

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

Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Time: 4:00 P.M.

Present from Town Council: John J. McCann, *Mayor*; Bill Harkins, *Mayor Pro-Tempore*; Marc Grant, Tom Lennox, David Ames, Tamara Becker, Glenn Stanford, *Council Members*

Present from Town Staff: Steve Riley, *Town Manager*; Joshua Gruber, *Assistant Town Manager*; Charles Cousins, *Assistant to the Town Manager*; Shawn Colin, *Director of Community Development*; Scott Liggett, *Director of Public Projects and Facilities*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; Brad Tadlock, *Fire Chief*; Jennifer Ray, *Deputy Director of Community Development*; Teri Lewis, *Deputy Director of Community Development*; Jayme Lopko, *Senior Planner*; Andrew Nicholls, *Systems Analyst*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Executive Assistant/Town Clerk*

Present from Media: Katherine Kokal, *Island Packet*

1. Call to Order

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

2. FOIA Compliance - Public notification of this meeting was published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of Hilton Head Island.

3. Pledge to the Flag

4. Invocation

Pastor Larry Eckart with Island Lutheran Church delivered the invocation.

5. Proclamations & Commendations

a. Commendation Recognizing Kathi Bateson as the recipient of the 2019 Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Award

Mayor McCann presented Ms. Bateson with the Commendation recognizing her as the recipient of the 2019 Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Award.

Mayor McCann stated that without objection, the agenda would change, moving item 11(b), First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2019-08, the Rezoning of the Christian Academy Property before agenda item 6, Approval of Minutes. See original agenda item herein for the minutes.

6. Approval of Minutes

a. Town Council Meeting March 19, 2019.

Mr. Lennox moved to approve the Town Council meeting minutes from March 19, 2019. Mrs. Becker seconded, the motion was approved by a vote of 6-0. Mr. Harkins excused himself from the meeting.

7. Report of Town Manager

a. Culture & Arts Advisory Committee Bi-annual Update – Jenn McEwen, Director of Cultural Affairs

Jenn McEwen, Director of Cultural Affairs, provided the members of Town Council with an update that covered the last six months of business. She highlighted many of the upcoming events taking place throughout the Island. Ms. McEwen updated Council on the upcoming lantern parade taking place this November, and noted that the parade coordinator recently visited the Town to discuss the event.

b. The First Tee of the Lowcountry – Pat Zuk, Executive Director

Pat Zuk, Executive Director, introduced himself to the Mayor and members of Town Council. He went on to give a brief overview of the happenings within the First Tee of the Lowcountry and the upcoming activities for the coming months.

7. Report of the Town Manager (cont.)

c. Items of Interest

Mr. Riley reviewed the Items of Interest, including Town news, upcoming Town meetings, and noteworthy events taking place throughout the Island over the coming weeks. He also pointed out that the next Town Council meeting would be held at the Hilton Head Island High School Cultural Center.

8. Reports from Members of Council

a. General Reports from Council

Mayor McCann stated that he and the Town Manager, Mr. Riley had the pleasure of hosting the Honored Islanders for dinner at Hudson's Seafood. He said it was a great night with good conversation and great company.

b. Report of the Intergovernmental & Public Safety Committee – Bill Harkins, Chairman

Mr. Harkins was absent, no update was provided.

c. Report of the Community Services Committee – Marc Grant, Chairman

Mr. Grant stated that the Committee met the week prior where they interviewed applicants for the comprehensive planning committee. He said that a recommendation would be discussed later in the evening during Executive Session.

d. Report of the Public Planning Committee – David Ames, Chairman

Mr. Ames stated that the Committee met on March 28th where the discussion was on the rezoning of the Christian Academy property. He said the next meeting would take place on April 10th where the Housing Consultant would be delivering her report.

e. Report of the Public Facilities Committee – Marc Grant, Chairman

Mr. Grant stated that the Committee met on March 25th where they discussed the trash and recycle containers. He said that he anticipated a recommendation coming forward to the upcoming Town Council meeting on April 23rd.

f. Report of the Finance & Administrative Committee – Tom Lennox, Chairman

Mr. Lennox reported that the next meeting for the Committee would take place on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 either at Town Hall or at the Hilton Head Island High School.

9. Appearance by Citizens

Skip Hoagland: addressed the members of Council regarding the Town and Chamber matters.

Ed Geiger: addressed the members of Town Council regarding his concerns with a zoning matter concerning a cat sanctuary.

10. Consent Agenda – None

11. Unfinished Business

a. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2019-12

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2019-12 of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina authorizing the execution of a lease with ArborNature, LLC of real property owned by the Town of Hilton Head Island,, South Carolina, and for the sale of real property owned by the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, under the authority of S.C. Code Ann. § 5-7-40 (Supp. 2018), and § 2-7-20, Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, (1983); and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mr. Grant moved to approve. Mr. Lennox seconded. With general discussion about this matter from both the members of Council and the public at large, this item passed by a vote of 5-0-1. Mr. Stanford abstained.

11. Unfinished Business (cont.)

b. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2019-08

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2019-08 to amend Title 16, “The Land Management Ordinance,” of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, by amending Section 16-1-107, the Official Zoning Map and the Indigo Run Master Plan with respect to the certain 13.83 acre parcel located at 55 Gardner Drive, identified as Parcel 98A on Beaufort County Tax Map 8, within the Indigo Run Master Plan “Parcel 15-F” under the PD-1 (Planned Development Mixed Use) District, to remove the Commercial and Public Recreation uses and Commercial Density, and to add Multi-Family Residential Use with Density of 300 Units, and to maintain the existing Institutional use and Density, and to reduce the maximum building height allowed from 75 feet to 55 feet; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mr. Harkins moved to open this item up for discussion purposes only. Mrs. Becker seconded. Mayor McCann opened the discussion by asking the developers, Wood and Partners, Inc. and Mr. Nester of Burr and Forman, Attorney for the developer, if they had a presentation they wished to make to Town Council. Upon the conclusion of their presentation, the members of Council asked many questions of both the developer and Mr. Nester. Mayor McCann then opened the discussion up to the public at large where many citizens within the surrounding area of the Christian Academy property addressed Council asking that they vote against the rezoning, and consider utilizing the property for another use. Other members of the community stated they were happy to see the changes the developers had brought back, and looked forward to further discussions. Just prior to the conclusion of the discussion of this matter, Mr. Nester asked to withdraw the rezoning application. The matter closed without objection.

c. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2019-11

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2019-11 of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, to amend Title 2 General Government and Administration of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina by amending Chapter 5 (Meetings of Council and Rules of Procedure) Section 2-5-60, Committees of Council; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mr. Lennox moved to amend the motion, changing the membership for the Public Planning Committee from three (3) members and one alternate to five (5) members and one alternate. He further moved to change the name of the Community Services Committee to the Community Services and Public Safety Committee. Mr. Grant seconded. With some discussion from both the public and Town Council, the motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

d. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2018-14

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2018-14 to amend Title 17 (Noise Control) of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina by amending Sections 17-4-113 and 115; and provide for severability and an effective date.

Mr. Grant moved to approve. Mrs. Becker seconded. No discussion was had from either Town Council or the public at large. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

e. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2019-07

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2019-07 of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2019; to provide for the expenditures of certain funds; to allocate the sources of revenue for the said funds; and to provide for severability and effective date.

Mr. Grant moved to approve. Mrs. Becker seconded. With some discussion from the members of Council, and none from the public at large. The motion passed by a vote of 5-1, Mrs. Becker opposed.

12. New Business

a. Consideration of a Resolution – Fair Housing Month

Consideration of a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina to proclaim April 2019 as “Fair Housing Month”

Mr. Grant moved to approve. Mrs. Becker seconded, the motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

b. Consideration of a Resolution – Creating the Our Plan Development Team

Consideration of a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, creating the Our Plan Development Team as an Ad Hoc Committee of the Planning Commission to support the development of a new Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Hilton Head Island.

Mr. Grant moved to approve. Mrs. Becker seconded. With discussion from Town Council, the motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

13. Executive Session

Mr. Riley stated that an Executive Session was needed to review the following matters; (a) Land Acquisition, discussion of negotiations incident to the proposed contractual arrangements, sale or purchase of property in the (i) Beach City Road area, and (ii) Main Street area; and (b) personnel matters, discussion of appointments of members to the “Our Plan Development Team.

At 7:04 p.m. Mr. Grant moved to go into Executive Session for the items mentioned by the Town Manager. Mrs. Becker seconded, the motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

Town Council returned from Executive Session at 7:23 p.m.

14. Possible actions by Town Council concerning matters discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. Grant stated that the Community Services Committee met on March 25, 2019 and conducted interviews with candidates for the “Our Plan Development Team.” He then made a motion to appoint the following citizens to the “Our Plan Development Team”: Jean Antonuccio, Jean Beck, Morris Campbell, John Carroll, David D’Amico, Judd Carstens, Peter Kristian, and Michael Scanlon.

Mr. Grant further moved to appoint Judd Carstens as Committee Chair. Mrs. Becker seconded. Without further discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

15. Adjournment

At 7:24 p.m., Mr. Stanford moved to adjourn, Mrs. Becker seconded, the motion to adjourn was approved by a vote of 6-0

Krista M. Wiedmeyer
Executive Assistant/Town Clerk

Approved: 04/23/2019

John J. McCann, Mayor