

THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Time: 4:00 P.M.

Present from Town Council: Drew A. Laughlin, *Mayor*; Bill Harkins, *Mayor Pro Tem*; Kim Likins, Lee Edwards, Marc Grant, John McCann, *Council Members*

Absent from Town Council: George Williams, *Council Member*

Present from Town Staff: Greg DeLoach, *Assistant Town Manager*, Scott Liggett, *Director of Public Projects and Facilities/Chief Engineer*; Charles Cousins, *Director of Community Development*; Lavarn Lucas, *Fire Chief*; Tom Fultz, *Director of Administrative Services*; Susan Simmons, *Director of Finance*; Bret Martin, *Deputy Director of Finance*; Victoria Shanahan, *Accounting Manager*; Jeff Buckalew, *Town Engineer*; Julian Walls, *Facilities Manager*; Natalie Majorkiewicz, *Systems & Reporting Administrator*; Jill Foster, *Deputy Director of Community Development*; Nancy Gasen, *Director of Human Resources*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; Heather Colin, *Development Review Administrator*; Rene Phillips, *Website/Court Systems Administrator*; Anne Cyran, *Senior Planner*; Vicki Pfannenschmidt, *Executive Assistant*

Present from Media: Brian Heffernan, *Island Packet*

1) CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Laughlin stated Council Member Williams and Town Manager Steve Riley had notified him that they would not be in attendance.

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. Public Service Recognition Week

Town of Hilton Head Island employees Battalion Chief Jeff Hartberger, *29 years of service*; Fire Lieutenant Gerald O'Quinn, *27 years of service*, Sue Edwards, *Accountant, 26 years of service* and Sarah Wallace, *Community Development Assistant, 25 years of service*, were present to accept the proclamation.

b. Building Safety Month

Richard Spruce, *Town of Hilton Head Island Plans Review Administrator* was present to accept the proclamation.

c. Hilton Head Christian Academy “Eagles” Varsity Golf Team

Head Coach Doug Langhals and members of the Golf Team were present to accept the proclamation.

6) Approval of Minutes

a. Town Council Meeting – April 23, 2013

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. McCann seconded. The minutes of the April 23, 2013 Town Council meeting were approved by a vote of 6-0.

7) Report of the Town Manager

a. Town Manager’s Items of Interest

Mr. DeLoach reported on some items of interest. He added that a Special Town Council is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. and that it was for the purpose of reviewing applications for the Economic Development Corporation Board members. Mr. DeLoach explained that after the meeting commences, Town Council will adjourn to executive session for the review of individual applications. Mr. DeLoach stated there would be a Public Hearing held on June 11, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. concerning the FY2014 Budget.

b. April, 2013 Quarterly Report

Mr. DeLoach noted the report was included in the packet and staff was available to answer any questions.

c. Presentation of the Government Finance Officers Association’s Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012

Mayor Laughlin presented the award to Susan Simmons.

d. Broadcasting of Town Council Meetings

Mr. DeLoach reviewed the recommendation and specifics required in order to broadcast Town Council meetings. After discussion, it was the consensus of Town Council that staff bring a proposed memo of understanding back to Council as an action item at the next Town Council meeting.

8) Reports from Members of Council

a. General Reports from Council

Mayor Laughlin pointed out that Hilton Head Island was named the Best Beach Town for families in America by *Parents Magazine*.

Mr. Harkins explained there is a movement underway challenging the process of municipal bonds which would result in higher interest rates. He encouraged Council to have dialogue with state and federal representative stating opposition to the movement. He suggested enlisting the Chamber of Commerce for assistance. Mr. McCann concurred stating the effort would cost taxpayers and not the bond holders.

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

No report.

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

Mr. Edwards commented on the upcoming Special Town Council meeting scheduled for May 15 stating approximately 47 applications have been received for the Economic Development Corporation Board and there is a good pool of applicants to choose from.

d. Report of the Planning & Development Standards Committee – John McCann, Chairman

Mr. McCann stated the Committee was in full support of New Business - Item 11.c. on the agenda.

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

No report.

f. Report of the Public Safety Committee – Marc Grant, Chairman

Mr. Grant stated the Committee met on May 6 and voted unanimously to move forward the texting while driving issue to the full Town Council.

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

Mrs. Likins stated the Committee is meeting on a weekly basis and at this time they are in the process of reviewing the chapter on new zoning. Mr. McCann encouraged all Council members to attend the meetings.

9) Appearance by Citizens

None.

10) Unfinished Business

a. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2013-02

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2013-02 authorizing the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$9,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, in one or more series, in one or more years, with appropriate series designations, of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina; fixing the form and certain details of the bonds; authorizing the Town Manager or his lawfully authorized designee to determine certain matters relating to the bonds; providing for the payment of the bonds and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; to adopt written procedures related to tax-exempt debt; other matters relating thereto; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve. Mr. McCann seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

11) New Business

a. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2013-03

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2013-03 to amend the budget for the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013; to provide for the expenditures of certain funds; and to allocate the sources of revenue for the said funds.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mrs. Likins seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

b. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2013-05

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2013-05 to raise revenue and adopt a budget for the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014; to establish a property tax levy; to establish funds; to establish a policy for acquisition of rights of way and easements; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve. Mr. Harkins seconded. Susan Simmons presented an overview of the proposed FY14 Budget. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

c. Consideration of a Resolution – United Way of the Lowcountry Thermometer Signs

Consideration of a Resolution by the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island approving the display of four United Way of the Lowcountry thermometer signs during its annual fundraising campaign.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mrs. Likins seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

d. Request from the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce for Support of Efforts to Host an IRONMAN Triathlon on Hilton Head Island and the Lowcountry beginning in 2014.

Bill Miles of the Hilton Head Island – Bluffton Chamber of Commerce explained they were seeking support from Town Council for Hilton Head Island to host the IRONMAN Competition. He stated it would be a chance to bring a world class event to a world class destination. After discussion, Mr. Edwards moved that Town Council enthusiastically support the Chamber of Commerce effort to bring the IRONMAN Triathlon to Hilton Head Island. Mr. McCann seconded.

Mr. Alfred Olivetti stated there is a team of community members and business people that stand ready and willing with their talent, time and trade to help the Chamber help the Town bring IRONMAN here and Council can feel confident they will be there for them.

The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

12) Executive Session

Mr. DeLoach stated he needed an Executive Session for legal matters related to a franchise agreement.

At 5:50 p.m. Mr. Edwards moved to go into Executive Session for the reasons given by the Town Manager. Mrs. Likins 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 stated there was no action taken in Executive Session.

11) Adjournment

Mr. Harkins moved to adjourn. Mr. McCann seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Vicki L. Pfannenschmidt
Executive Assistant

Approved:

Drew A. Laughlin, Mayor