



# **The Town of Hilton Head Island Intergovernmental Relations Committee Regular Meeting**

**Monday, February 15, 2016  
10:00 a.m. – Conference Room 3**

## **AGENDA**

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

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Freedom of Information Act Compliance**  
Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and mailed in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Hilton Head Island requirements.
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
  - a. Regular Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting of January 25, 2016
- 4. Chairman's Report**
- 5. Unfinished Business**  
None
- 6. New Business**
  - a. General Discussion with Invited Legislative Delegation Member, Senator Tom Davis
- 7. Adjournment**

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

TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND  
**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Monday, January 25, 2016  
Regular Meeting

*Members Present:* Bill Harkins, *Chairman*, John McCann and Thomas W. Lennox, *Council Members*

*Members Absent:* None

*Others Present:* Joe Croley, *Lowcountry Inside Track*; Jocelyn Staigar, *Hilton Head Area Association of Realtors*

*Staff Present:* Susan Simmons, *Director of Finance*; Greg DeLoach, *Assistant Town Manager*; Faidra Smith, *Administration Manager/Public Information Coordinator*; and Lynn Buchman, *Senior Administrative Assistant*

*Media Present:* None

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:55 a.m. by Chairman Harkins.

**2. Freedom of Information Act Compliance**

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**3. Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2015 meeting of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee was made by Mr. Lennox and seconded by Mr. McCann. The motion was approved unanimously.

**4. Chairman's Report**

None.

**5. Unfinished Business**

None.

**6. New Business**

**a. Proposed Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting Dates for 2016**

Chairman Harkins polled the Committee members, who had no objections to the proposed dates, and Chairman Harkins declared the meeting dates to be approved as presented.

**b. Overview of 2016 S.C. General Assembly Matters by Scott Slatton, Legislative and Public Policy Advocate, Municipal Association of South Carolina**

Scott Slatton reminded the Committee that the General Assembly is in the second year of a two-year session, and any bill not passed this year will need to be re-introduced to restart the entire legislative process in the next session. He briefly discussed bills that were introduced in last year's session that are continuing forward, some of which had companion bills that were passed last year, as follows:

- The body camera bill passed last year mandating that all police jurisdictions across the State deploy body cameras, but compliance is not required until full funding from the legislature is provided for purchase of equipment, initial deployment, and possibly including ongoing maintenance and data storage which is the larger cost. The Law Enforcement Training Council (LETC) is promulgating regulations for local agencies to create their body camera regulations, and local agencies, whether deploying body cameras or not, are required to submit their body camera regulations to the LETC for vetting by March 7, 2016. Once approved, State funds can be applied for and equipment purchased, but enough money is not yet in the budget, so it could be several years before the entire State has body cameras.
- As to the Local Government Fund (LGF), the Governor has recommended in her budget that the LGF be fully funded, with support by a number of legislators, particularly on the Senate side. Mr. Slatton also indicated MASC was supporting the 25% FEMA match money for local governments for the October flooding, which has typically been funded by the State. Since the amount of damages is still being determined, this figure may not be available for several months. A brief discussion ensued about the Town's FEMA claim submitted and being actively pursued for beach damage and renourishment costs which could be up to \$7 Million and support that may be needed for the State to fund the 25% local match, and the areas that are included under the claim and the qualifications to be included. The possible full funding amount, the split between county and municipalities, and the additional \$500,000 - \$600,000 funding that might be available to the Town was briefly discussed, as well as the reasons for opposition from the House and Senate, and possible changes that have been suggested.
- Expungements were briefly discussed and the confusions caused by current law and the effect that retroactive changes would have in the short term.
- The Office of Indigent Defense will again propose a budget proviso that passed last year that prohibits Circuit Public Defenders from providing defense services in Municipal Courts to indigent defendants unless the municipality has a separate agreement with the Public Defenders' office to provide such services. He noted that MASC will again oppose this proviso, as funding is already required from counties for Public Defenders and through ticket assessments going through Municipal Court.
- He outlined the changes to FOIA proposed by House Bill 3191, primarily sponsored by Representative Weston Newton, and the effects and status of the bill.
- The Dilapidated Buildings Act currently on the Senate Judiciary Committee calendar was briefly explained, and support was solicited for passage of this Act.
- Mr. Slatton indicated little movement has been made on the roads issue, with the exception of House Bill 3579 that passed the House last year, but was filibustered in the Senate by Senator Davis until the session ended. It is set for special order on the Senate calendar and could be discussed as early as this week. He noted there is a working group of 8 Senators trying to sculpt a compromise among various factions he identified, with the hopes of having a new proposal before the Senate. The debate will be ongoing, with the Governor reaffirming her stance that she will not accept a gas tax increase without a cut in the income tax.
- Mr. Slatton reported that the Business Licensing Bill, House Bill 3490, requiring business license fees to be capped at \$100 to be collected by the SC Department of Revenue, was not acceptable to municipalities. Working with Representative Quinn and other stakeholders, the concerns were addressed, and the SC Business License Standardization Act was crafted and given to Representative Quinn 2 weeks ago. This standardizes a number of business license processes across the State, but does not mandates rates. He briefly outlined the 5 points of

agreement which were incorporated, including standardizations of business license forms, definition of gross income, class schedules based on North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS Codes), and due dates for business license taxes. Mr. Slatton also noted an on-line business license payment portal would be created by MASC at no charge to municipalities, and access to that portal or a link to an existing portal would be required. He noted the Business License Task Force, which includes Susan Simmons, Director of Finance, helped worked through the issues, and the Task Force will continue to work through the vetting and implementation processes. If the bill passes this year, it would be effective on January 1, 2018, with no negative financial impact expected on municipalities, with the potential of increased collections due to the convenience factor. Brief discussion followed concerning the process that would be involved to transition to NAICS Codes and changes that may be needed that may impact budget considerations. Support was requested once the bill is introduced.

Chairman Harkins thanked Mr. Slatton for his excellent presentation. Mr. DeLoach reported that he sent an email to the Governor's office thanking her for her support of full funding for the Local Government Fund, as letters of support for LGF have been done for many years and will continue to be done until full funding is achieved.

**6. Adjournment**

At 10:47 a.m. Mr. Lennox moved to adjourn and Mr. McCann seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Respectfully submitted:

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Lynn W. Buchman  
Senior Administrative Assistant

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_, 2016:

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Bill Harkins, Chairman