

THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, November 7, 2012

Time: 4:00 P.M.

Present from Town Council: Drew A. Laughlin, *Mayor*; Ken Heitzke, *Mayor Pro Tem*; George Williams, Bill Ferguson, Lee Edwards, Bill Harkins, Kim Likins, *Council Members*

Absent from Town Council: Lee Edwards, *Council Member*

Present from Town Staff: Greg DeLoach, *Assistant Town Manager*; Scott Liggett, *Director of Public Projects and Facilities/Chief Engineer*; Susan Simmons, *Director of Finance*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; Jill Foster, *Deputy Director of Community Development*; Jeff Buckalew, *Town Engineer*; Julian Walls, *Facilities Manager*; Teri Lewis, *LMO Official*; Nicole Dixon, *Senior Planner*; Erica Madhere, *Finance Assistant*; Vicki Pfannenschmidt, *Executive Assistant*

Present from Media: Casey Conley, *Island Packet*

1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Laughlin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2) PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3) INVOCATION

4) 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.

5) Proclamations and Commendations

a. Hilton Head Island High School “Lady Seahawks” Swimming Team

Coach Lane and members of the Swimming Team were present to accept the commendation.

b. Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

Mr. Richard Boccabella was present to accept the proclamation.

6) Approval of Minutes

a. Town Council Special Meeting – October 31, 2012

Mr. Heitzke moved to approve. Mr. Williams seconded. The minutes of the October, 31, 2012 Town Council Special meeting were approved by a vote of 6-0.

7) Report of the Town Manager

a. Town Managers Items of Interest

Mr. DeLoach reviewed the items of interest.

b. October, 2012 Quarterly Report

Mr. DeLoach reviewed the report.

- c. Economic Development Advisory Committee – Report to Town Council, Jim Gant, Chairman

Mr. Gant presented a power point summarizing the report and the recommendation of the Committee.

8) Reports from Members of Council

a. General Reports from Council

Mr. Williams reported he and Bill Ferguson attended the recent LCOG meeting and explained that due to the current establishment of a Metropolitan Planning Organization there will be a transition period concerning funding. He stated that any project funded now will continue to be funded through the assigned revenue source which is LCOG. Mr. Williams said there will be a formal presentation explaining the process in January and he will report back at that time. He also reported there is a plan to rework the proposed changes in the Windmill Harbor entrance because the SCDOT discovered that with the proposed plan, a bridge would be needed which increased the cost to \$6 million as opposed to the \$1.5 million budgeted. He said there is a request from the County to modify the project and there could be approval by LCOG by the end of January. Mr. Williams said they hope to complete the project next year.

Mr. Harkins suggested caution concerning the flyover project. He noted the low bid came in much higher than the allocated funds and he expressed concerns with the overall project.

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

No report.

c. Report of the Personnel Committee – Lee Edwards, Chairman

Mrs. Likins stated the Committee continues to interviews to replace vacancies on various Boards/Committees/Commissions and they hope to have recommendations in the near future.

d. Report of the Planning & Development Standards Committee –Bill Ferguson, Chairman

No report.

e. Report of the Public Facilities Committee – Kim Likins, Chairman

Mrs. Likins stated the Committee met earlier in the day and approved several items along with denying a recommendation to take over ownership of part of Main Street. She explained funding was the primary reason and the Committee felt there should a road acquisition criteria established and staff will be bringing forward a proposed policy.

f. Report of the Public Safety Committee – Bill Harkins, Chairman

Mr. Harkins reported the Committee met recently and reviewed the license identification program and there was discussion concerning low bonds for career criminals.

g. Report of the LMO Rewrite Committee – Kim Likins, Ex-Officio Member

Mrs. Likins reported the Committee has met twice in the past seven days with favorable community support. Items of discussion were height limitations and the POA's authority in common areas of the Planned Unit Developments. Both items will be reviewed by the Committee and Consultant. She said the first initial draft from the consultant should be forthcoming in the next two weeks.

h. Report of the Economic Development Committee – Bill Harkins, Town Council Liaison
No report.

9) Appearance by Citizens

None.

10) Unfinished Business

None.

11) New Business

a. Consideration of a Recommendation – Alternative Analysis of a Standalone Aquatics Facility

Consideration of a Recommendation that the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island review the findings and recommendations provided in the Alternative Analysis prepared by Lee & Parker Architects and The FWA Group, regarding the location of the proposed standalone Aquatics Facility, and use the recommendations when discussing the project for potential inclusion in the Capital Improvements Program budget.

Mr. Heitzke moved to approve. Mr. Williams seconded. Mr. Parker and Mr. Taylor conducted a power point presentation and reviewed the recommendation in detail. After a question and answer period, the motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

b. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2012-37

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2012-37 to amend Chapter 1 (Business and Professional Licensing) of Title 10 (Business and Professional Licensing; Franchising and Regulations) of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina by amending Section 10-1-190 Classification Rates, Schedules; and provide for severability and an effective date.

Mr. Heitzke moved to approve. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

c. Consideration of a Recommendation of early release of 2013 ATAX grant for the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina

Consideration of a Recommendation that Town Council authorize the immediate release of the ATAX funds in the amount \$346,678 previously awarded to the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina for their use in calendar year 2013; and simultaneously direct the Town Manager to develop an RFP for a review of the performing arts on the Island, and to work with the Arts Center Staff and Board to identify additional budgetary savings in the current fiscal year and beyond.

Mr. Heitzke moved to approve. Mr. Ferguson seconded. Mr. Fred Beard expressed his gratitude to Town Council for considering the item. He stated he is pleased to support and RFP for the performing arts review on Hilton Head Island and the they plan to participate fully and actively as requested. He said they will make available any materials needed. Mr. Harkins expressed his support of the review. Mrs. Likins added she would like all of the performing arts organizations included in the study and hopes to be able to see some type of performing arts organization business model that is

successful for our community and other places. She added she would like to see what facility maintenance is going to ultimately cost versus operating costs. Mrs. Likins also wanted clarification that the costs assessment of organizations receiving public support would be organizations outside of the community as none within the community receive public support. Mr. Robert Lee and Mr. Jack Morris spoke in support of the Arts Center and the proposed review. Mayor Laughlin said that he considers arts to be a critical component of a successful future for this community. He said it was less surprising to him that we find ourselves where we are now than it is that it has taken so long and that they have soldiered on as long as they have under the existing conditions. He expressed hopes of solving the problem. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

12) Executive Session

Mr. DeLoach stated he needed an executive session to hear legal advice for the Republic Franchise Agreement and to discuss appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Beaufort-Jasper Water and Sewer Authority. He noted they would not be discussing Land Acquisition.

At 5:30 p.m. Mr. Williams moved to go into Executive Session for the reasons given by the Assistant Town Manager. Mr. Ferguson seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

Mayor Laughlin called the meeting back to order at 6:12 p.m. and asked if there was any business to take up as a result of executive session.

Mrs. Likins moved to appoint Mr. Fred Lowery to the parks and Recreations Commission. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0. Mr. Heitzke did not return to the dais after Executive Session.

13) Adjournment

Mr. Williams moved to adjourn. Mrs. Likins seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Victoria L. Pfannenschmidt
Executive Assistant

Approved:

Drew A. Laughlin, Mayor