

THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2013

Time: 4:00 P.M.

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

Present from Town Staff: Steve Riley, *Town Manager*; 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*; Susan Simmons, *Director of Finance*; Jill Foster, *Deputy Director of Community Development*; Brad Tadlock, *Deputy Fire Chief – Operations*; Nancy Gasen, *Director of Human Resources*; Tom Fultz, *Director of Administrative Services*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; Bret Martin, *Deputy Director of Finance*; Tom Dunn, *Emergency Management Coordinator*; John Valvo, *Systems Analyst*; Teri Lewis, *LMO Official*; Cinda Seamon, *Public Education Officer*; 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

National Preparedness Month

Tom Dunn was present to accept the proclamation.

6) Approval of Minutes

a. Town Council Meeting– August 6, 2013

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. McCann seconded. The minutes of the August 6, 2013 Town Council meeting were approved by a vote of 5-0-1. (Mrs. Likins abstained) Mr. Edwards did not vote as he joined the meeting immediately after the vote.

7) Report of the Town Manager

a. Semi-Annual Report of the Planning Commission – Gail Quick, Chairman

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

b. Town Manager's Items of Interest

Mr. Riley reported on some items of interest.

c. Proposed 2014 Town Council Meeting Dates

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Williams seconded. The 2014 Town Council meeting dates were unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

8) Reports from Members of Council

a. General Reports from Council

Mr. McCann stated some of his constituents requested that the Welcome to Hilton Head Island sign which had been demolished from a vehicle accident near the airport not be reconstructed. After discussion, Council members concurred the sign was appropriate and wanted it reconstructed.

Mr. McCann requested the second reading for the burning ban be placed on the next agenda. He reminded Council that he was the one that suggested a study be done concerning recommendations on collection of yard debris before it came back before Council. Mr. McCann asked that Council go ahead and complete the second reading without the study completed. Mr. Grant stated he only supported the first reading with the stipulation that there would be recommendations concerning collection of yard debris and he felt it was necessary to be completed before the second reading. The Mayor noted it will take a time for staff to compile recommendations concerning the collection of yard debris. After discussion, Council concurred they should hold off on second reading until the study is complete.

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

Mr. McCann reported the Committee voted unanimously to oppose the staff recommendation concerning rezoning of Salty Fare and it will be coming forward at the September 17 Town Council meeting.

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

Mrs. Likins reported the Committee met earlier in the day and voted unanimously to approve the recommended Island Wide Beach Renourishment 2015 Proposal Project Limits and the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation for the naming of the proposed Rowing and Sailing Center. She stated the items will be coming forward to Town Council.

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

No report.

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

Mrs. Likins stated the Committee continues to meet weekly and noted they actually had two meetings scheduled for the current week.

9) Appearance by Citizens

Mary Amonitti addressed Town Council with a tribute to Bill Ferguson.

10) Unfinished Business

a. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2013-14

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2013-14 to amend the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina; to amend Chapter 1 (Beaches) of Title 8, Beaches, Waterways and Recreational Areas, Part A, General Beach Prohibitions, Section 8-1-211 (17), Unlawful Activities Enumerated; and providing for severability and an effective date.

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

11) New Business

a. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2013-15

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2013-15 to amend the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island by adding an exception for Public Safety personnel to be able to use electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle in the course and scope of their official duties, by amending Section 12-1-611 (c) of Chapter 1 of Title 12, Text Messaging; and providing for severability and an effective date.

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

b. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2013-16

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2013-16 of the Town Of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina establishing the rollforward millage required by Section 12-37-251, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mrs. Likins seconded. Mr. Riley explained the process noting that this was being done before the appeal process so the figures could change. Mr. Williams asked if the millage could be changed next year if there was a change. Mr. Riley stated that it is not clear whether that can be done. Mr. McCann expressed concern that even though the revenue remains the same, due to the reassessment some landowners could have an increase in taxes. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-1. (Mr. McCann opposed)

12) Executive Session

Mr. Riley stated he needed an Executive Session for contractual matters pertaining to land acquisition including requests to acquire town-owned land; and legal matters pertaining to the Republic Waste hauling contract.

At 4:45 p.m. Mr. Harkins 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 5:58 p.m. and stated there was no business as a result of the Executive Session.

13) Adjournment

Mr. Williams moved to adjourn. Mr. Edwards seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Vicki L. Pfannenschmidt
Executive Assistant

Approved:

Drew A. Laughlin, Mayor