

THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING and CIP Budget Workshop

Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Present from Town Council: Thomas D. Peeples, *Mayor*; Ken Heitzke, *Mayor Pro-Tem*; John Safay, George Williams, Drew Laughlin, Bill Ferguson, *Councilmen*.

Absent from Town Council:

Present from Town Staff: Stephen G. Riley, *Town Manager*; Gregory D. DeLoach, *Assistant Town Manager*; Curtis Coltrane, *Assistant Town Manager*; Lavarn Lucas, *Fire Chief, Fire & Rescue*; Charles Cousins, *Director of Community Development*; Susan Simmons, *Director of Finance*; Scott Liggett, *Director of Public Projects & Facilities*; Nancy Gasen, *Director of Human Resources*; Julian Walls, *Facilities Management Director*; Teri Lewis, *LMO Official*; Steven Markiw, *Deputy Finance Director*; Randy Nicholson, *Comprehensive Planning Manager*; Paul Rasch, *Emergency Management Coordinator*; Tom Fultz, *Director of Administrative Services*; Cary Gaffney, *Storm Water Administrator*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; Edward Boring, *Deputy Fire Chief of Support Services*; David Cooler, *Battalion Chief - Planning Liaison*; Brad Tadlock, *Deputy Fire Chief of Operations*; Susan Blake, *Executive Assistant*

Present from Media: Daniel Brownstein, *Island Packet*

1. CALL TO ORDER

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. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

a. General Reports from Council

None

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

Mr. Williams announced that the meeting scheduled for June 16 has been cancelled.

c. Report of the Personnel Committee – Drew Laughlin, Chairman

The committee was prepared to make recommendations to Town Council for appointments to Boards and Commissions.

d. Report of the Planning and Development Standards Committee – Drew Laughlin, Chairman

At their last meeting, the committee reviewed a Zoning Map Amendment application to rezone property on Fish Haul Road. This will be coming forward with a favorable recommendation.

Next, they reviewed another Zoning Map Amendment for a parcel adjacent to the Main Street Inn to add “hotel” as a permitted use. This would be coming forward with a recommendation against approval.

Lastly, proposed shoreline protection ordinance changes were discussed. At the meeting, staff proposed some revisions that would require this matter to go back to the Planning Commission.

e. Report of the Public Facilities Committee – John Safay, Chairman

At today’s meeting, the committee continued their discussion regarding a potential increase in the Storm Water Utility Fee. There was no recommendation at this time.

Mr. Safay said they then discussed criteria for non-profits to submit an application for use of the community space being developed at the Mall at Shelter Cove. This will be coming forward with a favorable recommendation.

On the matter of the road connectivity issues on Mathews Drive, the committee heard a presentation from staff for three options. They will recommend that Town Council adopt all three options with the caveat that Option One be postponed to the year 2012.

f. Report of the Public Safety Committee – George Williams, Acting Chairman

Mr. Williams advised the committee heard a presentation by the Sheriff’s Department on the First Quarter Crime Statistics.

4. APPEARANCE BY CITIZENS

None.

5. REVIEW OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (CIP) PLAN

Scott Liggett made a detailed power point presentation to Town Council on the Capital Improvement Projects budget for FY2010. There was a question and answer period following the power point. Due to the length of time spent on the subject and the need for executive session matters, Steve Riley suggested that the Council reconvene on June 9 at 6:00 p.m. to continue the discussion on the CIP budget. The council members agreed. No actions were taken on the budget.

The Mayor asked if anyone in the audience had any comments or questions at this time. There being none, Mayor Peeples asked the Town Manager if he needed an executive session.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Steve Riley suggested that he needed an executive session for personnel matters related to appointments to Boards and Commissions; personnel matters related to a mid-term review of the Town Attorney and contractual matters regarding a request for an avigation easement over Town-owned property.

At 7:44 p.m. Mr. Heitzke moved to adjourn to executive session for the reasons stated by the Town Manager. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

The Mayor called the meeting back to order at 8:12 p.m. and asked if there was any business to take up as a result of executive session.

Mr. Heitzke moved that the Town Council for the Town of Hilton Head Island adopt an Ordinance authorizing the execution of that certain avigation easement with Beaufort County over property owned by the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina in the Fish Haul area. Mr. Laughlin seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-1. Mayor Peeples, Mr. Heitzke, Mr. Safay and Mr. Laughlin were in favor. Mr. Ferguson was opposed. And Mr. Williams was not present.

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:13 p.m., Mr. Heitzke moved to adjourn. Mr. Laughlin seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Susan Blake, Secretary

Approved:

Thomas D. Peeples, Mayor