

THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, July 2, 2013

Time: 4:00 P.M.

Present from Town Council: Drew A. Laughlin, *Mayor*; George Williams, Kim Likins, Marc Grant, John McCann, *Council Members*

Absent from Town Council: Bill Harkins, *Mayor Pro Tem*; Lee Edwards, *Council Member*

Present from Town Staff: Greg DeLoach, *Assistant Town Manager*, Charles Cousins, *Director of Community Development*; Lavarn Lucas, *Fire Chief*; Scott Liggett, *Director of Public Projects and Facilities/Chief Engineer*; Tom Fultz, *Director of Administrative Services*; Susan Simmons, *Director of Finance*; Jill Foster, *Deputy Director of Community Development*; Brad Tadlock, *Deputy Fire Chief – Operations*; Julian Walls, *Facilities Manager*; Nancy Gasen, *Director of Human Resources*; Joheida Fister, *Fire Marshal*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; Rene Phillips, *Website Administrator*; Lynn Buchman, *Administrative Assistant*; 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.

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. Parks and Recreation Month

Frank Soule was present to accept the proclamation.

6) Approval of Minutes

a. Town Council Special Meeting – June 11, 2013

Mr. Williams moved to approve. Mr. McCann seconded. The minutes of the June 11, 2013 Town Council Special Meeting were approved by a vote of 5-0.

b. Town Council Special Meeting/Budget Workshop/Public Hearing – June 11, 2013

Mr. Williams moved to approve. Mr. McCann seconded. The minutes of the June 11, 2013 Town Council Special Meeting/Budget Workshop/Public Hearing were approved by a vote of 5-0.

c. Town Council Special Meeting – June 12, 2013

Mr. William moved to approve. Mr. McCann seconded. The minutes of the June 12, 2013 Town Council Special Meeting were approved by a vote of 5-0.

d. Town Council Special Meeting – June 18, 2013

Mr. Williams moved to approve. Mr. McCann seconded. The minutes of the June 18, 2013 Town Council Special Meeting were approved by a vote of 5-0.

e. Town Council Meeting – June 18, 2013

Mr. Williams moved to approve. Mr. McCann seconded. The minutes of the June 18, 2013 Town Council Meeting were approved by a vote of 5-0.

7) Report of the Town Manager

a. Semi-Annual Report of the Design Review Board – Scott Sodemann, Chairman

Chairman Sodeman presented an activity report for the first six months of 2013.

b. Semi-Annual Report of the Board of Zoning Appeals – Roger A. DeCaigny, Chairman

Chairman DeCaigny presented an activity report for the first six months of 2013.

c. Town Manager’s Items of Interest

Mr. DeLoach reported on some items of interest. Mr. DeLoach stated there would be no Town Council meeting the third Tuesday in July noting the next Town Council meeting was scheduled for August 6. He added that the August 6 meeting is scheduled to be broadcast on the County Channel.

8) Reports from Members of Council

a. General Reports from Council

Mrs. Likins stated she had gone to Statesboro to the Splash in the Boro Water Park and she has hopes that as plans continue to move forward something similar would be considered for the Town.

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 – John McCann, Chairman

No report.

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

No report.

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

Mr. Grant reported the Committee met on Monday, July 1 and Chief Lucas reviewed the Hilton Head Island Fire and Rescue Annual Report and gave an update on the Strategic Plan.

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

Mrs. Likins stated the Committee met the previous week and discussed opportunities to provide the POA management greater responsibilities concerning tree maintenance and management. She said the next meeting was scheduled for July 11 at 8:30 a.m.

9) Appearance by Citizens

None.

10) Unfinished Business

a. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2013-07

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2013-07 to amend the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island by adding Article 6 Section 12-1-611 to Chapter 1 of Title 12, establishing a regulation prohibiting the use of a handheld electronic communication device for the reviewing, drafting, or sending of electronic communications while operating a motor vehicle in the Town of Hilton Head Island; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve. Mr. McCann seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-1. Mr. Williams opposed.

b. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2013-09

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2013-09 of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, authorizing the execution of a lease with the Island Recreation Association, Inc. for property owned by the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, pursuant to the authority of S.C. Code Ann. Sec. 5-7-40 (Supp. 2012), and Sec. 2-7-20, *Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina*, (1983); and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve. Mr. McCann seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

11) New Business

a. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2013-08

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2013-08 to repeal Chapter 7 of Title 9 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina and to reenact a new Chapter 7 of Title 9, Open Burning; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve. Mr. McCann seconded. Mr. Williams expressed his concern and dissatisfaction with the content of the proposed ordinance. Mr. Williams moved to table the item until such time Council can call a workshop to go through the proposed ordinance item by item. The motion failed for a lack of a second. Mayor Laughlin invited Chief Lucas to the podium to discuss the proposed ordinance. Chief Lucas reviewed the items of concern explaining reasoning for their inclusion. After lengthy discussion, Mayor Laughlin invited members of the public to speak. Thomas Curtis Barnwell, III and Thomas C. Barnwell, Jr. and Irvin Campbell spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance. Greg Clements spoke in support of the proposed ordinance. The original motion was defeated by a vote of 2-3. (Mayor Laughlin, Mrs. Likins and Mr. Williams were opposed.)

b. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2013-12

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance of the Town of Hilton Head, South Carolina, authorizing the granting of an easement encumbering real property owned by the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, commonly known as "Barker Field Expansion", being 17.56 acres on Mitchelville Road, pursuant to the authority of S. C. Code Ann. § 5-7-40 (Supp. 2010), and § 2-7-20, *Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina*, (1983, As Amended); and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mr. Williams moved to approve. Mrs. Likins seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

12) Executive Session

Mr. DeLoach stated he needed an Executive Session for land acquisition and personnel matters related to appointments to Boards and Commissions.

At 5:26 p.m. Mrs. Likins moved to go into Executive Session for the reasons given by the Assistant Town Manager. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Laughlin called the meeting back to order at 5:48 p.m. and the remaining New Business item was addressed.

c. Consideration of appointments to Boards and Commissions

Mr. Williams moved that the term of Bob Spears recent appointment to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee be amended to reflect that he shall serve the unexpired term of Bret Martin, namely until June of 2015. Mrs. Likins seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

13) Adjournment

Mr. Williams moved to adjourn. Mrs. Likins seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Vicki L. Pfannenschmidt
Executive Assistant

Approved:

Drew A. Laughlin, Mayor