

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

Minutes of the Tuesday, February 22, 2011

Regular Meeting

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

*Members Absent:* None

*Others Present:* Bill Ferguson, Kim Likins, *Council Members*; Jim Hess, *Member of Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce Leadership Group*

*Staff Present:* Greg DeLoach, Esq., *Assistant Town Manager*; Faidra Smith, *Administration Manager/Public Information*; Scott Liggett, *Director, Public Projects & Facilities*; Kimberly Kominski, *Administrative Assistant*

*Media Present:* Tom Barton, *Island Packet*

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

**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**

January 18, 2011 Regular Meeting

Mr. Heitzke moved to approve. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 2-0.

**4. Chairman's Report**

Mr. Williams reported that he and several Town Council members attended the MASC meeting in Columbia last week and were told that due to the economic climate of the state and budget issues, bills before the Ways and Means Committee, with the exception of budget items, will probably be carried over to next year for action.

Ms. Likins stated that the sessions in Columbia were informative and the representatives she met with were interested in, and aware of, the Town's needs.

**5. Unfinished Business**

- Mr. DeLoach provided the committee with results of the survey of property transfer fees charged by PUDs.
- Mr. DeLoach informed the committee that the Mayor has sent a letter to the Ways and Means Committee members and the Town's delegation, expressing opposition to H.3516, which allows the General Assembly to reduce the Local Government Fund.
- Mr. DeLoach stated the proposed Voter Identification legislation now has numerous proposed amendments and staff will continue to monitor.

## 6. New Business

### a. Discussion of Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting Times

Mr. Williams explained that this Committee meets on the same day as Town Council and if the time is changed to 2:30 p.m., there will be less down time between meetings. Members in attendance agreed to hold the remaining 2011 Intergovernmental Relations Committee meetings at 2:30 p.m., with the exception of March 15, 2011, which will remain at 2:00 p.m.

### b. Discussion of 2011 General Assembly Issues

- Senate Bill 20 – This bill requires law enforcement to check immigration status of a person stopped, detained or arrested, and includes a provision which allows any citizen to bring a law suit if this is not done. Mr. Williams is concerned with the potential costs associated with such citizen law suits and prefers the Municipal Association’s proposal which allows the Office of the Attorney General to initiate litigation. Mr. DeLoach stated he will discuss the matter with the Sheriff’s Office and staff will continue to monitor.
- Smoking Bills – Most are extensions of existing legislation.
- S.C. Truth in Spending Act - Post Online Expenditures – Mr. Williams stated he has no problem with posting online, other than it is an additional expense to do so.

### c. H.3587: Dredging canals

Mr. Williams stated that upon review, he learned this legislation was written due to a specific issue wherein Horry County has received a permit for dredging from the Army Corps of Engineers but not from the State. He related that the Town may be in a similar situation in the future with respect to Sea Pines.

## 7. Adjournment

At 10:27 a.m., Mr. Heitzke moved to adjourn. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 2-0.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved: April 19, 2011

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George Williams, Chairman

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Kimberly A. Kominski,  
Administrative Assistant