

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

Minutes of the Tuesday, May 17, 2011  
Regular Meeting

*Members Present:* George Williams, *Chairman*; Lee Edwards, *Council Member*; Drew A. Laughlin, *Mayor/Alternate Member*

*Members Absent:* Ken Heitzke, *Council Member*

*Others Present:* Bill Harkins, Kim Likins, Bill Ferguson *Council Members*, Joe Croley, *Hilton Head Area Association of Realtors*;

*Staff Present:* Greg DeLoach, Esq., *Assistant Town Manager*; Faidra Smith, *Administration Manager/Public Information Coordinator*; Scott Liggett, *Director of Public Projects & Facilities*; Jeff Buckalew, *Town Engineer, Public Projects & Facilities*; Cary Gaffney, *Storm Water Administrator, Public Projects & Facilities*; Shea Farrar, *Senior Planner, Community Development Department*; Marcy Benson, *Senior Grants Administrator, Community Development Department*; 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 2:30 p.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**

April 19, 2011 Regular Meeting

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

**4. Chairman's Report**

Mr. Williams stated that the MID Bill is in the Senate Judiciary Committee and suggested that the Town contact Senator Davis to ask that it be moved forward.

**5. Unfinished Business**

**a. Status of 2011 General Assembly Issues**

- Mr. DeLoach stated that it appears the legislation approving a reduction in the Local Government Fund will be approved and the impact to the Town of Hilton Head Island will be a \$79,000 loss in funding.
- Mr. DeLoach stated that the Voter Photo ID legislation is before the Governor for signature and it will have no impact on the absentee ballot process in the Town.

- Mr. DeLoach stated that session adjourns in approximately two weeks and that it is unlikely any additional action will take place on legislation being monitored by the Town prior to the close of session.
- Mr. DeLoach stated that Bobby Bowers, Director of S.C. Office of Research and Statistics is available to meet with the Committee regarding redistricting in July. The Committee members reviewed their calendars and agreed to hold Monday, July 11, 2011 for a Special Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting, with the time to be determined by Mr. Bowers schedule.

**b. Revisions to the Storm Water Management and Utility Agreement between Beaufort County and the Town of Hilton Head Island**

Jeff Buckalew, Town Engineer, Public Projects and Facilities, explained that the current agreement expires in September 2011 and the Town has resolved the outstanding issues regarding the term and calculation of the administrative fee paid to the County. The term will remain at 10 years and the administrative fee will be changed from a flat 5% payment to a fixed dollar amount based on the SFU (single family unit) charge billed by the Storm Water Utility. For fiscal year 2012, the SFU is \$2.80, which equates to a payment of \$92,000 to the County for Administrative Services. This amount is approximately 50% less than the fee paid at the flat 5% rate. After Fiscal Year 2012, the Storm Water Implementation Committee will conduct annual reviews of the County's administrative services budget and recommend any changes to the amount billed per SFU.

After discussion, the Committee concurred to recommend approval of the revised Storm Water Management and Utility Agreement between Beaufort County and the Town of Hilton Head Island to Town Council.

**New Business**

**c. H.3918 – Aeronautics Bill**

Mr. DeLoach explained that this bill was introduced on May 3, 2011 and session will be adjourning in two weeks, therefore, it is unlikely that any action will be taken on this matter during the current legislative session.

Shea Farrar, Senior Planner, Community Development Department, explained that in an effort to reduce duplication of services the bill relocates the Division of Aeronautics to within the Department of Transportation and that it also gives increased authority to the Division for regulation of airports and surrounding lands, to abate or requirement abatement of airport hazards, and deletes the exemption of airports owned by governmental agencies from regulations enacted by the Division. Ms. Farrar explained that she contacted Paul Andres, Beaufort County Director of Airports, and was told that the legislation was drafted by the Executive Director of the Division of Aeronautics. She also explained that the MASC has submitted a revised proposal, however, their proposal does not address all issues that concern the Town.

The committee discussed the potential negative impact this legislation could have on the Town of Hilton Head Island and agreed to send a letter expressing concern with the content of the legislation to Senator Davis and Representatives Herbkersman and Patrick.

**6. Adjournment**

At 3:07 p.m. Mr. Edwards moved to adjourn and Mr. Laughlin seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Approved: July 11, 2011

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George Williams, Chairman

Respectfully submitted:

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Lynn W. Buchman  
Administrative Assistant