

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

Minutes of the Tuesday, January 20, 2009
Regular Meeting

Members Present: George Williams, *Chairman*; Ken Heitzke

Members Absent: Bill Mottel

Others Present: Bill Ferguson, *Councilman*; Joe Croley, *Hilton Head Area Association of Realtors*

Staff Present: Greg DeLoach, *Assistant Town Manager*; Faidra Smith, *Administration Manager/ Public Information Coordinator*; Shea Farrar, *Senior Planner*; Vicki Pfannenschmidt, *Administrative Assistant*.

Media Present: Daniel Brownstein, *Island Packet*

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

II 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 requirement.

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 18, 2008

Mr. Heitzke moved to approve the November 18, 2008 minutes. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The November 18, 2008 minutes were approved unanimously. (2-0)

IV CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Williams reported he attended the most recent Beaufort County Legislative Affairs Committee meeting. He said our State Senator was also in attendance. During the meeting the Committee reviewed bills that are of interest to them.

V UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VI NEW BUSINESS

- **Review of 2009 General Assembly Session Prefiled Bills**

Legislative Issue	Committee Comments	Staff Action
H.3007 Real Property Valuation	Monitor Closely	Notify Committee if any movement
H.3053 & H.3243 Business License Tax	Monitor Closely	Notify Committee if any movement.
H.3008 Conservation Easements	Monitor	Notify Committee if any movement.
H.3088 Local Government Fees	Monitor Closely	Send a letter under Mayor's signature in opposition.

Legislative Issue	Committee Comments	Staff Action
H. 3074 & H.3253 Annexation	Monitor	Shea Farrar to review. Notify Committee of any movement.
S.0030 - S.C. Homeowners' Association Act	Monitor	Notify Committee of any movement or revisions.
S.0070 – Alcoholic Beverage Control Act	Monitor	Notify Committee of any movement.

Mr. DeLoach informed the Committee the General Assembly started one week ago and the session may be shorter. If that is the case, it puts a premium on our priorities. He also reported all prefiled bills had been assigned to committees.

He noted a letter had been sent from Mayor Peebles upon Town Council recommendation to Senators DeMint and Graham and Representative Wilson concerning an economic recovery package and the Town's recommendations for such. He stated there were major points in the letter which were the package should include funds that go directly to cities to invest in shovel ready infrastructure projects and it should include programs to ensure that the nation's financial markets are working well for cities so cities can issue bonds to support good infrastructure projects and access credit to finance everyday operations.

Mr. DeLoach reported he, the Mayor, and Steve Riley met with a few members of the Beaufort County Legislative Delegation, and Representative Herbkersman informed them he is going to push for beach renourishment funds. Mr. DeLoach also said he brought up the question concerning any statewide efforts for dredging. Representative Herbkersman stated he was unaware of any but he will push for renourishment funds.

Mr. DeLoach also informed the Committee he has assigned some of the bills to staff members for input. He will get back to the Committee with any information or input received. Mr. DeLoach stated staff is very mindful of the looming local government funding cuts. He requested a recommendation from the Committee to authorize the Town Manager to send a general letter to Representative Herbkersman asking for his help in deterring cuts to local governments. Mr. Williams concurred and asked Mr. Heitzke if he was in agreement to authorizing the letter. Mr. Heitzke stated he was in agreement.

Mr. DeLoach then reviewed bills of interest and stated they are being monitored and he will inform the Committee and Town Council of any development. He asked if there were any bills the Committee is interested in to please let him know and he will follow up on them. Mr. Heitzke asked about H.3008 concerning Conservation Easements and what impact it would have on the Town. After discussion it was decided the bill would be reviewed and monitored. Mr. Williams also stated he would like to watch S.0070 concerning the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act. Mr. Williams suggested a letter be sent to the Ways and Means Committee in opposition to H.3088 concerning Local government fees. All were in favor.

Mr. DeLoach stated Shea Farrar was monitoring annexation bills. Mr. Williams said he felt it was beneficial to watch the bills. Shea Farrar informed the Committee she was in the process of reviewing them and is working on getting the definitions of the bills and would have more information in the near future.

Mr. Heitzke stated he wanted to review S.0030 concerning the South Carolina Homeowners' Act. He was concerned because it had not shown up on the Municipal Association's watch list. Mr. DeLoach informed the Committee he contacted Peter Kristian because of his connections with the Homeowners' Association. He stated they are against this and there will be a revision coming out which they will favor. Mr. DeLoach stated if the Committee would like the bill can be placed on the monitoring list. All Committee members were in agreement.

Mr. Williams stated the Town Council meeting for Tuesday, February 17, 2009 was going to be cancelled and suggested the Intergovernmental meeting scheduled for that day be rescheduled. After discussion it was decided the February 17, 2009 Intergovernmental Committee meeting be rescheduled to Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. in Conference Room #3.

VI ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Heitzke moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

George Williams
Chairman

Vicki Pfannenschmidt
Administrative Assistant