

THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, April 3, 2012

Time: 4:00 P.M.

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

Present from Town Staff: Steve Riley, *Town Manager*; Greg DeLoach, *Assistant Town Manager*; Charles Cousins, *Director of Community Development*; Scott Liggett, *Director of Public Projects and Facilities/Chief Engineer*; Lavarn Lucas, *Fire Chief*; Nancy Gasen, *Director of Human Resources*; Susan Simmons, *Director of Finance*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; Teri Lewis, *LMO Official*; Julian Walls, *Facilities Manager*; Ed Boring, *Deputy Fire Chief – Support Services*; Randy Lindstrom, *Administrative Battalion Chief*; Benton Waller, *Battalion Chief-Training*; Bonnie Evans, *Senior Human Resources Administrator*; Lori Schmidt, *Billing and Cash Receipting Manager*; Norma Foley- Moore, *Senior Dispatcher*; Mathew Ledford, *Dispatcher*; Vicki Pfannenschmidt, *Executive Assistant*

Present from Media: Tom Barton, *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. Parkinson’s Awareness Month

Ellen Forwalk and members of the local support group were present to accept the proclamation.

b. National Telecommunicators Week

Senior Dispatcher Norma Foley-Moore, Senior Dispatcher Jenna Streeter and Dispatcher Matthew Ledford were present to accept the proclamation.

6) Approval of Minutes

a. Town Council Meeting – March 20, 2012

Mr. Heitzke moved to approve. Mr. Williams seconded. The minutes of the March 20, 2012 Town Council meeting were approved by a vote of 6-1-0. Mrs. Likins abstained because she was not present at the March 20, 2012 meeting.

7) Report of the Town Manager

a. Town Manager's Items of Interest

Mr. Riley reported on some items of interest.

b. Airport Tree Clearing Update – Michael Murphy, Arborist

Mr. Murphy updated Town Council concerning the current status and future plans concerning tree clearing, pruning and the mitigation plan.

c. Hilton Head Island Fire and Rescue Accreditation - Lavarn Lucas, Fire Chief

Chief Lucas presented Mayor Laughlin and Mr. Riley with the plaque designating Hilton Head Island Fire and Rescue as an accredited agency from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International.

8) Reports from Members of Council

a. General Reports from Council

Mr. Ferguson referred to a recent article in the Island Packet concerning the recent Marsh Tacky Race and a local resident who owns a Marsh Tacky horse being excluded from the race. He stated there are rumors a group may conduct their own race next year. Mr. Ferguson expressed regret concerning the situation and stated that hopefully, something can be done to resolve the matter.

Mayor Laughlin announced that Hilton Head High School received the Palmetto Achievement Award as being "The Best" High School in the State of South Carolina. He commented it was a long time coming and congratulations are in order for Superintendent Truesdale, Principal O'Nan, Staff, Faculty, students and parents.

Mayor Laughlin reminded all that the RBC Heritage Golf Tournament presented by Boeing will take place next week and the most effective marketing that can take place for Hilton Head Island is to show hospitality. He encouraged all to take the time to welcome and assist visitors as much as possible.

Mr. Edwards referred to the March 20, 2012 Town Council recommendation supporting the construction of the Bluffton Parkway Phase 5A project. He stated he felt he and Town Council made a mistake in voting for it and requested the matter be brought back to Council for further review. Mr. Edwards stated he has been contacted by many constituents with valid reasons as to why the flyovers should not be built. He further stated that he and many others felt the entrance to Hilton Head Island deserves better than to have two forty-foot wide, concrete and steel flyovers. Mr. Edwards said the community should have something that is great and that they are proud of at the entrance.

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

No report.

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

No report.

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

Mr. Ferguson reported the Committee recently reviewed a request for rezoning in the Palmetto Dunes area. He stated that Staff had just informed him that there was an error in the application and it will need a new Public Hearing before the Planning Commission before coming back to the Committee.

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

No report.

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

Mr. Harkins stated Item 11.b. was a result of a Committee meeting.

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

Mrs. Likins stated the Committee has received the assessment from the Consultant and they are in the process of reviewing the document and providing feedback.

9) Appearance by Citizens

Mr. George Salemi, Mr. Pete Smith, Mr. Ed Tiscornia, Mr. Bob Richardson and Mr. Chet Williams addressed Town Council concerning the Airport Trees and Mitigation Plan and the impact on Palmetto Hall and the Town of Hilton Head Island. They all spoke in opposition to the process and asked that Town Council step in to defend the environment and the constituents on the North End of the Island.

10) Unfinished Business

a. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2012-04

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2012-04 to amend the *Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina* (1983), by deleting Chapter 8 (Disaster Recovery Commission) of Title 7 (Public Safety); and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mr. Heitzke moved to approve. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

b. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2012-05

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2012-05 to amend the budget for the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012; to provide for the budgeted appropriations of prior year encumbrances and for the expenditures of certain funds; and to allocate the sources of revenue for the said funds.

Mr. Heitzke moved to approve. Mr. Harkins seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

c. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2012-06

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2012-06 to amend the budget for the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012; to provide for the budgeted appropriations of prior year budget roll-forwards and the expenditures of certain funds; and to allocate the sources of revenue for the said funds.

Mr. Heitzke moved to approve. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

d. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2012-07

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2012-07 to amend the budget for the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012; to provide for the expenditures of certain funds; and to allocate the sources of revenue for the said funds.

Mr. Heitzke moved to approve. Mrs. Likins seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

11) New Business

a. Consideration of a Resolution to Proclaim April, 2012 as Fair Housing Month

Consideration of a Resolution that the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina proclaim April, 2012 as Fair Housing Month.

Mr. Heitzke moved to approve. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

b. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2012-03

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2012-02 to amend Title 12 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic Control) of the *Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina* by adding Chapter 5 (Towing); and provide for severability and an effective date.

Mr. Heitzke moved to approve. Mr. Harkins seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

c. Consideration of a Recommendation regarding a Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement with the Island Recreation Association, Inc.

Consideration of a Recommendation that the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina approve a Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between the Town of Hilton Head Island and the Island Recreation Association, Inc.

Mr. Heitzke moved to approve. Mrs. Likins seconded.

Mr. Williams noted the importance of not precluding one party or organization from having exclusive use of the tennis courts.

Mr. Frank Soule, Executive Director of Island Recreation Association, pointed out that they will now be scheduling town-owned parks which will make the process much easier.

The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

d. Consideration of a Resolution to Amend the Scope of the Funds Committed to the Heritage Golf Tournament

Consideration of a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, to amend the Scope of the Funds committed by the Town for the Heritage Golf Tournament from 2012 to 2016.

Mr. Heitzke moved to approve. Mr. Harkins seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

12) Executive Session

Mr. Riley stated he needed an executive session for contractual matters pertaining to land acquisition including a proposed land swap with the Mall at Shelter Cove and personnel matters pertaining to appointments to Boards and Commissions.

At 5:05 p.m. Mr. Heitzke moved to go into Executive Session for the reasons given by the Town Manager. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

Mayor Laughlin called the meeting back to order at 6:18 p.m. and asked if there was any business to take up as a result of executive session.

Mrs. Likins moved that the Mayor and the Town Manager be authorized to execute and deliver the contract for the purchase of 3.61 acres on Hilton Head Island from CRM Mid-Atlantic Properties, LLC, and that the Mayor and Town Manager be authorized to take such other and further actions as may be necessary to close the transaction described in the contract. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

Mrs. Likins moved that Town Council approve a resolution relating to the declaration of intent by the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, to reimburse certain expenditures prior to the issuance by the Town of its tax-exempt debt. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

13) Adjournment

Mr. Heitzke moved to adjourn. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6.19 p.m.

Vicki Pfannenschmidt
Executive Assistant

Approved: 5/1/2012

Drew A. Laughlin, Mayor