

**Hilton Head Island  
Economic Development Corporation**

**Minutes of Tuesday, May 27, 2014**

**Members Present:** Maryann Bastnagel, Steven Carb, Carlton Dallas, John Joseph, Diana McKenzie, Steve Riley, Tom Upshaw, Raymond Wenig

**Town Staff:** Shawn Colin, Susan Simmons, Brian Hulbert

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**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Upshaw called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Palmetto Electric Community Room.

**2. Freedom of Information Act 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.

**3. Approval of Minutes from May 13, 2014**

The minutes of May 13, 2014 were approved as presented.

**4. Old Business – none**

**5. New Business**

- a. Greater Island Council Vision Committee Presentation.** Mr. Jack Alderman provided an overview of the Vision Committee objectives, progress on key steps and their priorities. Mr. Alderman stated that the GIC Vision Committee looks forward to supporting and working with the EDC.

There was discussion on the following items:

- How to attract younger residents? School system will need to continue to improve; menu of jobs available – technology based jobs; need to be perceived as a place for young people to congregate and experience diversity.
- How can the EDC coordinate with other groups that are working on the same issues and challenges and try to merge resources to show some progress?
- Affordable housing and rentals are a challenge for employers to recruit people to the Island.

- b. EDC FY2015 Budget.** The EDC submitted a proposed budget in the amount of \$441,012. The Town Manager announced that he reduced it by \$50,000 bringing the proposed budget to \$391,012. Mr. Dallas made a motion that the EDC fully support Mr. Joseph in communicating to Town Council that the EDC FY2015 proposed budget include two FTEs planned for in the Town budget and to also put the \$50,000 back into the original proposed EDC budget for a balance of \$441,012. Mr. Wenig seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- c. **Nominating Committee (expiring terms).** Chairman Upshaw stated that his term as well as Mr. Wenig's and Mr. Joseph's one year terms are due expire. Chairman Upshaw asked Ms. Bastnagel to Chair the Nominating Committee along with Mr. Dallas and Mr. Carb as members to develop a process for reappointments and new appointments.
- d. **Executive Recruitment Update:** Mr. Dallas stated that the job posting and recruitment for an EDC Executive Director is moving along on schedule.
- e. **Discussion of schedule for upcoming presentations.** Ms. Bastnagel stated she will send out a spreadsheet to the EDC members to submit their suggestions for potential presenters at upcoming EDC meetings.

**6. Appearance by Citizens** – none

**7. Executive Session**

There were no topics for Executive Session.

**8. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Eileen S. Wilson  
Sr. Administrative Assistant

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Approved 6/10/2014  
G. Thomas Upshaw, Chairman