

**THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2014

Time: 5:37 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*; Jill Foster, *Deputy Director of Community Development*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; Vicki Pfannenschmidt, *Executive Assistant*

Present from Media: Dan Burley, *The Island Packet*

1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Laughlin called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

- 2) 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.

3) Presentation by the Arts Consultants – The Cultural Planning Group

Representatives of The Cultural Planning Group reviewed their final report with suggestions and options on how to proceed. The final report by The Cultural Planning Group was posted on line along with the Workshop Agenda and is available in the Executive Department offices at Town Hall.

Mayor Laughlin invited members of the audience to approach the dais and make comments. Mr. Jim Bradshaw spoke in support of a collaboration of the arts groups and restated his offer to donate the Main Street Cinema to the Town. Mr. Walt Graver spoke in support of creating an Office of Cultural Affairs. Mr. Hal Sanders spoke of his concern for the condition of the Arts Center and encouraged Council to take over ownership of the Main Street Cinema. Mira Scott stated Council needed to step forward and support all arts groups.

Kathi Bateson, on behalf of the Arts & Cultural Council of Hilton Head Island spoke in support of an Office of Cultural Affairs. Linda Piekut, Director of the Heritage Library emphasized the positive collaboration between all of the groups.

All Council members weighed in with their observations and concerns. As requested by Mr. Harkins, his statement will be attached to the approved/signed minutes. After lengthy discussion of the report and their concerns and suggestions, Council was in agreement of the need to discuss all of the options in detail and come up with a plan.

4) Adjournment

The workshop adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Vicki Pfannenschmidt
Executive Assistant/Town Clerk

Approved:

Drew A. Laughlin, Mayor