine will be located? That answer is simple: Verizon and AT&T, which are the two major carriers in the U.S., want to place their signal where it will reach the most customers who now have insufficient or substandard service. That means the antennas need to be located in the areas they feel will receive the most benefit from a customer standpoint. Some folks think you can place an antenna anywhere and get a signal to those that lack service, but that is not how the technology works. AT&T and Verizon will not invest millions of dollars in infrastructure upgrades in an area that already has sufficient service. The present location was chosen in order to cover the largest geographic area with better service. Three companies were asked to look at providing service. Ultimately, the decision was made by the POA Board to go with Crown Castle International who already owns and operates the Distributed Cellular System (DAS) on HHP, with Verizon as the lead tenant on the monopine. AT&T has now also agreed to locate on the monopine.

ANS. WE WERE TOLD THE DISTRIBUTED CELLULAR SYSTEM WAS ON RIGHT OF WAYS/EASEMENT, BUT WERE NEVER TOLD IF WE ARE GETTING REVENUE FROM THE DAS SYSTEM OWNED BY CROWN CASTLE

AND IF UNDER THE MASTER PLAN WE CAN GET REVENUE OR IF THESE LOCATIONS SHOULD HAVE BEEN REZONED. AGAIN AS TO THE PLACEMENT OF THE TOWER ETC. HOW DID OTHER PLANTATIONS HANDLE IT AS TO MY KNOWLEDGE NONE HAVE TOWERS IN THE MIDDLE OF A DENSLY POPULATED AREA OF THEIR PLANTATION AND WHY? FURTHER THE OPEN SPACES WERE NEVER INTENDED TO BE USED FOR LARGE COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES BY THE MASTER PLAN OR BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS AND OUR CURRENT WEB SITE SAYS THE PROPERTY OWNERS AND THE POA "ABHOR" THE THOUGHT OF A CELL TOWER IN OUR PLANTATION.

The other piece of misinformation that is circulating is: such an installation cannot be built on POA open space. Much of the infrastructure that provides all of us with water, sewer, electricity, telephone, cable TV, stormwater management, benches, fire hydrants, lift stations, a water tower, our distributed cellular antennas, etc. are obvious to our eyes, but because they have been here so long, they have become commonplace and seem to disappear into the landscape. This infrastructure is permitted on all of the POA's common properties including those labeled as "open space" and was reinforced by the decision of the Planning Commission on March 19, by a unanimous vote.

ANS. IF OPEN SPACES ARE ACCEPTABLE SPACE FOR A CELL TOWER AND EVERYTHING ELSE THAT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED WHY DO WE NEED REZONING?????

Thank you.

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Neil Strohmaier
9 King Rail Lane

Submitted: 4/4/2014

Oppose



MEMORANDUM

TO: Town Council

FROM: Stephen G. Riley, ICMA-CM, Town Manager

VIA: Susan M. Simmons, CPA, Director of Finance

DATE: April 24, 2014, 2014

RE: **First Reading of Proposed Ordinance No. 2014-10**

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council approve first reading by title only of Proposed Ordinance No. 2014-10 establishing the fiscal year 2015 General, Capital Projects, Debt Service and Stormwater Funds' budgets.

Summary:

This Town formally establishes a budget for four of its funds. Also, the Town presents information on the remaining funds as they are a primary source of funding for the funds with formal budgets. Throughout May and June, the Town holds a series of budget workshops in addition to the three actions it takes in Council meetings (1st reading by title only, revised 1st reading, and 2nd reading).

Background:

The attached ordinance does not include supporting documentation or include the proposed millage. At the Council meeting, the Town Manager will provide the ordinance with proposed millage, budgeted financial statements, and a Powerpoint presentation highlighting the proposed budgets.

In subsequent workshops and meetings according to the budget meetings' calendar, staff will present details of the designated budgets and affiliated agencies will present their requests to Council. At those meetings, Council and the public will offer comments and questions on the budgets. Staff will make any directed changes with the goal being that the public hearing and revised 1st reading will be June 10, 2014 and 2nd reading will be at Council's regular meeting on June 17, 2014. If additional time and meetings become necessary, June 24, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. has been reserved if needed for the 2nd (final) reading.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2014-10

AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015; 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.

WHEREAS, Section 5-7-260(3) of the Code of Laws for South Carolina 1976, as amended, and Section 2-7-20 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, require that the Town Council act by ordinance to adopt a budget and levy taxes, pursuant to public notice; and

WHEREAS, Town Council also desires to set aside funds for an Operating Reserve to provide for emergency-related expenditures and to offset fiscal year tax revenue income stream deficiency; and

WHEREAS, Town Council finds that it would be more economical and efficient to authorize the Town Manager to move forward with construction contract modifications, change orders, contract price adjustments, and execution of contracts for supplies, services, and construction where the contract amount involved does not exceed the budget line item or project budget as approved by Town Council in the Consolidated Municipal Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE SAID COUNCIL:

NOTE: Underlined and bold-face typed portions indicate additions to the Ordinance. ~~Stricken~~ Portions indicate deletions to the Ordinance.

Section 1. Adoption of the Budget. The prepared budget of estimated revenues and expenses, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby adopted as the budget for the Town of Hilton Head Island for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

Section 2. Establishment of Property Tax Levy. A tax to cover the period from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, inclusive, for the sums and in the manner hereinafter mentioned, is and shall be, levied, collected and paid into the treasury of the Town of Hilton Head Island for its uses at a rate of mills on assessed value of real estate and personal property of every description owned in the Town of Hilton Head Island, except such property as is exempt from taxation under the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina. Said tax levy shall be paid into the Town Treasury for the credit of the Town of Hilton Head Island for its corporate purposes, for the purpose of paying current operational expenses of the said municipality ___ mills, Debt Service ___ mills, and Capital Projects Fund ____ mills making the total levy of ____ mills.

Section 3. Establishment of Funds. To facilitate operations, there shall be established and maintained a General Fund, a Capital Projects Fund, a Debt Service Fund, a Stormwater Fund and other appropriate funds in such amounts as are provided for in the aforesaid Budget, as hereby adopted or as hereafter modified pursuant to law.

Section 4. Acquisition of Rights of Way and Easements. The Town Manager is charged with the duty of executing all necessary documents to obtain rights of way, easements, and other property interests necessary to complete duly authorized Capital Improvement Projects. Capital Improvement Projects based on the ownership and life expectancy of the assets or improvements or based on the funding source authorized may be budgeted in the General, Capital Projects or Stormwater Funds. If expenditures are expressly authorized for an approved Capital Improvement Project in any of the budgeted funds, then the Town Manager is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents and to expend such funds as are approved pursuant to the Capital Improvement budgets. Provided, however, in the event that the costs of an acquisition of such real property interests materially exceeds the amount budgeted in the approved Capital Improvement Project and the Town Manager is unable to shift additional funds from other authorized sources, the Town Manager shall be required to obtain the approval of Town Council for such additional expenditures. Nothing herein shall obviate the requirement that no condemnations shall be commenced without the appropriate approval of the Town Council for the Town of Hilton Head Island.

Section 5 Severability. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its enactment by the Town Council for the Town of Hilton Head Island.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF
HILTON HEAD ISLAND ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2014.**

Drew A. Laughlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Victoria L. Pfannenschmidt, Town Clerk

First Reading: _____

Public Hearing: _____

Revised First Reading: _____

Second Reading: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Gregory M. Alford, Town Attorney

Introduced by Council Member: _____

Memo

To: Stephen G. Riley, ICMA-CM, Town Manager
From: Jeff Buckalew, Town Engineer
Via: Scott Liggett, Director of Public Projects & Facilities/Chief Engineer
Date: May 6, 2014
Re: Resolution Consenting to the South Carolina Department of Transportation
Constructing Traffic Safety Improvements along US 278 on Jenkins Island

Recommendation: The Intergovernmental Relations Committee recommends that Town Council approve the attached resolution which will provide Town Council's consent to the construction of traffic safety improvements along US 278 on Jenkins Island by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT).

Summary: At their April 21st, 2014 meeting, the Intergovernmental Relations Committee approved a motion to forward the above recommendation to Town Council. The SCDOT has requested the Town's consent to a proposed traffic safety improvement project within the Town limits along US 278 on Jenkins Island, specifically at the entrance to Windmill Harbour. The Town's consent to the construction of this project is done so with the condition that the project complies with Town ordinances. The project is currently being designed by the SCDOT as part of the Department's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). While it does not include all six of the safety features which Town Council requested of the SCDOT last fall, it does have merits. This consent does not preclude further improvements from being made in the future.

Background: On November 19, 2013, Town Council passed a resolution which urged the SCDOT to design and construct the six (6) specific safety improvements listed below as soon as is practicable in conjunction with or subsequent to the anticipated 2015 completion of the Bluffton Flyover Project.

1. Close the existing Blue Heron Point Road median crossover.
2. Construct a new road to connect westbound US 278 to Blue Heron Point Road by traversing SCDOT-owned land to the north of US 278 and to the west of the Hog Island Marsh separating Hog Island, also known as Blue Heron Point,

from Jenkins Island, with access to and from the new road and US 278 be limited to right-in and right-out movements only.

3. Partially close the Windmill Harbour median crossover to prevent egress left turns onto westbound US 278 from Windmill Harbour or egress left turns from Gateway Drive onto eastbound US 278.
4. Improve the existing left turn lane on westbound US 278 serving ingress left turns into Windmill Harbour.
5. Improve the existing acceleration lane serving egress right turns from Windmill Harbour onto eastbound US 278.
6. Construct an eastbound auxiliary weaving lane on US 278 from Blue Heron Point Road east to the front entrance of Windmill Harbour; and

The current project for which the Town's consent is being sought does not include improvements 1, 2, 6 and the first part of 3. It does include improvements 4, 5, and the second part of 3. The SCDOT has elected not to pursue the Blue Heron Point work primarily due to its proximity to the bridge.

Several years ago, Town staff developed a conceptual plan to completely close all three unsignalized median crossovers of US 278 on Jenkins Island and develop a frontage road beginning at Jenkins Road on the northern side of US 278, traversing the Town's Jenkins Island parcel, and intersecting Blue Heron Point Road. In 2011, at the request of the Town and County, the project was included in STIP. Since inclusion in the STIP, the State has managed the project and provided \$1,400,000 in funding; however this was not nearly enough to construct the complete frontage road concept.

In 2012 Beaufort County approached the Low Country Council of Governments and successfully requested that a portion of the programmed \$1,400,000 be diverted into two interim turn lane safety improvements, namely the lengthening of the acceleration lane serving right turns from Windmill Harbour onto eastbound US 278, and an improvement to the left-turn lane serving Windmill Harbour on westbound US 278 in order to improve sight distance for motorists turning left out of Windmill Harbour onto westbound US 278. These improvements have been adopted into the current plan and the remaining balance of the \$1,400,000 has since been diverted to other projects.

Attachments:

- Proposed Project Consent Resolution
- Project Plans (by SCDOT)
- 11-19-13 Town Council Resolution

Resolution Number 14-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, CONSENTING TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND/OR IMPROVEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THAT CERTAIN PROJECT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION KNOWN AS “SC FILE 07.041808 (PIN: 41808_RD01) – INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT ALONG US ROUTE 278 (WILLIAM HILTON PARKWAY) AT THE WINDMILL HARBOUR ENTRANCE WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, BEAUFORT COUNTY”, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROJECT PLANS OF SAID PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (“SCDOT”) proposes to construct, reconstruct, alter, or improve the certain segments of the highway(s) in the State Highway System, which are located within the corporate limits of the Town of Hilton Head Island (hereinafter, the “Town”) in connection with that certain project known as “SC File 07.041808 (PIN: 41808_RD01) – Intersection Improvements along US Route 278 (William Hilton Parkway) at the Windmill Harbour Entrance within the Town Limits of Hilton Head Island, Beaufort County” (hereinafter, the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to authorize the construction and/or improvements of the aforesaid highway(s) in accordance with plans to be prepared by the SCDOT (“the Project Plans”); and

WHEREAS, the Project Plans must be in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including but not limited to the Municipal Code and Land Management Ordinance of the Town and, as such, must be reviewed and approved by all necessary Town Staff prior to their completion and/or finalization.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA:

1. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 57-5-820 (1991), the Town does hereby consent to the construction and/or improvements of the aforesaid highway(s) within its corporate limits in accordance with the Project Plans. SCDOT shall complete the Project under the Project Plans, subject to the Project Plans being in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including but not limited to the Municipal Code and Land Management Ordinance of the Town. This consent hereby constitutes a waiver of any and all other requirements with regard to construction within the Town's limits. The foregoing waiver and consent shall also extend to the benefit of utility companies engaged in relocating utility lines on account of the Project. Further, the Town shall exempt all existing and new right-of-way and all other properties purchased in connection with right-of-way for the highway(s) from any general or special assessment against real property for municipal services.

2. The Town hereby signifies its intention to faithfully observe the provisions of Chapter 5, Title 56, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, and all amendments thereto relating to the regulation of traffic on the street, or streets, to be constructed, reconstructed, altered or improved as hereinabove identified and further agrees to refrain from placing or maintaining any traffic control devices upon any section of said street, or streets, without having first obtained written approval of the South Carolina Department of Transportation as required in S.C. Code Section 56-5-930 (1976, as amended), nor enacting any traffic regulation ordinances inconsistent therewith.

(SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS)

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF
_____, 2014.**

Drew A. Laughlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Victoria L. Pfannenschmidt, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Gregory M. Alford, Town Attorney

Introduced by Council Member: _____

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PROPOSED PLANS FOR BEAUFORT COUNTY

FILE 07.041808 PROJ. SU07(008)
US 278
INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT AT
WINDMILL HARBOUR ENT.

Design Reference for these plans is CDM
2001
ASBESTO "A Policy on Designer's Design of Highways and Bridges"

Hydraulic Design Reference for these plans is CDM
2009
FOURM "ASBESTO" "Supplemental to Hydraulic Design Manual"

NPDES PERMIT INFORMATION

NPDES Discharge
Area = 1.11 Acre(s)

Approximate Location of Roadway Is
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Longitude 80-07-20.87'
End
Latitude 33-13-06.73'
Longitude 80-07-21.61'

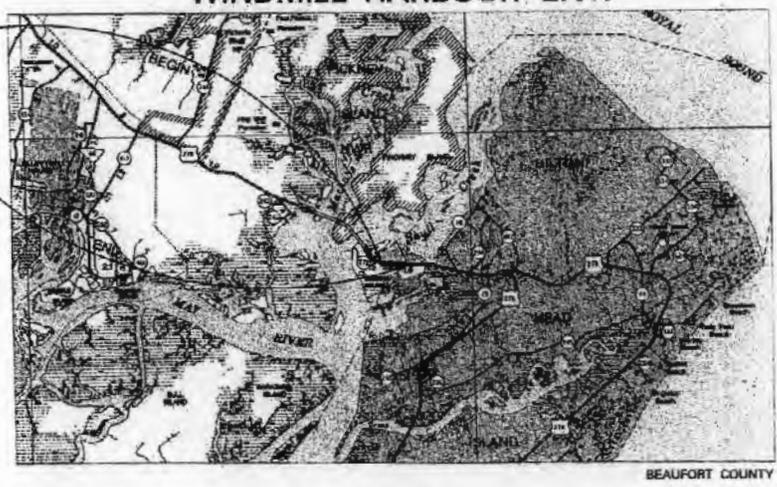
Hydro and NPDES Design provided by:
SCDWS

Design may be obtained from the
SCDOT Regional Production Group

ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT INFORMATION			
USACE PERMIT	YES	NO	
NEPA DOCUMENT	YES	NO	
401 CERTIFICATION	YES	NO	
DCRM GAP	YES	NO	
NAVIGABLE WATERS	SC	USCG	USACE <u>N/A</u>

SURVEY STA. 209+50.00 US 278 BEGIN
FILE 07.041808

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FILE 07.041808



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TRAFFIC DATA	
2018	ADT <u>51,400</u>
2025	ADT <u>56,000</u>
TRUCKS	<u>8</u> %

LAYOUT
SCALE 1 INCH = 330 FEET

NET LENGTH OF ROADWAY	0.350 MILES
NET LENGTH OF BRIDGE	— MILES
NET LENGTH OF PROJECT	0.350 MILES
LENGTH OF EXCEPTIONS	— MILES
DRIVE LENGTH OF PROJECT	0.350 MILES

EXPLANATION BY STATIONING

NOTE: EXCEPT AS MAY OTHERWISE BE SPECIFIED IN THE PLANS OR IN THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS, ALL MATERIALS AND WORKMANSHIP ON THIS PROJECT SHALL CONFORM TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION (2007 EDITION) AND THE STANDARD DRAWINGS FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN EFFECT AT THE TIME OF BIDDING.

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	RIGHT-OF-WAY		CONSTRUCTION	
	BEGN.	DATE	BEGN.	DATE
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RFQ - STRUCTURES				
RFQ - GEOTECHNICAL				
PRECONSTRUCTION SUPPORT - ROAD				
PRECONSTRUCTION SUPPORT - STRUCTURES				
RFQ - DESIGN MANAGER				
RFQ - PROGRAM MANAGER				

For Right Of Way Acquisition:

Matthew P. Limay
Regional Production Engineer

Date _____

ENGINEER OF RECORD

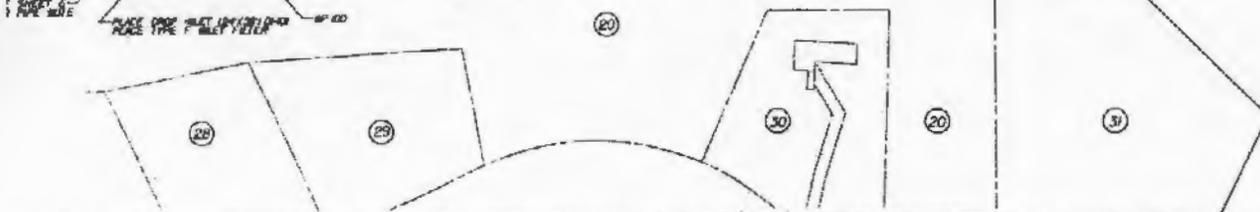
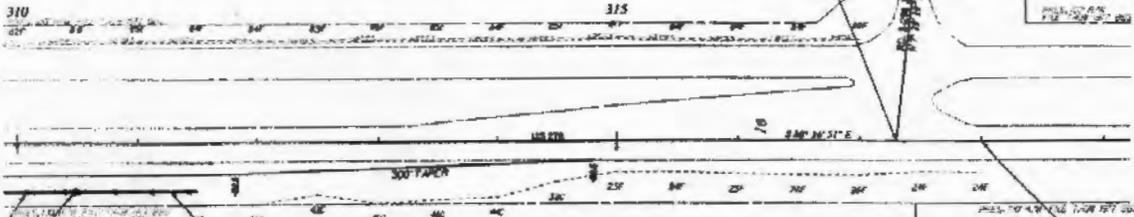
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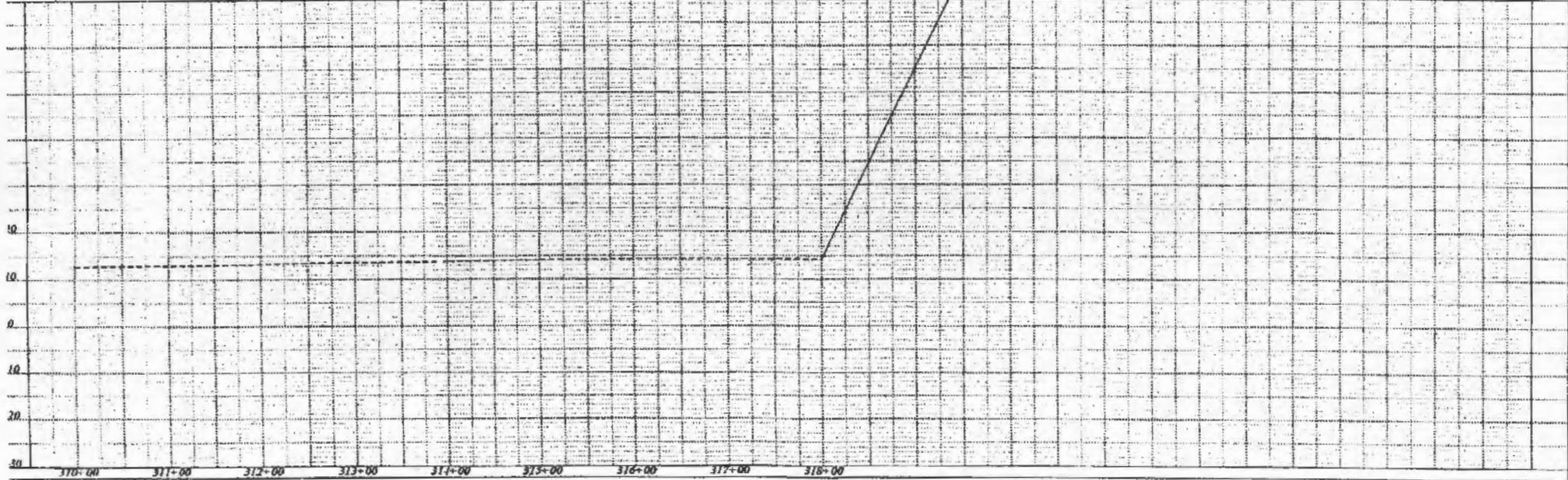


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SURVEY STA 318+000 END
 FILE 7041808 US 278

ALIGNMENT CONTROL AND STATION OFFSETS CAN BE FOUND ON REFERENCE SHEET



A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSTRUCT TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS VIA ACCESS MODIFICATIONS TO US 278 ON JENKINS ISLAND

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the completion in 2015 of the Bluffton Parkway Flyover Project connecting the Bluffton Parkway to US 278 west of the Karl V. Bowers Bridge, the Town Council of Hilton Head Island recognizes the need to effect safety improvements to US 278 on Jenkins Island via access modifications; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), Beaufort County, the Town of Hilton Head Island, and affected communities located on Jenkins Island mutually desire to be proactive in ensuring the safety of the motoring public in general along US 278 on and near Jenkins Island following the completion of the Bluffton Parkway Flyover project; and

WHEREAS, a plan has been developed by Dennis Corporation at the behest of the Windmill Harbour community to:

1. Close the existing Blue Heron Point Road median crossover.
2. Construct a new road to connect westbound US 278 to Blue Heron Point Road by traversing SCDOT-owned land to the north of US 278 and to the west of the Hog Island Marsh separating Hog Island, also known as Blue Heron Point, from Jenkins Island, with access to and from the new road and US 278 be limited to right-in and right-out movements only.
3. Partially close the Windmill Harbour median crossover to prevent egress left turns onto westbound US 278 from Windmill Harbour or egress left turns from Gateway Drive onto eastbound US 278.
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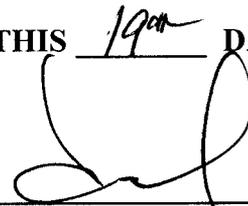
WHEREAS, Beaufort County and the Town of Hilton Head Island sought and received the approval from the Low Country Council of Governments (LCOG) in 2011 to program one million, four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000.00) of State Transportation Improvement Project funds for traffic safety enhancements on and near the portion of US 278 that traverses Jenkins Island; and

WHEREAS, the successful implementation of the improvements enumerated above will preclude the future signalization of the intersection of US 278 with Harbour Passage Drive and Gateway Drive, the intersection that serves as the front entrance to the Windmill Harbour community, should such signalization become warranted, and

WHEREAS, the County Council of Beaufort County resolved to endorse the improvements enumerated above at their October 28th, 2013 meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, AND IT HEREBY IS, RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, THAT the SCDOT is urged to design and construct the six (6) safety improvements enumerated herein above, and to do so as soon as is practicable in conjunction with or subsequent to the anticipated 2015 completion of the Bluffton Flyover Project.

MOVED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2013.



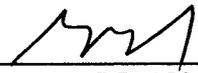
Drew A. Laughlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: 

Victoria L. Pfannenschmidt, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Gregory M. Alford, Town Attorney

Introduced by Council Member: GEORGE W. WILLIAMS, JR



MEMORANDUM

TO: Town Council

FROM: Public Facilities Committee

VIA: Stephen G. Riley, CM and Town Manager
Scott Liggett, Director of Public Projects & Facilities / Chief Engineer

DATE: November 19th, 2013

RE: Resolution Requesting South Carolina Department of Transportation to Construct Traffic Safety Improvements along US 278 on Jenkins Island

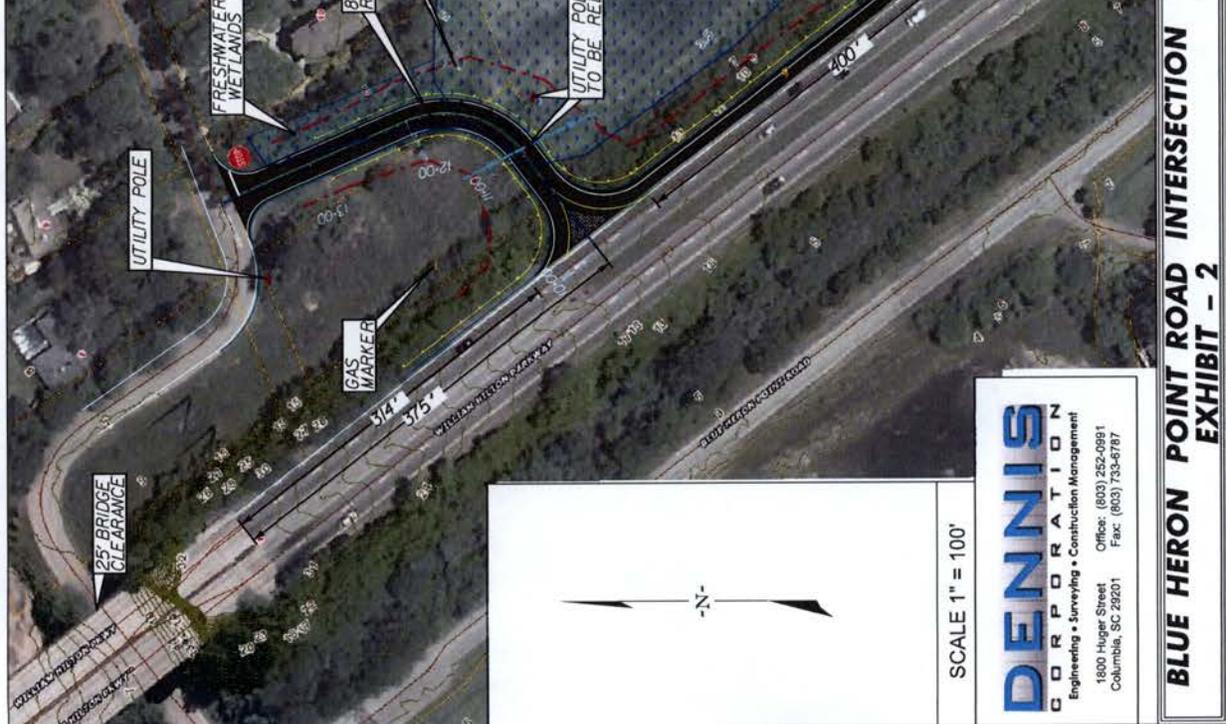
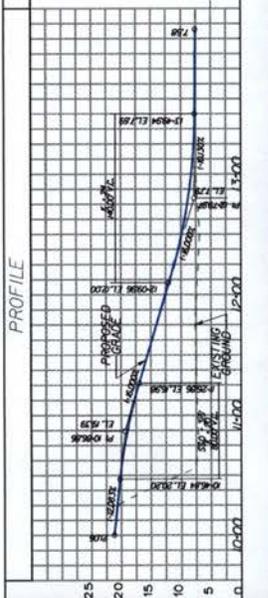
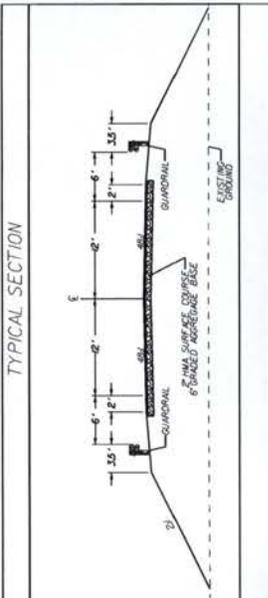
Recommendation: The Public Facilities Committee recommends that Town Council approve the attached resolution which requests the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) to construct a variety of traffic safety improvements along US 278 on Jenkins Island coincident with, or as soon as is practical subsequent to, the completion of the Bluffton Parkway Phase 5-A (Flyover) Project, anticipated for the fall of 2015.

Summary: At their November 5th, 2013 meeting, the Public Facilities Committee approved a motion to forward the above recommendation to Town Council. The traffic safety improvements include the construction of a new road connection between US 278 and Blue Heron Point Road, with access to and from US 278 and the new road connection limited to right-in and right-out movements only. Two possible alignments for this new road connection as provided by Windmill Harbour's consulting engineer are attached, but the final design shall be resolved by the SCDOT in accordance with their engineering standards and practices. The improvements also include the complete closure of the median crossover serving Blue Heron Point Road, and the partial closure of the median closure serving Windmill Harbour's front entrance and Gateway Drive, with movements through this crossover limited to ingress left turns from westbound US 278 into Windmill Harbour. This modification would also limit traffic movements to and from US 278 and Gateway Drive to right-in and right-out movements. Additional improvements include modification of the existing left turn lane serving the ingress left turn from westbound US 278 into Windmill Harbour, lengthening of the acceleration lane that serves egress right turns from Windmill Harbour onto eastbound US 278, and the

construction of an auxiliary acceleration/deceleration (weaving) lane on eastbound US 278 from Blue Heron Point Road to the front entrance of Windmill Harbour. Staff has determined that in lieu of a full frontage road system that may never realize funding in the foreseeable future, the implementation of these improvements in tandem will enhance motorist safety for the near future and preclude the need for signalization of the US 278 / Windmill Harbour / Gateway Drive intersection for an extended period of time.

Background: Staff formerly developed a conceptual plan to completely close all three unsignalized median crossovers on US 278 on Jenkins Island by constructing a frontage road beginning at Jenkins Road on the northern side of US 278, traversing the Town's Jenkins Island parcel, and intersecting Blue Heron Point Road. In 2011, at the request of the Town and County, the roadway improvement project was included in SCDOT's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Since inclusion in the STIP, the State has managed the project and provided \$1,400,000 in funding.

Beaufort County approached LCOG in 2012 and successfully requested that a portion of the programmed \$1,400,000 be diverted into two interim turn lane safety improvements, namely the lengthening of the acceleration lane serving right turns from Windmill Harbour onto eastbound US 278, and an improvement to the left-turn lane serving Windmill Harbour on westbound US 278 in order to improve sight distance for motorists turning left out of Windmill Harbour onto westbound US 278. It is staff's understanding that SCDOT has been surveying and engineering these projects over the past year. While the recommended partial closure to this median closure that would eliminate egress left turns renders the latter improvement potentially unnecessary, improvements may still be warranted to bring the existing turn lane into compliance with current SCDOT standards as worded in the submitted resolution.



LEGEND

- PROPOSED PAVEMENT
- CONCRETE ISLAND
- GUARDRAIL
- SLOPE LIMITS

**BLUE HERON POINT ROAD INTERSECTION
EXHIBIT - 2**

- 0.49 TOTAL WETLAND IMPACTS
- 2 UTILITY POLES IMPACTED
- DECELERATION LANE SLIGHTLY ENCROACHES ON US 278 CURVE



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**BLUE HERON POINT ROAD INTERSECTION
EXHIBIT - 2**

SCALE 1" = 100'

Memo

To: Stephen G. Riley, ICMA-CM, Town Manager
From: Jeff Buckalew, Town Engineer
Via: Scott Liggett, Director of Public Projects & Facilities/Chief Engineer
Date: May 6, 2014
Re: Resolution Consenting to the South Carolina Department of Transportation
Constructing a New Bridge over Jarvis Creek on Spanish Wells Road

Recommendation: The Intergovernmental Relations Committee recommends that Town Council approve the attached resolution which will provide Town Council's consent to the construction of a new bridge over Jarvis Creek on Spanish Wells Road by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT).

Summary: At their April 21st, 2014 meeting, the Intergovernmental Relations Committee approved a motion to forward the above recommendation to Town Council. The SCDOT has requested the Town's consent to a project within the Town limits which replaces the existing bridge over Jarvis Creek on Spanish Wells Road. The Town's consent to the construction of this project is done so with the condition that the project complies with Town ordinances.

Background: The state has approved the naming of this bridge after Charles Simmons, Sr. The project is currently being designed by the SCDOT. Town staff has reviewed the preliminary plans and provided comments to the SCDOT. The current bridge will remain in use during construction of the new bridge. To construct the new bridge and re-aligned roadway, the SCDOT must acquire right of way from the Town.

Attachments:

- Proposed Project Consent Resolution
- Project Plans (by SCDOT)

Resolution Number 14-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, CONSENTING TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND/OR IMPROVEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THAT CERTAIN PROJECT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION KNOWN AS “SC FILE 07.039102 (PIN: 39102_BR01) – BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER JARVIS CREEK ALONG S-79 (SPANISH WELLS ROAD) WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, BEAUFORT COUNTY”, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROJECT PLANS OF SAID PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (“SCDOT”) proposes to construct, reconstruct, alter, or improve the certain segments of the highway(s) in the State Highway System, which are located within the corporate limits of the Town of Hilton Head Island (hereinafter, the “Town”) in connection with that certain project known as “SC File 07.039102 (PIN: 39102_BR01) – Bridge Replacement over Jarvis Creek along S-79 (Spanish Wells Road) within the Town Limits of Hilton Head Island, Beaufort County” (hereinafter, the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to authorize the construction and/or improvements of the aforesaid highway(s) in accordance with plans to be prepared by the SCDOT (“the Project Plans”); and

WHEREAS, the Project Plans must be in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including but not limited to the Municipal Code and Land Management Ordinance of the Town and, as such, must be reviewed and approved by all necessary Town Staff prior to their completion and/or finalization.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA:

1. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 57-5-820 (1991), the Town does hereby consent to the construction and/or improvements of the aforesaid highway(s) within its corporate limits in accordance with the Project Plans. SCDOT shall complete the Project under the Project Plans, subject to the Project Plans being in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including but not limited to the Municipal Code and Land Management Ordinance of the Town. This consent hereby constitutes a waiver of any and all other requirements with regard to construction within the Town's limits. The foregoing waiver and consent shall also extend to the benefit of utility companies engaged in relocating utility lines on account of the Project. Further, the Town shall exempt all existing and new right-of-way and all other properties purchased in connection with right-of-way for the highway(s) from any general or special assessment against real property for municipal services.

2. The Town hereby signifies its intention to faithfully observe the provisions of Chapter 5, Title 56, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, and all amendments thereto relating to the regulation of traffic on the street, or streets, to be constructed, reconstructed, altered or improved as hereinabove identified and further agrees to refrain from placing or maintaining any traffic control devices upon any section of said street, or streets, without having first obtained written approval of the South Carolina Department of Transportation as required in S.C. Code Section 56-5-930 (1976, as amended), nor enacting any traffic regulation ordinances inconsistent therewith.

(SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS)

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF
_____, 2014.**

Drew A. Laughlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Victoria L. Pfannenschmidt, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Gregory M. Alford, Town Attorney

Introduced by Council Member: _____

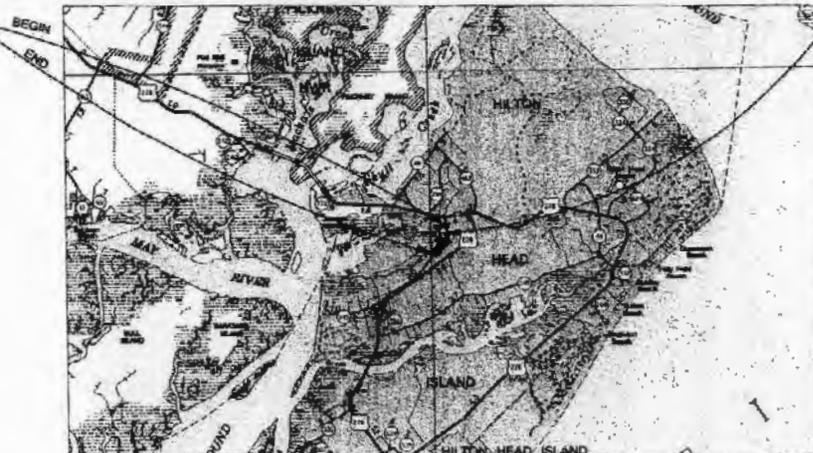


South Carolina Department of Transportation

SHEET NO.	DESCRIPTION	SHEET SUBTOTALS
1A	TITLE SHEET - RIGHT OF WAY	1
2	OMIT	0
2-3C	TYPICAL SECTION	4
4-4A	RIGHT OF WAY DATA SHEET	2
5	OMIT	0
5A-5D	REFERENCE SHEET	4
6-12	PLAN SHEETS	7
G1	GEOTECHNICAL DETAILS	1
EC1	EROSION CONTROL DATA SHEET	1
X1-X19	CROSS SECTION SHEETS	19
TOTAL = 36		

PROPOSED PLANS FOR BEAUFORT COUNTY FILE: 7.039102 PROJ.: BR07(009) ROAD S-79 (SPANISH WELLS ROAD) BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER JARVIS CREEK

FILE: 7.039102 PROJ. NO. BR07(009)
STA. 4+00.00 TO STA. 35+00.00 (SEE SHEETS 6-12)



REMOVE EXISTING BRIDGE
CONSTRUCT 480' X 40' BRIDGE
STA. 17+44.00 TO STA. 22+24.00
(SEE BRIDGE PLANS)
BRIDGE PLANS BOUND
UNDER SEPARATE COVER

Hydraulic Design Reference to these plans is to:

2009

SECTION of SCDOT's "Requirements for Hydraulic Design Manual"

Design Reference for these plans is to:

2001

ARTICLE "A Policy on Uniform Design of Highways and Bridges"

NPDES PERMIT INFORMATION

NPDES District
Area = 2.589 Acres(s)

Approximate Location of Highway is

Begin
Latitude 32° 12' 38.71" N
Longitude 80° 45' 47.92" W

End
Latitude 32° 12' 37.82" N
Longitude 80° 45' 47.92" W

Hydraulic and NPDES Design provided by:
SCDOT

Design may be obtained from the SCDOT Regional Production Group

ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT INFORMATION			
USAGE PERMIT	... YES	... NO	
NEPA DOCUMENT	... YES	... NO	
401 CERTIFICATION	... YES	... NO	
OCM CAP	... YES	... NO	
NAVIGABLE WATERS	... BC	... UNCG	... UBAZE
			N/A

3 DAYS BEFORE DIGGING IN
SOUTH CAROLINA
CALL 811
SOUTH CAROLINA 811 (SC811)
WWW.SC811.COM
ALL UTILITIES MAY NOT BE A MEMBER OF SC811

RAILROAD CROSSING
YES NO

TRAFFIC DATA		
2014	AUT	<u>6900</u>
2024	AUT	<u>10,100</u>
	TRUCKS	<u>3</u>

LAYOUT

SCALE 1"=20' = 600 FEET

	ROAD S-79	EDGE ROAD	TOTAL	UNITS
NET LENGTH OF ROADWAY	0.488	0.024	0.512	MILES
NET LENGTH OF BRIDGES	0.020	0.000	0.020	MILES
NET LENGTH OF PROJECT	0.508	0.024	0.532	MILES
LENGTH OF BRIDGES	N/A	N/A	N/A	MILES
GRADE LENGTH OF PROJECT	0.508	0.024	0.532	MILES

COMMITTEE IN REASONING
NONE

NOTE: EXCEPT AS MAY OTHERWISE BE SPECIFIED ON THE PLANS OR IN THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS, ALL MATERIALS AND WORKMANSHIP ON THIS PROJECT SHALL CONFORM TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION (2007 EDITION) AND THE STANDARD DRAWINGS FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN EFFECT AT THE TIME OF LETTING.

	DESIGNER	DATE	CONSTRUCTION	DATE
PH1 - ROAD	<u>CAC</u>	<u>11/11/14</u>		
PH2 - HYDROLOGY	<u>ADP</u>	<u>11/11/14</u>		
PH3 - STRUCTURES	<u>AMC</u>	<u>11/11/14</u>		
PH4 - GEOTECHNICAL				
PH5 - CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT - ROAD				
PH6 - CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT - STRUCTURES				
PH7 - DESIGN MANAGER	<u>WFM</u>	<u>12/11/14</u>		
PH8 - PROGRAM MANAGER	<u>BR</u>	<u>12/11/14</u>		

Approved for Right Of Way Acquisition:
[Signature] 11/11/2014
DATE

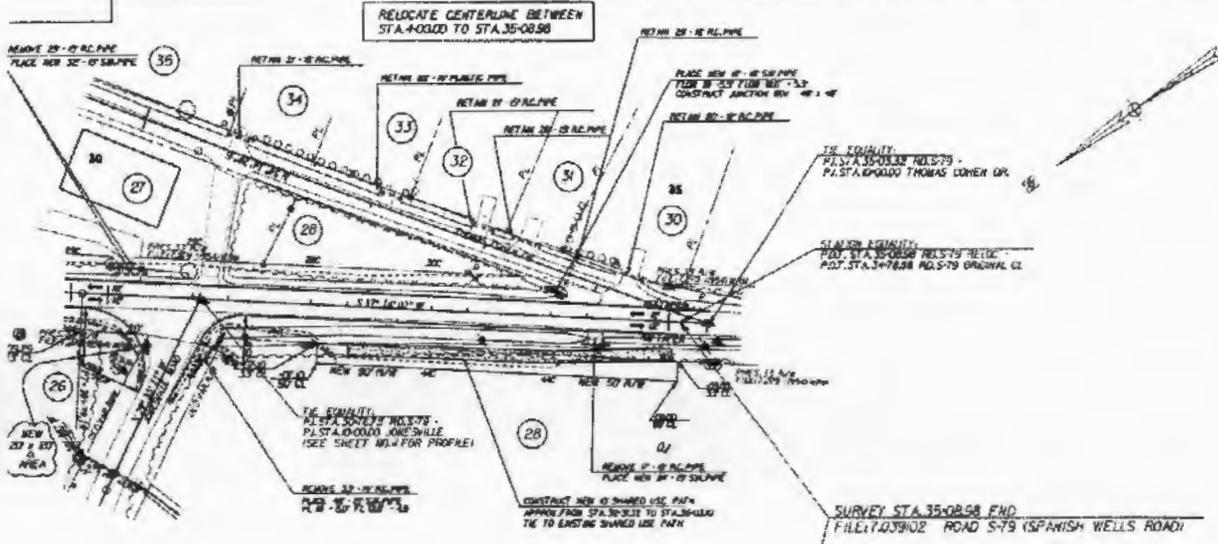
ENGINEER OF RECORD

SOUTH CAROLINA
No. 7208
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER
CIVIL & SURVEYING

FOR CONSTRUCTION: _____ DATE: _____

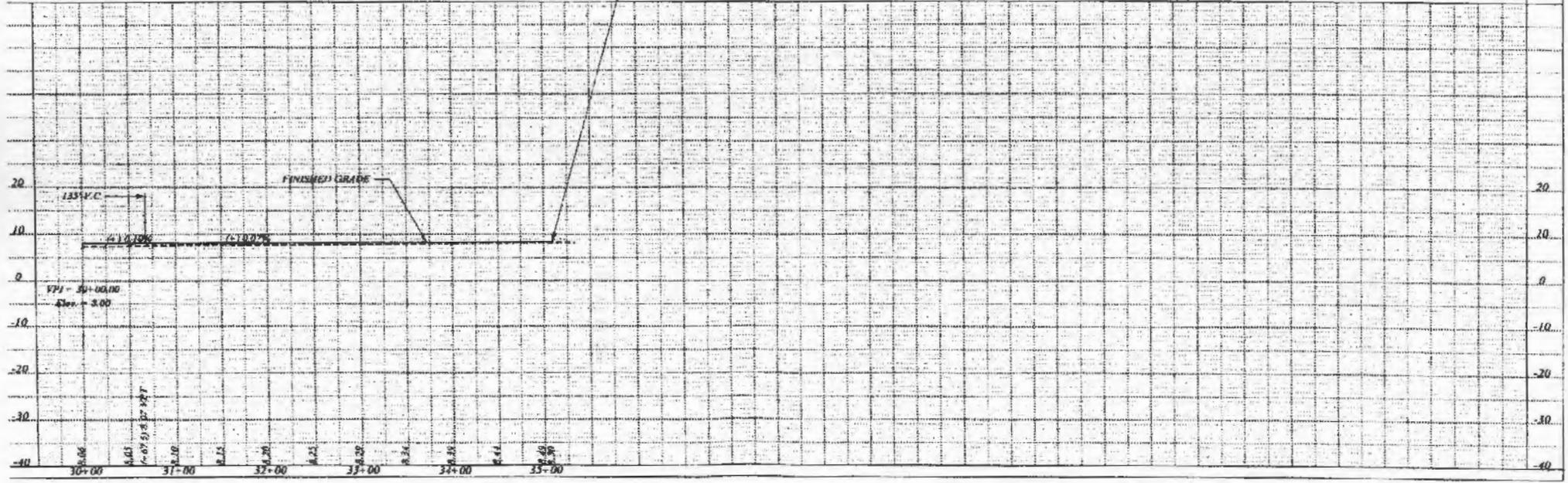
P.W. NO. 579					
DATE	BY	CHKD	SCALE	SHEET	TOTAL
3	W.C.	BEAUFORT	1/2"=10'	1	2

ROAD 5-79



EXISTING R.O.W. CURVE ON A
 10' TO 10'
 1/2" = 10' HORIZ.
 1" = 20' VERT.
 1" = 40' HOR.

ALIGNMENT CONTROL CAN BE FOUND ON REFERENCE SHEET



MEMORANDUM

TO: Town Council

FROM: Stephen G. Riley, Town Manager

DATE: May 1, 2014

RE: **Candidate Projects for Capital Projects Sale Tax Commision**

Recommendation

That Town Council approve and forward to the Beaufort County Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission a prioritized list of capital improvement projects for consideration for inclusion in a future Capital Projects Sales Tax Referendum in Beaufort County.

Summary

The attached list is a draft prepared by Town Staff for consideration by County Council for possible inclusion in a Capital Project Sales Tax Referendum. This preliminary list represents a total of \$56 million in projects. A Commission appointed by Beaufort County Council is currently meeting and conducting hearings to consider proposals from local governments and the public on potential capital projects for inclusion in a future referendum. Each local government must submit a specific list, and not just their total CIP wish list, if they wish for those projects to be considered. Only two more hearings are scheduled and the Commission expects to complete their work by early June; making it necessary for Council to make a timely decision. Council should prioritize any such list of projects

Background

County Council has appointed a six member Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission, in accordance with the State Code providing for a limited duration local one-cent sales tax for a specific list of Capital Projects to be included in a referendum vote. County Council is targeting a November 2014 referendum and Town Council has previously recommended local resident Scott Richardson to serve on the Commission. In order to

place a referendum on the ballot for November, County Council must hold First Reading on an ordinance no later than their last meeting in June. As such, the six member citizen committee must complete their work by early June. Two more public hearings are scheduled; on the 12th and 19th of May. The County and many of the municipalities have already made presentations and Staff has come to realize that we cannot wait until the 19th but need to get our recommendations before the Commission as quickly as possible. Thus the compressed time frame for Council's consideration.

The attached draft is offered for your consideration. Staff recommends that Town Council finalize and forward to the Commission a list of projects at the May 6th Council meeting. Such a list should be in priority order as determined by Council.

The Commission has suggested the following criteria that they will use in evaluating projects:

1. Can the project be funded from any other sources of money?
2. Will the project create revenue?
3. What are the maintenance and personnel costs once the project is completed?
4. Will the project create jobs?
5. Will the project help Beaufort County as a whole?
6. Has a cost benefit study been done on the project?

Given the short time frame, we will be unable to answer most of these questions prior to making a presentation at the May 12th meeting of the Commission but will do what we can.

2014 Beaufort County Capital Projects Sales Tax Candidate Projects

Town of Hilton Head Island

- William Hilton Parkway/Squire Pope Road Intersection Improvements
 - West Bound through lane - \$0.5M

- Multi-Use Pathways - \$6.75M
 - William Hilton Parkway EB – Shelter Cove to Mathews Drive – \$1.2M
 - William Hilton Parkway EB – Gardner Drive to Jarvis Park - \$0.9M
 - William Hilton Parkway WB – Gumtree Road to Squire Pope Road - \$0.55M
 - William Hilton Parkway EB – Village at Wexford to Arrow Road - \$0.2M
 - William Hilton Parkway EB – Jarvis Park to Graves Bridge \$1.91M
 - Singleton Beach Road - \$0.35M
 - William Hilton Parkway WB – Squire Pope Road to Graves Bridge - \$1.55M

- Island Recreation Center Expansion - \$7.0M
 - Design Development and permitting all phases – \$0.75M
 - New pool storage building, toilets/showers/changing rooms - \$0.4M
 - Renovation of existing toilets/showers/changing rooms - \$0.22M
 - New gymnasium, parking, relocation of 3 basketball courts - \$4.6M
 - Playground and ROTC drill pad for BCSD as a result of displacement - \$0.1M
 - Office and class room renovations in existing building, replacement of wood floor and bleachers in existing gym - \$0.39M
 - New enclosure for old pool, refurbish pool and pool deck - \$0.375M
 - New lighting for existing field - \$0.17M

- US 278 Hilton Head Island Entry Corridor Improvements - Bluffton Parkway Phase 5A to Squire Pope Road – \$23.5M
 - intersection and access improvements – Jenkins Island, Hog Island, Pinckney Island \$8.5M
 - concept development, analysis, design, permitting - causeway improvements, replacement of Bowers and Graves Bridges potential roadway expansion and realignment - \$15M

- Arts Center of the Carolinas Rehabilitation/Restoration -\$5M
 - Deferred maintenance - \$4.0M
 - Future needs and studies - \$1.0M

- Roadway Resurfacing and paving– SCDOT and Town owned roads - \$3M
 - Lawton Beach Subdivision (South Forest Beach) - \$1M
 - Lemoyne Avenue - \$250k
 - Indigo Run Drive - \$250k
 - Dunnagan’s Alley - \$250k
 - Main Street South - \$150k
 - Pope Avenue
 - Wild Horse Road
 - Palmetto Bay Road
 - Union Cemetery Road
 - Spanish Wells Road
 - Office Way
 - Dillon Road

- Recreation Facility Rehabilitation/Restoration – Crossings, Chaplin and Barker Field - \$5M

- William Hilton Parkway /Shelter Cove Town Center - roadway, pedestrian and bicycle connectivity improvements - \$1M
 - William Hilton Parkway at Shelter Cove Lane (3 locations) - \$1M

- Ward One Sewer Projects - \$2M
 - Gumtree Project - \$1M
 - Various Ward One service projects - \$1M

- Fire Station 2 (Sea Pines) Replacement \$2.85M
 - Design - \$150K
 - Construction (including temporary quarters) - \$2.7M